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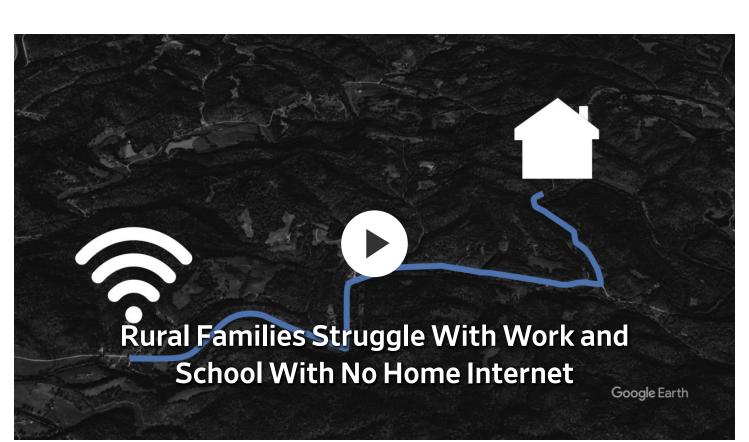
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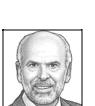
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What Might Unite a Divided Washington Behind Joe Biden? Unsexy Infrastructure

Roads, bridges, airports, subways, broadband—infrastructure might be the way to smash through the political roadblocks



As many schools around the country start the year virtually, residents in rural communities like those in West Virginia are asking why they don't have reliable Internet service. The recent bankruptcy of Frontier Communications provides insight into how U.S. broadband policies have fallen short for many Americans. Photo Illustration: Carlos Waters/ Video: Jake Nicol/WSJ



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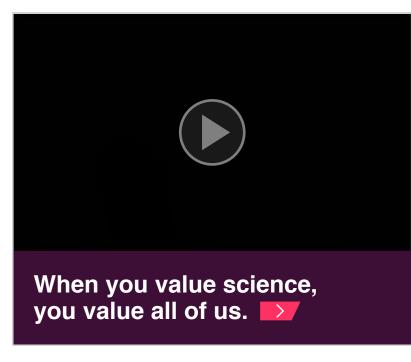
Imagine you are President-elect Joe Biden, and you're looking at a political hot mess when you take office.

The outgoing president is seeking to undermine the legitimacy of your administration. You won't even know which party controls the Senate until after two January runoff elections in Georgia. No matter how those races turn out, Congress is almost evenly divided between two incessantly bickering parties, and your Democrats actually lost ground in the House in this year's election.

Is there any issue—any initiative—you could turn to with hope it might bring together the disparate pieces of this fractured system?

One word: Infrastructure.

Yes, unsexy infrastructure. Roads, bridges, airports, subways,



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