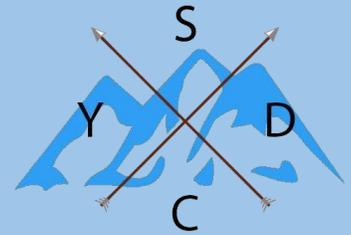


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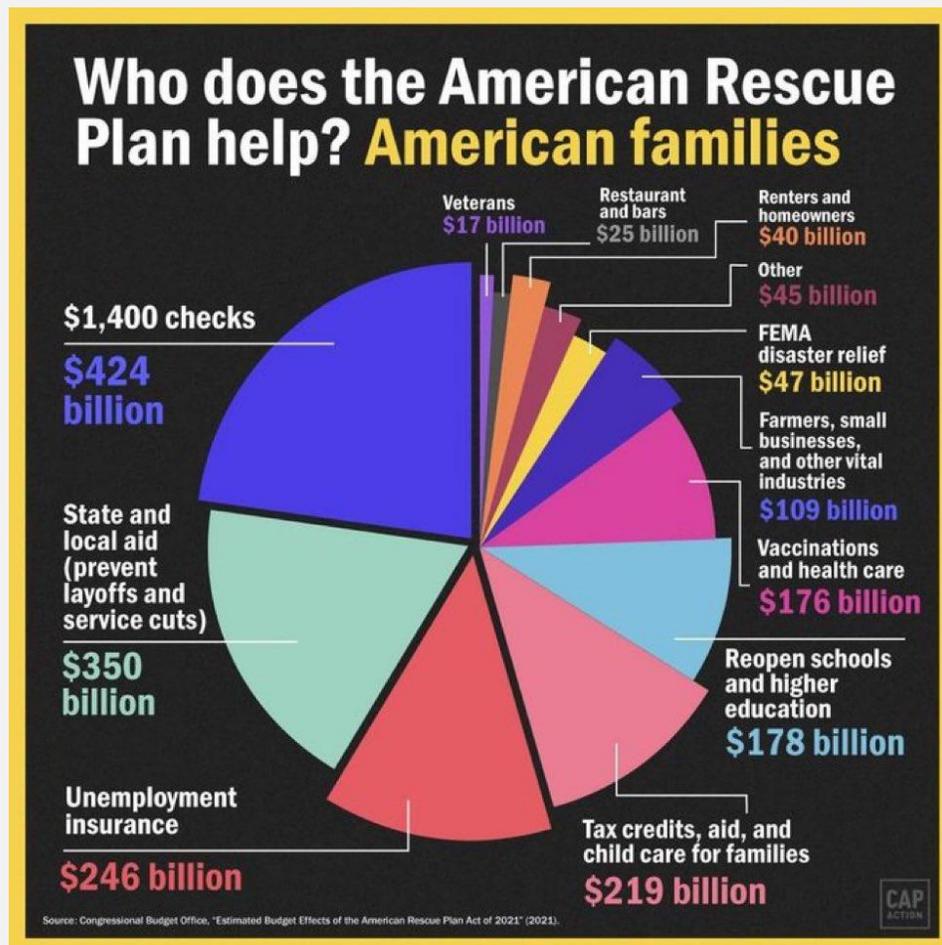
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THE IMPACT

- 2021 Poverty Projections found that the American Rescue Plan will lower the 2021 poverty rate from 13.7% to 8.7%.
 - Poverty rates are estimated to fall by 42% for Black people.
 - By 39% for Hispanic people.
 - By 34% for white people.
- The American Rescue Plan could cut child poverty by more than half, according to the Center on Poverty and Social Policy at Columbia University.
- The American Rescue Plan includes more than \$31.2 billion in funding for tribal communities, making it the largest single investment in Native programs in American history.
- The bill will also make improvements in access to and affordability of health coverage for people enrolled in marketplace health plans.
- This interactive will show you how the legislation will affect premiums, deductibles, and subsidies for ACA Marketplace enrollees based on their age, income, and state.
- The Brookings Institution projected the impact of the legislation compared to no additional support and found that the relief bill could put the country in a slightly stronger position than it was before the pandemic, at least temporarily.
- Washington state will receive \$4.5 billion in state fiscal relief, \$2.7 billion in local fiscal relief, and more than \$1.8 billion in relief for K-12 schools.

THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

- President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan on March 11. Here is how the funding in the bill is allocated:



- A summary of the American Rescue Plan can be found [here](#). You can view a fact sheet and FAQ on state, local, and tribal funding [here](#).
- There was a [town hall](#) with Rep Larsen and Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin about the American Rescue Plan.
- Rep DelBene released detailed [resource guides](#) to help families, small businesses, and communities navigate the benefits of the American Rescue Plan.

NATIONAL NEWS

- There was a shooting at three Atlanta area spas, killing eight people. Six of the eight victims were Asian American women.
- This attack follows a [study](#) from California State University that found that hate crimes against Asian Americans rose 149% from 2019 to 2020, even as hate crimes decreased 7% overall.
- 1 in 4 Americans, and nearly half of Asian Americans, [have seen](#) Asian people blamed for the coronavirus pandemic.
- There were nearly 3,800 hate incidents against Asian Americans reported to the Stop AAPI reporting center during 2020, but the reported number represents only a fraction of the actual number. [This report](#) shows the types of [discrimination](#) faced by Asian Americans.
- Unfortunately, this rise in violence against Asian Americans follows a [long history](#) of American society dehumanizing Asian Americans and scapegoating them as bringers of disease.
- If you are a victim of a hate crime in Washington state, there are [resources](#) available for you regardless of immigration status.
- There was also a [shooting](#) at a grocery store in Boulder, Colorado and ten people were killed.
- In response to these shootings, President Biden [called](#) for a federal ban on assault weapons and high capacity magazines and urged the Senate to pass two bills that would close loopholes in background check requirements. Senate passage remains unlikely due to the likelihood of a Republican filibuster.
- Postmaster General Louis DeJoy announced his [plans](#) to generally make the post office less effective, including slower first-class mail delivery, reduced post office hours, and higher prices for postage. President Biden does not have the ability to fire Louis DeJoy himself, but there are three openings for the USPS Board of Governors who do have that power. It would sure be nice if the Senate went ahead and confirmed Biden's nominees so they could do something about it.
- The administration announced that students who were defrauded by for profit schools will have their federal loans [fully erased](#).

LOCAL NEWS

- Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers and Health Officer Dr. Chris Spitters [provided updates](#) on the community's response to COVID-19 in a virtual press conference.
- Snohomish County vaccine progress:

Vaccination Progress

As of March 16, 2021

Total Doses Administered: **253,897**

Completed Vaccinations: **100,588**

Available Vaccine Administered:
(Through SnoCo and healthcare partners) **89.6%**

Percent of Snohomish County
Completely Vaccinated: **15%**

Based on Percentage of
Snohomish County Residents Aged 16+

www.snohd.org/covidvaccine or bit.ly/snocovaccine



- On March 31, vaccine eligibility will expand to include people with two or more comorbidities, people between the ages of 60 and 64 and workers in restaurants, food service, manufacturing and construction. Everyone over the age of 16 will be eligible on [May 1](#). If you would like to find out if you are eligible, you can go [here](#).
- Everett passed an [ordinance](#) that will prohibit sitting or lying on a ten block stretch of area where a growing number of homeless people have set up camp. Violators face a \$500 fine or 90 days in jail. It also prohibits people from providing food, goods, supplies or services in the area. The ordinance will also build pallet houses that will house approximately 30 people, which is much smaller than the number of homeless residents in Everett. The National Homeless Law Center, the ACLU, and lawyers at Columbia Legal Services have called the ordinance [unconstitutional](#) and stated that it will only exacerbate the struggles that homeless people face.
- Students in Marysville were found to have made [death threats](#) in an online class, saying "Let's kill all black people" and naming some of their peers as targets. The Snohomish County chapter of the NAACP has denounced the school district's response to the threats with the students only receiving a short suspension and a move to a different high school in the district. They are urging authorities to investigate the incident as a hate crime. You can view the NAACP's response [here](#).

