# AMERICANS FOR <br> TaxFairness 

## COMPILATION OF POLLING ON TAX FAIRNESS ISSUES

## Questions Are Primarily from 2012 to 2017 <br> Updated April 18, 2017


#### Abstract

Americans for Tax Fairness has conducted an extensive online search of public polls conducted in recent years posing questions on tax issues. We found that media outlets do very limited polling on tax issues - typically a question or two when an issue is being publicly debated in Congress. The most relevant questions we could find related to the topics below are included here. On behalf of Americans for Tax Fairness and other clients, Hart Research Associates has conducted in-depth polling on tax reform issues in recent years, which comprise many of the poll questions below.


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## SECTION 1: TAX TRADEOFFS

## Tax Reform Creates Space for Public Investment

Hart Research Associates online survey for Americans United, Project New America, AFL-CIO, and others. July 15-20, 2015. N = 1,602 swing voters

Asked of swing voters: Which candidate would you be more likely to support?
50\% Republican candidate who favors cutting government spending to bring down the deficit and reduce debt
50\% Democratic candidate who favors investment in schools, research, and transportation that create jobs

## vs.

39\% Republican candidate who favors cutting government spending to bring down the deficit and reduce debt
62\% Democratic candidate who favors investment in schools, research, and transportation that create jobs, funded by closing tax loopholes for big corporations and the rich

## Voters Choose Public Investment Over Reducing Taxes

2014 Election Day voters when asked: "Which one of the following do you think should be the higher priority for the president and Congress right now-(A) reducing taxes on businesses and individuals or (B) investing in key priorities like education, healthcare, and job creation?" chose "investing in key priorities" (67\%) over "reducing taxes" (29\%).
Hart Research Assoc. poll for the AFL-CIO, November 2014, Q14

Voters Favor Raising Taxes on Corps \& the Rich to Pay for Investment
By $62 \%$ to $32 \%, 2014$ Election Day voters favor "raising taxes on the wealthy and large corporations to fund priorities like education, job training, and deficit reduction." Hart Research Assoc. poll for the AFL-CIO, November 2014, Q17

## Voters Favor Expanding Poverty Programs Over Tax Cuts for the Rich

By $54 \%$ to $35 \%$, when asked what would do more to reduce poverty, respondents favored, "raising taxes on wealthy people and corporations to expand programs for the poor" instead of, "lowering taxes on wealthy people and corporations to encourage investment and economic growth." Pew Research Center, January 2014, Q26

Voters Favor Closing Offshoring Loopholes to Invest in Infrastructure
By $68 \%$ to $31 \%$ voters believe "we should close tax loopholes for large corporations that ship jobs offshore, and instead use that money to invest in jobs in America by improving our roads and bridges and rebuilding manufacturing."

Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, October 2013, Q16a/b

## Voters Oppose Tax Cuts If They Increase the Deficit

Ipsos Poll for National Public Radio, April 11-12, 2017. Online survey of 1,010 adults. Q7. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
f. The government should cut taxes even if it causes the national debt to increase

|  | Total | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly Agree | 12 | 10 | 15 | 12 |
| Somewhat Agree | 29 | 28 | 31 | 28 |
| Somewhat Disagree | 42 | 40 | 42 | 42 |
| Strongly Disagree | 17 | 22 | 13 | 18 |
| Total Agree | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 6}$ | 40 |
| Total Disagree | $\mathbf{5 9}$ | $\mathbf{6 3}$ | $\mathbf{5 4}$ | 60 |

Quinnipiac University, November 17-20, 2016, N = 1,071 voters nationwide.
46. Do you support or oppose reducing taxes across the board, even if it means increasing the deficit?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | WHI | DEG |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Yes | No |
| Support | 32\% | 45\% | 20\% | 34\% | 34\% | 31\% | 28\% | 36\% |
| Oppose | 60 | 47 | 72 | 58 | 61 | 59 | 67 | 55 |
| DK/NA | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 9 |
|  | AGE IN | YRS. |  |  | WHIT |  |  |  |
|  | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Men | Wom | Wht | NonWht |
| Support | 34\% | 33\% | 36\% | 24\% | 37\% | 28\% | 32\% | 34\% |
| Oppose | 58 | 63 | 59 | 61 | 60 | 61 | 60 | 58 |
| DK/NA | 9 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 3 | 11 | 7 | 8 |

