

# The Supply Chain

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Seven days ago Biden attempted to place blame for the supply chain issue that is plaguing the US on Trump. He also said that the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach would be operating 24/7.

Well neither of the ports are operating 24/7 and according to their respective authority, probably won't be for at least a month.

But let's back up some. According to Biden, Psaki and others, Biden has been working on this issue since he took office (Jan 20<sup>th</sup>). However on February 24 Biden signed EO-14017 to assess vulnerabilities in critical supply chains. Note the word **critical**. This term references vaccine manufacturing, semiconductor manufacturing, rare earth element mining and process, and cyber vulnerabilities. The executive order did not direct any action toward supply chain issues for everyday items used by Americans.

A briefing "fact sheet" concerning this executive order can be read at:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/06/08/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-supply-chain-disruptions-task-force-to-address-short-term-supply-chain-discontinuities/>.

Biden, on national television, announced on June 8 that he will be establish a task force to "address supply chain challenges in key sectors where 'a mismatch between supply and demand has been evident'."

On July 22, the House Armed Services Committee released the findings of the Defense Critical Supply Chain Task Force (established in March). The report can be found at: <https://armedservices.house.gov/cache/files/e/5/e5b9a98f-9923-47f6-a5b5-ccf77ebbb441/7E26814EA08F7F701B16D4C5FA37F043.defense-critical-supply-chain-task-force-report.pdf>.

More than a month later (Sept 7) DOD created a new task force addressing "challenges" with its supply chain system.

Throughout the establishment of these "taskforces" Biden has references supply chain issues as short-term in light of the US opening up economically. And yet just these past couple of week (early August), the overall supply chain in the US has become a critical issue.

So how did supply chain become such an issue that has grown to global proportions? While many say it is because of Covid and Trump, they are partially correct. Covid had a lot more to do with this issue than Trump did. The media along with the CDC, NIH, and so-called experts drove much of the Covid narrative causing fear among the

American people. What started out as mask wearing and social distancing quickly became lock downs and draconian mandates in Democrat ruled states. In many of those Democratic states such mandates are still enforced. These are also the same states that have the highest number of people on various social welfare programs.

Many reasons have been given for the lack of getting supplies to local store shelves. Chief among these reasons is the inability of ships to offload their cargo due to warehouse space, lack of truck drivers, etc. Following is a list of the twelve largest US ports:

<b>Port</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Political</b>
Los Angeles	California	Democrat
Long Beach	California	Democrat
New York	New York	Democrat
New Jersey	New Jersey	Democrat
Savannah	Georgia	Republican
Brunswick	Georgia	Republican
Seattle	Washington	Democrat
Tacoma	Washington	Democrat
Port of Virginia	Virginia	Democrat
Houston	Texas	Republican
Georgetown/Charleston	South Carolina	Republican
Oakland	California	Democrat

Note that only 4 of the twelve ports are located in Republican states on our eastern or southern coasts. All of the others are in Democratic states with oppressive mandates, rules and regulations.

The top five countries that the US imports from are China, Mexico, Canada, Japan and Germany. Canada and Mexico have little to no requirement for exporting goods to the US via waterways or seaports. Germany's and the EU exports are primarily to the eastern seaboard ports. China, our largest importer of goods, and Japan, our fourth largest importer, use west coast ports (all located in Democratic states). If a comparison of exporting countries to US ports were made, it would be obvious that the majority of goods exported from the far east enter the country via California ports.

The majority of media reporting on the supply chain issues center on the Californian ports. Not much has been discussed with regard to the ports in Washington, New York, New Jersey, or Virginia. Secondary reporting concerning ports in Georgia and Florida have revolved around expansion plans for these ports to handle more cargo and larger ships.

When studying the data associated with these ports and transportation, it is not surprising to discover that the major supply chain issues are centered in California. In fact the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey last week downplayed the concerns and said there were no labor shortages or shipping backlogs.

To some extent the supply chain issue may have been initiated by lockdowns and Covid mandates, but the resulting cause appears to lie with the governors and leaders of Democratic led states.

**Regardless of who is to blame, the long story short is that we should strive to obtain the necessities of life for 3 to 6 months.**