

The Higher Education Relief Opportunities Act of 2003 was passed in order to relieve the hardship that federal student loan recipients had to face in dealing with national emergencies. President Joe Biden has applied the HEROES Act in an effort to provide student loan forgiveness for those who suffered during the Covid 19 pandemic. Based on the description of the Heroes act and the current situation in our country, I believe that President Biden will not succeed in his efforts to cancel student loans even though our country is still considered to be in a state of national emergency. Because the Covid 19 virus has still been a consistent issue in the U.S. with the spread of new variants and the economic effects of dealing with the pandemic, the Biden administration has not ended the state of national emergency that was first declared during the beginning of the pandemic and there has yet to be a clear end date to the national state of emergency in 2023. Since the national state of emergency is still in effect, the Biden administration still has the right to implement this bill, but I believe that President Biden will be unsuccessful and that the senate will ultimately deny Biden's efforts to cancel student loan debts because our situation is not as severe as it was during 2020 when the pandemic first started and the republicans that take up most of the senate are likely to vote against the bill. When looking at President Biden's actions and motives for relying on the Heroes Act, I do not believe that his actions are pretextual. Considering the definition of pretext in this situation, there is no reason to believe that President Biden's reasoning for the act of canceling student loans is false or misleading. President Biden refers to the Heroes Act in his attempt to gain the authority to cancel student loans and the Heroes Act allows the Secretary of Education to relieve the financial burdens of those affected by national emergencies and in this case, the Covid 19 pandemic has been the national emergency that this bill applies to. President Biden's actions can not be considered pretextual because his efforts to cancel student loans still apply to the state of national emergency our country is in right now and hold true to what the Heroes Act states. However, In the case where the state of national emergency had been lifted before Biden's efforts to relieve student loans referring to the Heroes Act then there would be a reason to consider his actions pretextual.