Quinnipiac University, November 17-20, 2016, $\mathrm{N}=1,071$ voters nationwide.
44. Do you support or oppose increasing federal spending for roads, bridges, mass transit and other infrastructure?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | WHITE....... COLLEGE DEG |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Yes | No |
| Support | 83\% | 83\% | 84\% | 83\% | 85\% | 81\% | 90\% | 82\% |
| Oppose | 15 | 17 | 15 | 12 | 15 | 15 | 8 | 16 |
| DK/NA | 2 | - | 2 | 4 | - | 4 | 3 | 2 |
|  | AGE IN | YRS. |  |  | WHIT |  |  |  |
|  | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Men | Wom | Wht | NonWht |
| Support | 76\% | 89\% | 83\% | 87\% | 86\% | 86\% | 86\% | 77\% |
| Oppose | 20 | 10 | 16 | 11 | 14 | 11 | 12 | 21 |
| DK/NA | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | - | 4 | 2 | 2 |

## SECTION 2: TAXING CORPORATIONS

## Raising Min Wage Preferable to Cutting Corporate Taxes

McClatchy-Marist Poll, December 1-9, 2016, N=1,005 national Adults.
In order to help the economy and move the nation forward, do you think the focus of government should be: More on raising the minimum wage and providing job training and education or More on cutting corporate taxes and reducing regulations on businesses? (page 11)

|  | $\underline{\text { National Adults }}$ | Party ID: <br> Democrat | Party ID: <br> Republican | Party ID: <br> Indpndnt | February 2014 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raising minimum <br> wage, job training <br> and education | $\mathbf{6 1 \%}$ | $85 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| Cutting corporate <br> taxes and reducing <br> regulations on <br> businesses | $\mathbf{3 5 \%}$ | $12 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| Unsure |  |  |  |  |  |

## Tax Rates Should Be Raised on Big Corporations

Ipsos Poll for National Public Radio, April 11-12, 2017. Online survey of 1,010 adults.
9. Should tax rates be raised, lowered or kept the same for businesses with...
a. Fewer than 50 employees

|  | Total | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raised | 7 | 8 | 8 | 4 |
| Kept the same | 34 | 39 | 32 | 29 |
| Lowered | 59 | 53 | 60 | 67 |

b. 50 to less than 500 employees

|  | Total | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raised | 14 | 17 | 13 | 14 |
| Kept the same | 48 | 53 | 45 | 46 |
| Lowered | 37 | 31 | 42 | 40 |

c. 500 to less than 1,000 employees

|  | Total | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raised | 38 | 45 | 37 | 32 |
| Kept the same | 43 | 43 | 39 | 47 |
| Lowered | $\mathbf{1 8}$ | 12 | 25 | 20 |

d. 1,000 or more employees

|  | Total | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raised | $\mathbf{5 9}$ | $\mathbf{6 9}$ | $\mathbf{4 9}$ | 55 |
| Kept the same | $\mathbf{2 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 1}$ | 31 |
| Lowered | $\mathbf{1 3}$ | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9}$ | 14 |

http://www.gallup.com/poll/208685/majority-say-wealthy-americans-corporations-taxedlittle.aspx

Gallup News Service, April 5-9, 2017, Q 26. Telephone survey of 1,019 adults As I read off some different groups, please tell me if you think they are paying their FAIR share in federal taxes, paying too MUCH or paying too LITTLE?

