

Apprenticeships are an overlooked solution for creating more access to quality jobs

President Joe Biden is encountering fires on many fronts as he takes office, among them a level of joblessness not seen since the Great Depression. Our policy response to the previous recession ended too soon and left 53 million Americans stuck in low-wage jobs. There are no silver bullets for the COVID-19 recession, but having Democratic control over the presidency, House, and Senate now presents a rare opportunity to get beyond partisan friction and implement multipronged solutions for a more inclusive recovery.

One of these holistic solutions is to adapt apprenticeship for today's economy and make it a more integral part of our education and training ecosystem in order to increase access to quality jobs, especially for young people—a group that has suffered the greatest job losses in the current recession...

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