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5 pieces worth reading

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Biden's message: What Trump promised, I'm delivering

New York Times columnist Ross Douthat argues that President Biden's State of the Union speech shared some thematic similarities with Donald Trump's 2016 populist campaign for the presidency, as Biden called for an end to outsourcing jobs overseas, highlighted the fact that he had increased spending on infrastructure and manufacturing, and focused on our nation's ongoing competition with China. Douthat concluded that Biden's strong delivery of his remarks should, reassure voters, but he also cautioned that much can change before November 2024.

Douthat, R. (2023, February 8). "Biden's message: What Trump promised, I'm delivering." *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/07/opinion/biden-state-of-the-union-speech.html>

Takeaways from Biden's State of the Union Address

CNN White House reporter Kevin Liptak offered six takeaways from President Biden's State of the Union address in this story, including, among others, Biden's vitality in sparring with Republicans throughout his speech, his focus on the U.S.-China relationship and the fact that Republicans chose Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders to deliver their response. Liptak argued that Biden was energetic in his delivery, a critical perception that voters must have of him should he mount a reelection bid.

Liptak, K. (2023, February 8). "Takeaways from Biden's State of the Union address." *CNN*. Retrieved from <https://www.cnn.com/2023/02/07/politics/takeaways-biden-state-of-the-union-address/index.html>

Five key economic points in Biden's 2023 State of the Union Address to Congress

CNBC White House reporter Emma Kinery used this story to discuss economic points Biden emphasized in his State of the Union address including the return of the billionaire tax, eliminating unnecessary online transaction fees, pressing antitrust efforts, working to ensure appropriate labor benefits and fair wages, and expanding an insulin price cap to privately insured

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Americans. Kinery predicted that many of Biden's proposals will face stiff opposition in the Republican-controlled House.

Kinery, E. (2023, February 8). "Five key economic points in Biden's 2023 State of the Union Address to Congress." *CNBC*. Retrieved from <https://www.cnbc.com/2023/02/08/five-key-economic-points-in-bidens-2023-state-of-the-union-address-to-congress.html>

5 winners and 2 losers from Biden's 2023 State of the Union

This article from *Vox* highlighted the biggest winners and losers in the President's State of the Union address. The authors suggested that several policy positions received fresh support and they also declared President Biden a winner for his ad-libbed responses to House GOP hecklers. Narea and his colleagues concluded that Biden's lack of emphasis on abortion rights and the fact that he did not more aggressively call again for a swift transition to clean energy implied that these policy areas were the night's losers.

Narea, N., Paz, C., Prokop, A., Guyer, J., Leber, R., & Collins, S. (2023, February 8). "5 winners and 2 losers from Biden's 2023 State of the Union." *Vox*. Retrieved from <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2023/2/7/23590214/takeaways-biden-state-of-union-2023-key-moments>

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the queen of having it both ways

This *New York Times* story by journalist and Duke University Professor Frank Bruni argued that it is hypocritical for Republican Party leaders to suggest they would like to move on from Donald Trump and then select Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders to deliver the formal GOP response to President Biden's State of the Union address. As Trump's press secretary for nearly two years, Sanders unapologetically served up and defended his lies and harmful rhetoric throughout her tenure.

Bruni, F. (2023, February 7). "Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the queen of having it both ways." *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/07/opinion/sarah-huckabee-sanders-trump-state-of-the-union.html>