|  | Fair Share | Too Much | Too Little |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Corporations | $\mathbf{1 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $67 \%$ |
| Upper-Income <br> People | $24 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $63 \%$ |
| Lower-Income <br> People | $35 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Middle Income <br> People | $40 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $6 \%$ |


| Corporations | Fair Share | Too Much | Too Little |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April 5-9, 2017 | $19 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $67 \%$ |
| April 6-10, 2016 | $16 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $67 \%$ |
| April 9-12, 2015 | $16 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $69 \%$ |
| April 3-6, 2014 | $20 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $66 \%$ |
| April 4-7, 2013 | $21 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $66 \%$ |
| April 9-12, 2012 | $21 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $64 \%$ |
| April 7-11, 2011 | $20 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $67 \%$ |
| April 8-11, 2010 | $22 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $62 \%$ |
| April 6-9, 2009 | $18 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $67 \%$ |
| April 6-9, 2008 | $15 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $73 \%$ |
| April 2-5, 2007 | $19 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $71 \%$ |
| April 10-13, 2006 | $18 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $70 \%$ |
| April 4-7, 2005 | $21 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $69 \%$ |
| April 5-8, 2004 | $19 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $69 \%$ |

Pew Research Center, April 5-11, 2017. Landline and cell phone interviews with 1,501 adults. Q67 Please tell me how much, if at all, each of the following bothers you about the federal tax system? First, [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] does this bother you a lot, some, not too much, or not at all? How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Does this bother you a lot, some, not too much, or not at all?] [Sorted by "a lot"

|  | A lot | Some | Not too much | Not at all | DK/ref. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The feeling that some corporations <br> don't pay their fair share | $62 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| The feeling that some wealthy <br> people don't pay their fair share | $60 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $1 \%$ |


| The complexity of the tax system | $43 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The amount you pay in taxes | $27 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| The feeling that some poor people <br> don't pay their fair share | $20 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $2 \%$ |

Global Strategy Group Survey for The Hub Project, April 5-9, 2017. Online survey of 1,211 registered voters.
Q.13-18 Below is a list of groups. For each, please indicate whether you think that group pays more than their fair share of taxes to the federal government, about the right amount, or less than their fair share of taxes to the federal government. [Ranked by "Less than fair share"

|  | More than <br> their fair <br> share | About the <br> right amount | Less than <br> their fair <br> share |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wealthy corporations <br> [Spilt B] | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{1 4}$ | $\mathbf{7 7}$ |
| Millionaires and <br> billionaires [Split B] | 10 | 14 | 76 |
| Wealthy Americans <br> [Split A] | 13 | 18 | 69 |
| Corporations <br> [Split A] | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 2}$ | 67 |
| Lower-income Americans | 51 | 33 | 16 |
| People in your local <br> community [Split B] | 44 | 50 | 6 |
| Your household <br> [Split A] | 50 | 44 | 6 |
| Working families | 66 | 29 | 6 |
| The middle class | 59 | 37 | 4 |

The Washington Post-ABC News poll, January 12-15, 2015. Q20. $\mathrm{N}=1,003$ adults
"Overall, do you think large business corporations pay their fair share in taxes, pay too (little), or pay too (much)."
19\% Pay their fair share
65\% Pay too little
9\% Pay too much
$7 \%$ No opinion

## Corporate Profits

Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right
Pew Research Center, March 17-27, 2016, Q50a. N = 2,254

|  | Business Corporations <br> Make Too Much Profit | Most Corporations Make a Fair <br> and Reasonable Amount of Profit | Both/Neither/ <br> DK/Refused |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar 17-27, 2016 | 58 | 37 | 5 |
| Aug 27 - Oct 4, 2015 | 57 | 38 | 5 |
| Jan 23 - Mar 16 2014 | 56 | 39 | 4 |
| Mar 13-17, 2013 | 53 | 41 | 6 |
| Feb 22 - Mar 14, 2011 | 54 | 39 | 7 |
| Aug 25 - Sep 6, 2010 | 54 | 39 | 6 |
| Dec 2008 | 58 | 35 | 7 |
| Oct 2008 | 59 | 33 | 8 |
| Dec 2005 | 61 | 33 | 6 |
| Dec 2004 | 53 | 39 | 8 |
| June 2003 | 51 | 42 | 7 |
| July 2002 | 58 | 33 | 9 |
| Feb 2002 | 54 | 39 | 7 |
| Sep 2000 | 54 | 38 | 8 |
| Aug 1999 | 52 | 42 | 6 |
| June 1997 | 51 | 43 | 6 |
| Oct 1996 | 51 | 42 | 7 |
| Oct 1995 | 53 | 43 | 44 |
| April 1995 | 51 | 44 | 43 |
| Oct 1994 | 50 |  | 6 |
| July 1994 | 52 |  | 3 |

