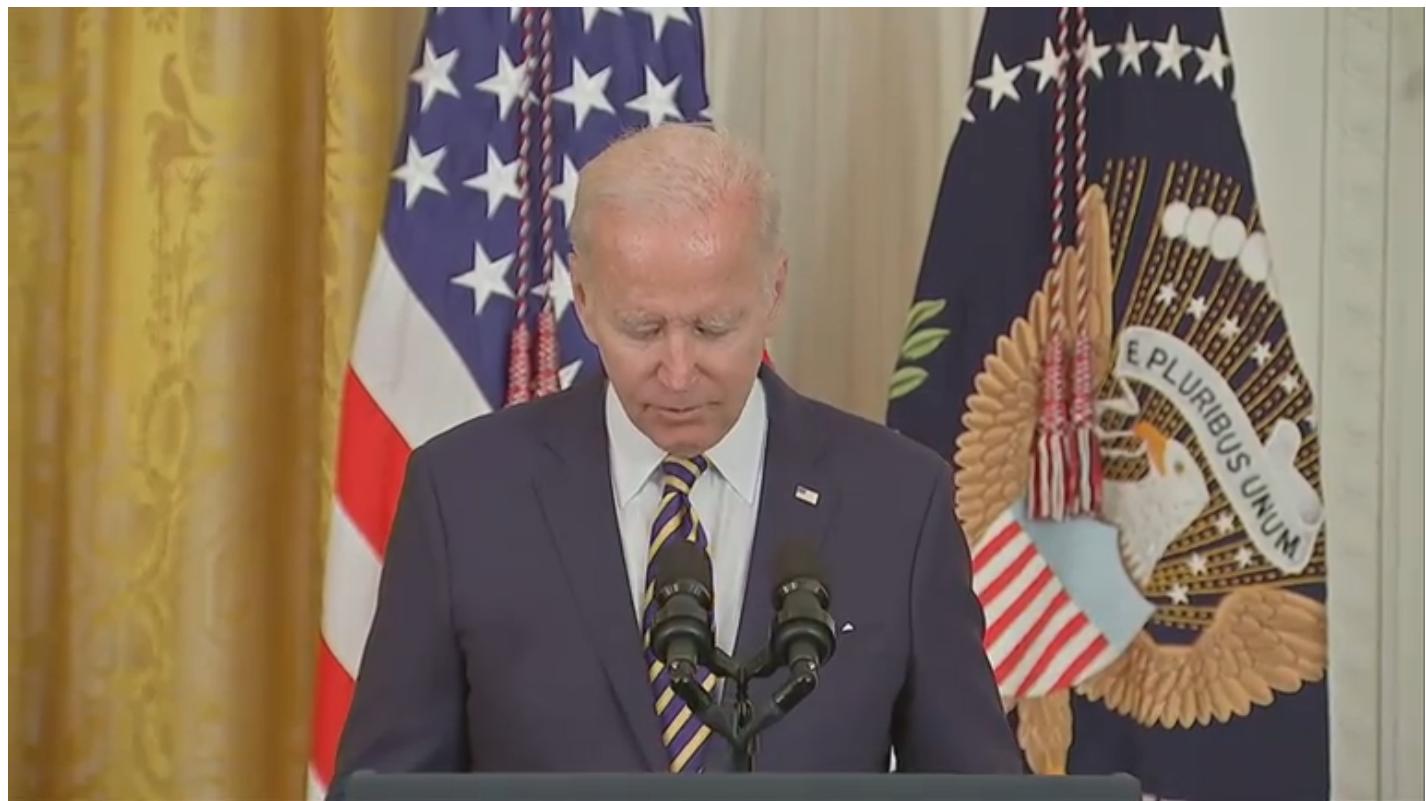


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White House blasted for claiming 'zero' inflation after latest CPI report: 'Lying to everyone'

Conservative Twitter users were quick to point out inflation was still near record levels

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President Biden says US experienced 'zero' inflation in July

Joe Biden said Wednesday at the White House that there was zero percent inflation last month while urging Congress to pass the Inflation Reduction Act.

