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Donalds Statement On The 2023 Thanksgiving Holiday

WASHINGTON – Today, Congressman Donalds issued the following statement regarding the 2023 Thanksgiving holiday:

“This Thanksgiving, we give thanks for friends, family, God and country. We are blessed to be citizens of the greatest nation in the world, and we must fight daily to uphold our founding constitutional ideals against the growing onslaught of anti-Americanism in academia and online. Additionally, I am grateful to live in the paradise that is Southwest Florida and represent the incredibly strong and resilient members of our community in the halls of Congress. Erika and I wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving and a great start to your holiday season.

“However, no one is thankful for the debilitating, record inflation caused by the reckless overspending of President Biden’s “Bidenomics” agenda. With an average estimated cost of \$61.17, Thanksgiving 2023 is set to be the second most expensive on record. This year, Americans are being forced to cut back on holiday traditions due to high costs and 60% of Americans say this inflation is impacting their holiday plans. As 2024 nears, let us reflect upon the division, chaos and constant crises caused by the ineptitude and weaponized bureaucracy of the Biden administration. The American people deserve better, and we will course-correct.”

Background:

Thanksgiving 2023 is set to be the [second most expensive](#) on record and [60% of Americans](#) say that inflation is impacting their Thanksgiving plans.

Since Joe Biden became President of the United States ([2020](#) v. [2023](#)):

- The cost of a Classic Thanksgiving Dinner is up 30%.
- The cost of a 16-pound Thanksgiving turkey is up 41%.
- The cost of a 4-pound boneless ham is up 97%.
- The cost of a package of pie shells is up 45%.
- The cost of a package of 12 rolls of bread is up 44%.
- The cost of a 14-ounce package of cubed stuffing is up 41%.
- The cost of a 5-pound package of russet potatoes is up 40%.
- The cost of a 1-pound package of green beans is up 33%.
- The cost of a 30-ounce package of pumpkin pie mix is up 31%.
- The cost of a 1-pound package of green peas is up 29%.
- The cost of a 1-pound tray of vegetable is up 23%
- The cost of 1-gallon of whole milk is up 21%.

This year, Americans are also [cutting back on holiday traditions](#):

- 50% say they are cutting back on buying gifts for friends.
- 48% say they are cutting back on buying new clothes for the holidays.
- 46% say they are cutting back on buying decorations.
- 41% say they are cutting back on buy gifts for family.
- 39% say they are cutting back on the amount of food they are buying.
- 33% say they are cutting back on buying gifts for co-workers.
- 32% say they are cutting back on hosting parties and dinners.

More:

- [Original Video: The inflationary effects of “Bidenomics” on Thanksgiving 2023](#)
- [Team Donalds Thanksgiving 2023 graphic](#)



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