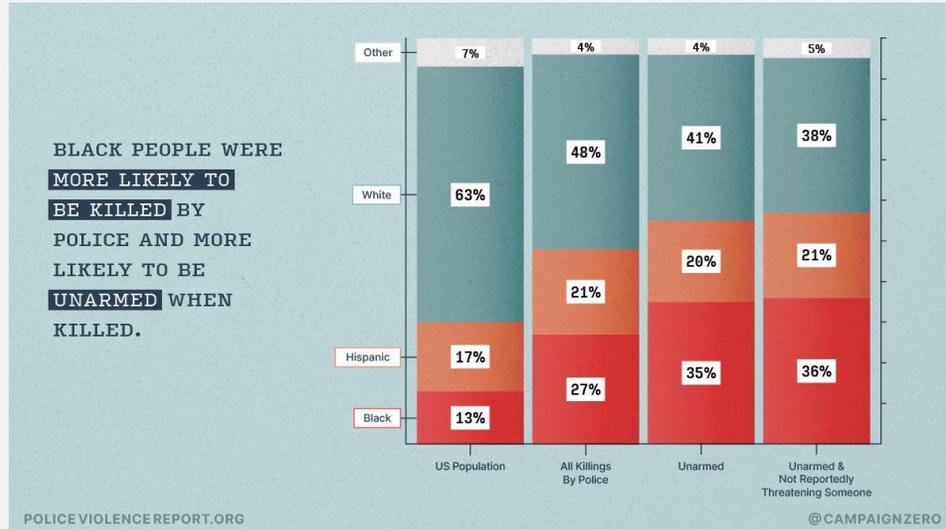
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, March 27 at 10:30 AM: The 34th LD Democrats are hosting a presentation about [The Elephant in the Democratic Party - Racism in Political Institutions](#).
- Saturday, March 27 at 1 PM: Snohomish County Indivisible is holding a [March Against Hate to Support the AAPI Community in Everett](#).
- Saturday, March 27 at 7 PM: 39th LD Community Event featuring a screening and discussion of the video [Fearless is MLK](#) created by Change the Narrative Granite Falls and Lake Stevens Allies of BIPOC.
- Tuesday, March 30 at 5 PM: Mukilteo's Mayor Gregorson is holding an [Ask Me Anything!](#) Zoom call.
- Tuesday, March 30 at 5:30 PM: HRC Seattle is hosting a [Trans Day of Visibility Panel Discussion](#).
- Wednesday, March 31 at 7 PM: Pride Speaks is holding a panel discussion and Q+A about [LGBTQIA+ Healthcare](#).
- Wednesday, April 7 at 5 PM: [Learning to Live on Just One Earth](#) presented by Patricia Townsend, Ph.D., WSU Extension
- Saturday, April 3 at 5 PM: There will be a [Mukilteo Stands in Solidarity](#) march and rally to support the Asian and Pacific Islander community.
- Saturday, April 10 at 12 PM: [Congresswoman Suzan DelBene](#) is holding a town hall.
- Wednesday, April 28 at 5 PM: [An Unfair Share: Understanding the Unequal Impacts of Climate Change](#) presented by Heidi Rhoop

Interested in writing an article or promoting an event in the next newsletter? Please submit any contribution ideas [here](#).

POLICY FOCUS: POLICE VIOLENCE

- The Police Violence Report analyzed 1,127 killings by police in 2020. Here's what it found:



- Learn more by reading the [Police Violence Report](#) or by reading this [Twitter thread](#) summary.

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