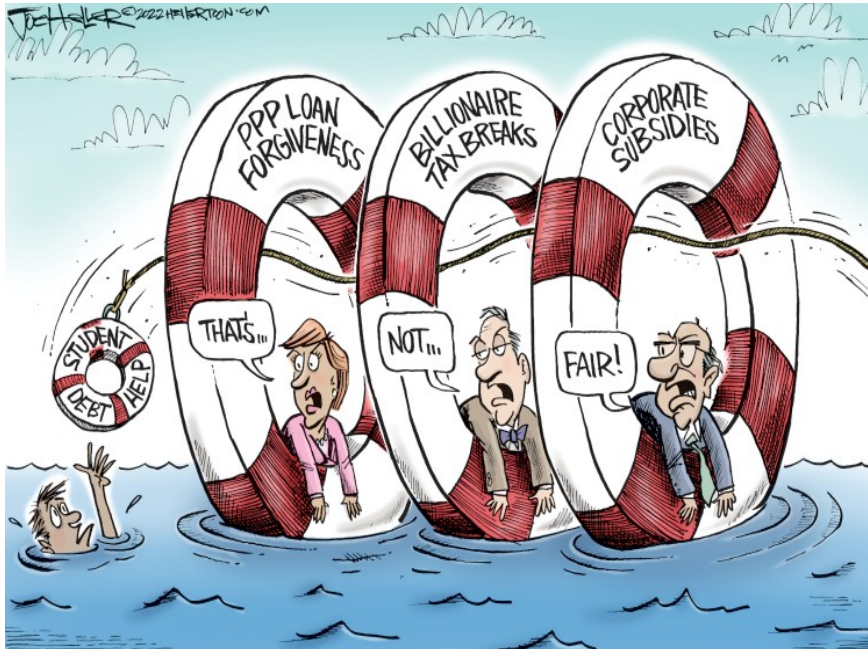


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Student debt relief a boon or a bust?



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1. How do these cartoonists portray President Joe Biden's plan to forgive billions of dollars in federal student loan debt?
2. Borrowers could get breaks on their loans of up to \$10,000 or \$20,000 each. Is that fair to taxpayers who paid off or never received student loans?
3. Is it fair that billionaires get breaks that allow them to spend much less of their incomes on taxes than average workers?
4. Will the student loan plan increase inflation more than tax breaks or other programs?
5. Is Biden's plan just about votes?

Between the lines

"The short answer to the question of debt forgiveness is that it all comes down to politics: which groups are favored by elite lawmakers, and which groups are less favored. Student debt forgiveness is a relatively rare instance where we are getting debt forgiveness for average people." - Bob Hockett, Cornell University.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/us-policy/2022/08/31/student-debt-biden-forgiveness/>

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- [More by Joe Heller](https://www.cagle.com/author/joe-heller/)
- [More by Kevin Siers](https://www.cagle.com/author/kevin-siers/)
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