## Oil and Gas Tax Breaks

By $62 \%$ to $34 \%$, voters want to "Eliminate special tax breaks for oil and gas companies."
Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, October 2013, Q20a/b

## Eliminate Some Corporate Deductions

By $70 \%$ to $26 \%$, Americans favor an Obama administration proposal "increasing taxes on some corporations by eliminating certain tax deductions."
Gallup poll, April 2011, Q16

## Close Loopholes and Invest Rather than Reduce Tax Rates (Revenue Neutral Tax Reform)

By 61\% to 35\%, Americans believe that "in order to help the economy and move the nation forward, the focus of the government should be more on raising the minimum wage and providing job training and education" than on "cutting corporate taxes and reducing regulations on businesses."

McClatchy/Marist poll, February 2014

By $82 \%$ to $9 \%$, voters believe that "reform[ing] the tax system by closing corporate loopholes and limiting deductions for the wealthy" should be used to "reduce the budget deficit and make new investments" rather than to "reduce tax rates on corporations and the wealthy." Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, October 2013, Q21

By $83 \%$ to $11 \%$, voters want to use "tax revenue from closing corporate loopholes and limiting deductions to reduce the budget deficit and make public investments, rather than to reduce tax rates on corporations."
Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, January 2013, Q17

## Pay Full Tax on Offshore Profits

Morning Consult Intelligence, October 2-5, 2015. Online Poll of 1979 adults As you may know, American companies are taxed when they bring profits earned overseas back home to the United States. Do you think American companies should be required to pay full taxes when they bring foreign profits back to the United States or not?

| Yes | $58 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| No | $20 \%$ |
| Don't Know/No | $22 \%$ |
| Opinion |  |

By 73\% to 21\%, 2014 Election Day voters favor "increasing taxes on the profits that American corporations make overseas, to ensure they pay as much on foreign profits as they do on profits made in the United States."

Hart Research Assoc. poll for the AFL-CIO, November 2014, Q17

By $83 \%$ to $13 \%$ voters want to "Increase taxes on the profits that American corporations make overseas, to ensure they pay as much on foreign profits as they do on profits made in the United States."
Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, January 2013, Q12

By $84 \%$ to $11 \%$ voters want to "Increase taxes on the profits that American corporations make overseas, to ensure they pay as much on foreign profits as they do on profits made in the United States."
Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, November 2012, Q16

By $79 \%$ to $17 \%$, voters want to "Close tax loopholes to ensure that American corporations pay as much on foreign profits as they do on profits made in the United States." Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, October 2013, Q20a/b

## Tax Holiday on Offshore Profits

Morning Consult Intelligence, October 2-5, 2015. Online Poll of 1979 adults As you may know, American companies are taxed when they bring profits earned overseas back home to the United States. Do you believe this tax should be temporarily suspended to encourage more American companies to bring foreign profits back to the United States or not?

| Yes, it should be <br> temporarily suspended | $29 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| No, it should not be <br> temporarily suspended | $44 \%$ |
| Don't Know/No <br> Opinion | $27 \%$ |
|  |  |

## Taxing Offshore Profits to Fund Infrastructure

Morning Consult Intelligence, October 2-5, 2015. Online Poll of 1979 adults
Would You Support or Oppose increasing funding for the nation's transportation infrastructure by taxing the overseas profits of U.S. companies?

| Strongly Support | $34 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Somewhat Support | $34 \%$ |
| Somewhat Oppose | $10 \%$ |
| Strongly Oppose | $6 \%$ |
| Don't Know/No $15 \%$ <br> Opinion  |  |

