January, Week 1 (1/6-1/12)

- On Thursday (1/6), one year after the January 6th insurrection, President Biden spoke at Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capitol and said, “I’ll allow no one to place a dagger at the throat of democracy.”
- U.S. employers added 199,000 jobs in December, less than half than forecasts had expected. At the same time unemployment dropped to just 3.9%.
- On Friday (1/7) in Georgia, the three men convicted of killing Black jogger Ahmaud Arbery were sentenced to life in prison with only one given the possibility of parole.
- More people in the U.S. are hospitalized with COVID-19 than at any other time in the pandemic and emergency rooms are overwhelmed.
- On Wednesday (1/12), former President Trump cuts his interview short with Steve Inskeep on Morning Edition when pressed on his election lies.

January, Week 2 (1/13-1/19)

- The Justice Department unseals seditious conspiracy charges against the leader of the Oath Keepers group and ten other people alleging they plotted to disrupt the electoral process at the U.S. Capitol on January 6.
- The Supreme Court blocks President Biden’s vaccine or test mandate for large private companies but upholds a regulation that mandates vaccines for almost all employees at hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities that receive federal funds.
- On Saturday (1/15), a rabbi and three members of a synagogue in Colleyville, Texas are taken hostage by a 44-year-old British man who dies after a 10-hour standoff.
- On Monday (1/17), the MLK holiday, a shortage of bus drivers is causing problems for those who use public transportation.
- On Wednesday (1/19), President Biden holds a rare news conference to mark his first year in office.

January, Week 3 (1/20 -1/26)

- The Georgia district attorney investigating whether former President Trump and his allies committed crimes when they tried to overturn the 2020 election in the state has asked a judge for a special grand jury.
- The U.S. Supreme Court says it will revisit the question of affirmative action in higher education.
- The U.S. is considering sending 8,500 troops to join the NATO Response Force to help deter a Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- Prosecutors in Michigan and New Mexico are investigating false Electoral College submissions.
- Chief Justice Stephen Breyer is retiring from the Supreme Court at the end of the current term in June.

January, Week 4 (1/27 -2/2)

- The Commerce Department reports that the nation’s gross domestic product grew 5.7% last year. It’s the biggest increase since 1984.
- On Saturday (1/29), a blizzard hits much of New England and Boston ties its record of the most snow in a single day – just under two feet.
- On Wednesday (2/2), a massive winter storm hits 20 states from the Rocky Mountains to New England and as far south as Texas.
- Former Miami Dolphins head coach Brian Flores sues the NFL alleging racism in its hiring practices in a league where only one in 32 head coaches are Black.
- On Wednesday (2/2), the U.S. has over 75.6 million cases of COVID-19 and 894,174 deaths. Worldwide: Over 384.4 million cases and 5,699,273 deaths.