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A History Lesson for Joe Biden

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Guestblogging for Michelle Malkin, Doug Powers debunks [Deep Thinking Joe Biden](#), with a video assist from the CATO Institute:

A couple of weeks ago, I highlighted this [outrageous claim](#) made by Sheriff Joe Biden:

“Every single great idea that has marked the 21st century, the 20th century and the 19th century has required government vision and government incentive,” he said. “In the middle of the Civil War you had a guy named Lincoln paying people \$16,000 for every 40 miles of track they laid across the continental United States... No private enterprise would have done that for another 35 years.”

Some folks might think Biden’s claim is a stretch to say the least, but they may also assume that his transcontinental railroad example was valid evidence of successful “government vision and incentive.”

So much for that idea:



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And speaking of Biden, Jim Treacher writes that thanks to the *Onion*, the *New York Times* [has given its blessing to satirizing Ol' Joe](#). That’s ever so nice of them; however, as Jim notes, while the MSM rarely leaves the high school cafeteria without the Times’ permission first, the rest of us [weren’t exactly waiting around](#) for the Gray Lady’s official sanction to have some sport with The Great One.

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