Morning Consult Intelligence, June 26-29, 2015. Online Poll of 1976 adults
As you may know, the federal fund to build and maintain interstates and highways will expire at the end of July. Do you think the following actions being proposed to address the fund's expiration are a good idea or a bad idea:

Tax U.S. companies' overseas profits to fund the highway account?
Very Good Idea 32\%

Somewhat Good Idea 32\%

Somewhat Bad Idea 12\%
Very Bad Idea 9\%

Don't Know/No 15\%
Opinion

Close Tax Loopholes Encouraging Moving Money Overseas
Morning Consult Intelligence, June 20-22 2015. Online Poll of 1306 adults
Do you Support or Oppose the U.S. government providing tax breaks to American companies doing business overseas?

| Support | $18 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Oppose | $70 \%$ |
| Don't Know/No | $13 \%$ |
| Opinion |  |

By 57\% to 37\%, 2014 Election Day voters favor "ending all tax loopholes that encourage U.S. companies to send jobs overseas."
Hart Research Assoc. poll for the AFL-CIO, November 2014, Q17

By $62 \%$ to $36 \%$, voters want to "Close loopholes that allow corporations and wealthy individuals to avoid paying U.S. taxes by shifting income to offshore tax havens."
Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, October 2013, Q20a/b

By $73 \%$ to $25 \%$ voters want to "close loopholes that allow corporations and wealthy individuals to avoid paying U.S. taxes by shifting income to overseas tax havens."
Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, January 2013, Q12

By $68 \%$ to $31 \%$ voters believe that "We should end tax breaks to large corporations that ship jobs overseas and use that money to invest in jobs in America improving our roads and bridges, rebuilding manufacturing and making us energy independent."

Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, January 2013, Q16

By $61 \%$ to $33 \%$, voters want to "pass legislation to prevent corporations and wealthy individuals from avoiding U.S. taxes by shifting income earned here in the United States to overseas tax havens."

Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, November 2012, Q16

Nearly three-quarters (73\%) of Americans support "raising taxes on businesses that move manufacturing jobs overseas."

ABC News/Washington Post poll, February 2012, Q11

Morning Consult Intelligence, August 8-10, 2016. Online Poll of 1,998 adults Please indicate whether you support or oppose each of the following:

Impose an exit tax on U.S. companies that move overseas?

| Strongly Support | 37\% |
| :---: | :---: |
| Somewhat Support | 27\% |
| Somewhat Oppose | 9\% |
| Strongly Oppose | 5\% |
| Don't Know/No | 22\% |
| Opinion |  |

## Corporate Tax Inversions

Morning Consult Intelligence, September 4-7, 2014. $N=1,059$

Please indicate if you have a Very Favorable, Somewhat Favorable, Somewhat Unfavorable, or Very Unfavorable opinion of corporate tax inversion, the practice by which U.S. corporations continue to do business in America but move their headquarters to another country to take advantage of lower tax rates.
Very Favorable 5\%

Somewhat Favorable 12\%

Somewhat Unfavorable 17\%
Very Unfavorable 42\%

No Opinion
23\%
No Opinion

Morning Consult Intelligence, September 26-28, 2014. N = 1,824 adults
Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:
Some U.S. companies move their headquarters abroad primarily to expand international growth opportunities, not to pay a lower corporate tax rate.

| Strongly Agree | $7 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Somewhat Agree | $26 \%$ |
| Somewhat Disagree | $26 \%$ |
| Strongly Disagree | $27 \%$ |
| Don't Know/No <br> Opinion | $14 \%$ |

By more than a three-to-one margin, $70 \%$ to $23 \%$, Colorado voters disapproved of "tax inversions, a practice where an American company becomes a subsidiary of another company in a foreign country for the purpose of reducing its taxes."
Public Policy Polling poll of Colorado voters for Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund, September 2014, Q15

76\% of Democrats, 69\% of Republicans and 80\% of Independents disapprove of corporate tax inversions when they were asked "Do you approve or disapprove of tax inversions, a practice where one company becomes a subsidiary of another company in a foreign country for the purpose of reducing its tax rate?"
Morning Consult poll, August 2014