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Conservatives on Twitter accused the White House of "lying to everyone" in its assessment of the inflation numbers for the month of July, which dropped on Wednesday.

President Biden and his press secretary outraged many on the social media platform on Wednesday by spinning the current inflation rate as "zero inflation."

During an address from the White House, Biden claimed, "Before I begin today, I want to say a word about news that came out today relative to the economy. Actually, I just want to say a number: Zero."

He emphasized, "Today we received news that our economy had zero percent inflation in the month of July."

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President Biden claimed that inflation is at "zero percent" on Wednesday. (Getty Images)

Though, Fox Business reported on the latest Consumer Price Index number, which "rose 8.5% in July from a year ago, below the 9.1% year-over-year surge recorded in June." The rate was less than the CPI number in June, and .2% lower than the 8.7% CPI rate recorded in May.

That means inflation "slowed in July for the first time in months," as the outlet reported, though it's only .2% less than the highest CPI (8.7%) in 40 years. Essentially inflation remains almost as bad as it's been all summer. And it's not "zero."

Perhaps Biden meant "zero" as in "zero increase" in inflation.

Conservatives on Twitter were quick to point this out.

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Biden says there is 0% inflation.

CPI was 8.5% for July

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The Media Research Center Twitter account provided the actual inflation rate, tweeting, "Biden says there is 0% inflation. CPI was 8.5% for July."

Incredulous, Wall Street Journal film critic Kyle Smith tweeted, "not a slip of the tongue either, he actually meant to say this."

"Fact checkers all took the summer off," tweeted The Spectator editor Stephen L. Miller, mocking the fact that Biden could get away with such spin.

American Greatness senior fellow Ned Ryun listed Biden's spin on inflation among the major spinning the administration has done regarding other issues. "New Leftist math: 8.5% inflation in July in fact equals 0. I mean, why not? Let's redefine woman, recession, the very meaning of definition while we're at. . . Oh wait, they already did that. . . Maybe they could change definition of gravity and then jump out of a plane??" he tweeted.

Republican communications expert Matt Whitlock slammed Biden's assessment, tweeting, "Highest food prices since Jimmy Carter and the White House is trying to convince people inflation is 0% and they're doing great. They're not just going to get crushed in November for failing. They're going to get crushed for lying to everyone and saying it's all fine."

Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., countered Biden, tweeting, "The price of food is up 10.9% from this time last year—another 40+ year high. President Biden can try to spin it however he wants, but the American people know that today's inflation report is bad news."



A woman picks food at a fresh market in New York City on July 26, 2022. (John Smith/VIEWpress)

ACT for America founder Brigitte Gabriel accused Biden of "lying" from the podium. She stated, "Joe Biden is lying again. Inflation is not at 0% in July, it's at 8.5%. Where are the fact checkers to call out this disinformation?"

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From her official White House press secretary Twitter account, [Karine Jean-Pierre](#) spun the CPI report in the exact same way as her boss.

Karine Jean-Pierre  

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The White House press secretary tweeted, "We just received news that our economy had 0% inflation in July. While the price of some things went up, the price of others, like gas, clothing, and more, dropped."

Conservatives torched this appraisal as fiercely as they did Biden's.

Washington Times columnist Tim Young showed no mercy for Jean-Pierre, responding with "FACT CHECK: TOTAL F---- LIE."

Former Daily Wire commentator Beth Baumann responded, "0% inflation? Tell that to every single family struggling to put food on the table, gas in their cars to get to work, and keep a roof over their heads. This is one of the most out-of-touch, elitist statements I've ever heard."

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Matt Whitlock also saved a comment for Jean-Pierre, writing "This is wild. Do you know this is a lie?"

CBS sportscaster Jay Feely responded to Jean-Pierre's post with a photo of a Wall Street Journal headline, which reported, "U.S. inflation was 8.5% in July, holding close to its highest annual rate in four decades despite easing energy costs."

And Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, tweeted, "Gas is up 44% from last year. Electricity is up 15.2% from last year. Food is the most expensive since 1979. The Biden White House is living in a fairytale while Americans are living in a nightmare."

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Though gas prices and inflation still remains near record highs, the White House claimed inflation for the month of July was "zero." (Reuters/Mike Blake/File Photo)

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Zero is the number I assign to Biden's credibility. Examples: I have never discussed any of my son's business dealings. No one making less than 400,000 will pay a penny more in taxes. (But we're hiring 87,000 more IRS agents to audit the 1,000 billionaires....) I had no knowledge of the raid on Trump...[See more](#)

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I drove an 18 wheeler. I remember when I was a train conductor. Shall we go on?

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The White House isn't right about anything. They feel if they tell the lies often enough.....they will be believed. The best one is "Biden is in charge". Heck the guy barely knows his name.....or maybe not.

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G **grenadierrecorder** 2 days ago To be fair 1908 inflation, **Jimmy Carter**'s last year in office, was 13.5%. In 1981 inflation was 10.3%. Reagan had 0% inflation his first year in office

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B **bcwjr** · 1 day ago

Different measures. I saw somewhere that today's inflation calculated the same way it was under Carter, is closer to 20%.

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thegreatunwashed164 · 1 day ago

I believe you meant 1980. I experienced Jimmah Cahtah's stagflation but don't remember Teddy Roosevelt. ;-)

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W **WutChuTomBout** · 1 day ago

A zero percent change of 8.5 percent inflation, equals 8.5 percent, not zero. Using this weird administration's logic, if it's 100 degrees on Monday and Tuesday, that mean it's 0 degrees on Tuesday.

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R **raindropsonroses** · 1 day ago

No wonder they believe there's a climate change.

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No, it's not the change in inflation, it's the actual inflation for the month. In July, prices didn't go up from June. No inflation. Adding up all the inflation for the year gives you 8.5 percent (that's the annualized rate).

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axel_pup · 1 day ago

Conservatives need to stop using the old terminology. Remember, the Afghanistan withdrawal was an "extraordinary success", a fall in GDP in two successive quarters is no longer a recession and 8.5% is pronounced "zero".

It all depends on what the meaning of "is" is, as someone once said.

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P **paulallen585** · 2 days ago

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Zero, is the number used to account for Biden's predictable credibility in office. It's also a statement of what he's done to improve the nation while taking a helm that was never meant for him to occupy.

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Zero. The number of times Joe Biden has told the truth during his lifetime.

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Zero. The number of Biden's next approval rating

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In TWO years...Biden has increased our deficit like no other POTUS and let's talk about gas prices, inflation and now we are in a recession

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Thank Soros and Dominion - and Stacey Abrams.

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The Democrats yelled for a recession for two years in order to get Trump out of office. So they created that recession and blamed it on Trump. If it was Trump's fault then it was only because they could not prevent his election no matter how hard they tried. Their efforts were better in 2020 but th...[See more](#)

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People know that inflation is out of hand as their paychecks aren't going the distance anymore.

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Quietly · 2 days ago

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Why such shock?

Brandon has already told us he has lost patience with us
Told us to lower our expectations
Glances at his watch while our deceased soldiers are returned home ...
So he lied to us today ... it's not like it is going to be his last lie....[See more](#)

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If Joe Biden says something in a forest and no one is there to hear it, is he still lying???

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f.a. · 1 day ago

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Those who called Trump a liar needs to apologize.

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jamiec · 2 days ago

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Same confused guy who said not one penny in taxes if you make less than 400k. Not one penny in taxes?

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He is correct. It won't be pennies, it will be hundreds of dollars.

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they all are serial liars, question is, What are we going to do about it ?????

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Guess we've redefined zero to mean 8.5%.

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Nah, man. We scared off inflation with the spending bill... just I did Corn Pop that time... I tell ya man, inflation don't want anywhere near my administration. Just ask him.

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This is the same guy/administration that tried to tell us that his \$2 trillion Build Back Bolshevik = zero.

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