By $70 \%$ to $20 \%$, lowa voters disapproved of "tax inversions, a practice where an American company becomes a subsidiary of another company in a foreign country for the purpose of reducing its taxes."
Public Policy Polling poll of Iowa voters for Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund, August 2014, Q12

CEO Pay
By $63 \%$ to $34 \%$, voters want to "prevent corporations from avoiding taxes when they award their executives millions of dollars in stock options."
Hart Research Associates poll, January 2013, Q12

## Financial Transaction Tax and a Bank Fee

By $47 \%$ to $13 \%$, voters favor "instituting a fee on debts of banks and other financial institutions with more than $\$ 50$ billion in assets ...as a way to pay for tax cuts or additional government spending." ( $36 \%$ neither favored nor opposed this proposal).
Associated Press/GfK poll, February 2015, TAX2

By $61 \%$ to $32 \%$, voters want to "Establish a small tax on all trading in stocks and bonds and other financial market trades. For example, for every ten thousand dollars in a trade the tax would be three dollars."

Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, January 2013, Q12

## Views of Small Business Owners

By $67 \%$ to $31 \%$ small business owners believe "we should end tax breaks for companies that ship jobs and profits offshore, and level the playing field for small businesses that create jobs in America."

Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, October 2013, Q16a/b

34\% of American small business owners chose "closing tax loopholes for large corporations" over six other budget-cutting or revenue raising measures, when asked to choose their top priority for the federal government. The largest number of Republican respondents (27\%) chose the same answer.
Lake Research Partners poll for Main Street Alliance and American Sustainable Business Council, April 2013

When asked about "a tax system that would allow U.S. multinational corporations to avoid taxes permanently by shifting their income to places like the Cayman Islands," more than four out of five (85\%) small business owners oppose instituting this type of territorial tax system.
Lake Research Partners poll for Main Street Alliance and American Sustainable Business Council, April 2013

67\% of small business owners say big corporations are paying "less than their fair share" of taxes; $73 \%$ say the same thing about multinational corporations.
Lake Research Partners poll for Main Street Alliance, American Sustainable Business Council and Small Business Majority, February 2012, Q3 and Q8
$90 \%$ of small business owners think "big corporations use tax loopholes to avoid taxes that small businesses have to pay," and 92\% think that "tax loopholes for big corporations" is a problem. Lake Research Partners poll for Main Street Alliance, American Sustainable Business Council and Small Business Majority, February 2012, Q9 and Q10

Three-quarters of respondents think their "small business is harmed when big corporations use loopholes to avoid taxes."
Lake Research Partners poll for Main Street Alliance, American Sustainable Business Council and Small Business Majority, February 2012, Q11

91\% of respondents said that "U.S. multinational corporations using accounting loopholes to shift their U.S. profits to their offshore subsidiaries to avoid taxes" is a problem.
Lake Research Partners poll for Main Street Alliance, American Sustainable Business Council and Small Business Majority, February 2012, Q12

81\% of small business owners disapprove of the carried interest loophole that lets hedge fund managers "have their personal income taxed at the capital gains rate of $15 \%$ instead of the ordinary income tax rate."
Lake Research Partners poll for Main Street Alliance, American Sustainable Business Council and Small Business Majority, February 2012, Q17

In a Vacuum, Mild Support for Cutting Corporate Tax Rate to 15\%
Morning Consult Intelligence, August 8-10, 2016. Online Poll of 1998 adults
Please indicate whether you support or oppose each of the following:
Cut the corporate tax rate to 15 percent?
Strongly Support $\quad 17 \%$
Somewhat Support 23\%

Somewhat Oppose 17\%
Strongly Oppose 16\%

Don't Know/No 27\%
Opinion

## SECTION 3: TAXING THE WEALTHY

Voters Don't Think Reducing Taxes on the Wealthy Will Improve the Economy
Ipsos Poll for National Public Radio, April 11-12, 2017. Online survey of 1,010 adults.
Q7. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
a. Tax cuts for the wealthy lead to economic growth

|  | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | Democrats | $\underline{\text { Republicans }}$ | $\underline{\text { Independents }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly Agree | $12 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Somewhat Agree | $25 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| Somewhat Disagree | $31 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Strongly Disagree | $32 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Total Agree | $37 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $36 \%$ |
| Total Disagree | $\mathbf{6 3 \%}$ | $71 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $64 \%$ |

Quinnipiac University, November 17-20, 2016, $\mathrm{N}=1,071$ voters nationwide.
51. Do you believe that reducing taxes on the wealthy will improve the economy and create more jobs or not?

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | COLI | DEG |
|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Yes | No |
| Yes/Improve | 38\% | 56\% | 19\% | 37\% | 42\% | 34\% | 31\% | 45\% |
| No | 57 | 37 | 79 | 55 | 53 | 60 | 65 | 48 |
| DK/NA | 6 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
|  | AGE IN | YRS . |  |  | WHIT |  |  |  |
|  | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Men | Wom | Wht | NonWht |
| Yes/Improve | 40\% | 34\% | 40\% | 39\% | 43\% | 35\% | 38\% | 37\% |
| No | 56 | 62 | 56 | 52 | 51 | 59 | 56 | 58 |
| DK/NA | 4 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 |

## Tax Rates Should Be Raised on Those with Incomes of \$100K or more

Ipsos Poll for National Public Radio, April 11-12, 2017. Online survey of 1,010 adults.
8. Should tax rates be raised, lowered or kept the same for people with an annual income of ...
a. \$49,000 or less

|  | Total | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raised | 9 | 28 | 35 | 31 |
| Kept the same | 31 | 9 | 12 | 8 |
| Lowered | 60 | 64 | 52 | 61 |

b. $\$ 50,000-\$ 99,000$

|  | Total | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raised | 17 | 16 | 16 | 20 |
| Kept the same | 39 | 40 | 41 | 39 |
| Lowered | 44 | 44 | 43 | 41 |

c. $\$ 100,000-\$ 249,000$

|  | Total | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raised | $\mathbf{4 7}$ | 54 | 36 | 56 |
| Kept the same | $\mathbf{3 2}$ | 32 | 35 | 28 |
| Lowered | $\mathbf{2 1}$ | 14 | 29 | 16 |

d. \$250,000-\$999,000

|  | Total | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raised | 70 | 81 | 56 | 74 |
| Kept the same | 15 | 10 | 20 | 16 |
| Lowered | 15 | 9 | 25 | 10 |

e. $\$ 1,000,000$ or more

|  | Total | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raised | 75 | 85 | 62 | 81 |
| Kept the same | 12 | 8 | 18 | 9 |
| Lowered | 13 | 7 | 20 | 10 |

Quinnipiac University National Poll, March 30-April 3, 2017. Landline and cell phone interviews with 1,171 voters nationwide.
36. As president, do you think Donald Trump should - lower taxes on the wealthy, or not?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Yes | No |
| Yes/Should | 21\% | 41\% | 8\% | 19\% | 26\% | 17\% | 20\% | 28\% |
| No | 72 | 48 | 91 | 74 | 68 | 76 | 75 | 61 |
| DK/NA | 7 | 11 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 11 |
|  | AGE IN | YRS |  |  | WHIT |  |  |  |
|  | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Men | Wom | Wht | NonWht |
| Yes/Should | 18\% | 16\% | 22\% | 27\% | 29\% | 20\% | 24\% | 14\% |
| No | 74 | 77 | 73 | 65 | 65 | 71 | 68 | 82 |
| DK/NA | 8 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 4 |

TREND: As president, do you think Donald Trump should - lower taxes on the wealthy, or not?

|  | Yes | No | DK/NA |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Apr 05, 2017 | 21 | 72 | 7 |
| Mar 24, 2017 | 22 | 74 | 5 |
| Mar 08, 2017 | 21 | 74 | 5 |
| Feb 23, 2017 | 18 | 76 | 6 |
| Nov 23, 2016 | 29 | 67 | 4 |

Gallup News Service, April 5-9, 2017, Q 26. Telephone survey of 1,019 adults
As I read off some different groups, please tell me if you think they are paying their FAIR share in federal taxes, paying too MUCH or paying too LITTLE?

|  | Fair Share | Too Much | Too Little |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Corporations | $19 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $67 \%$ |
| Upper-Income <br> People | $\mathbf{2 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 3 \%}$ |
| Lower-Income <br> People | $35 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Middle Income <br> People | $40 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $6 \%$ |


| Upper-Income People | Fair Share | Too Much | Too Little |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April 5-9, 2017 | $24 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $63 \%$ |
| April 6-10, 2016 | $21 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| April 9-12, 2015 | $25 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $62 \%$ |
| April 3-6, 2014 | $24 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| April 4-7, 2013 | $26 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| April 9-12, 2012 | $25 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $62 \%$ |
| April 7-11, 2011 | $25 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $59 \%$ |
| April 8-11, 2010 | $26 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $55 \%$ |
| April 6-9, 2009 | 23 | 13 | 60 |
| April 6-9, 2008 | 24 | 9 | 63 |
| April 2-5, 2007 | 21 | 9 | 66 |
| April 10-13, 2006 | 21 | 8 | 67 |
| April 4-7, 2005 | 22 | 7 | 68 |
| April 5-8, 2004 | 24 | 9 | 63 |
| April 7-9, 2003 | 24 | 10 | 63 |
| April 6-7, 1999 | 19 | 10 | 66 |
| April 9-10, 1996 | 19 | 9 | 68 |
| April 16-18, 1994 | 20 | 10 | 68 |
| March 29-31, 1993 | 16 | 5 | 77 |
| March 26-29, 1992 | 16 | 4 | 77 |

Pew Research Center, April 5-11, 2017. Landline and cell phone interviews with 1,501 adults. Q67 Please tell Please tell me how much, if at all, each of the following bothers you about the federal tax system? First, [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] does this bother you a lot, some, not too much, or not at all? How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Does this bother you a lot, some, not too much, or not at all?] [Sorted by "a lot"

|  | $\underline{\text { A lot }}$ | $\underline{\text { Some }}$ | $\underline{\text { Not too much }}$ | Not at all | DK/ref. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The feeling that some corporations <br> don't pay their fair share | $62 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| The feeling that some wealthy <br> people don't pay their fair share | $60 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| The complexity of the tax system | $43 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| The amount you pay in taxes | $27 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| The feeling that some poor people <br> don't pay their fair share | $20 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $2 \%$ |

Global Strategy Group Survey for The Hub Project, April 5-9, 2017. Online survey of 1,211 registered voters.
Q.13-18 Below is a list of groups. For each, please indicate whether you think that group pays more than their fair share of taxes to the federal government, about the right amount, or less than their fair share of taxes to the federal government. [Ranked by "Less than fair share"

|  | More than <br> their fair <br> share | About the <br> right amount | Less than <br> their fair <br> share |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wealthy corporations <br> [Spilt B] | 9 | 14 | 77 |
| Millionaires and <br> billionaires [Split B] | 10 | 14 | 76 |
| Wealthy Americans <br> [Split A] | 13 | 18 | 69 |
| Corporations <br> [Split A] | 12 | 22 | 67 |
| Lower-income Americans | 51 | 33 | 16 |
| People in your local <br> community [Split B] | 44 | 50 | 6 |
| Your household <br> [Split A] | 50 | 44 | 6 |
| Working families | 66 | 29 | 6 |
| The middle class | 59 | 37 | 4 |

When asked to say if wealthy households pay "too much, too little, or about the right amount in federal taxes," $68 \%$ of respondents said "too little," $18 \%$ said "about the right amount" and $11 \%$ said "too much."
Associated Press/GfK poll, February 2015, TAX1

Support for Increasing Taxes on the Wealthy
Pew Research Center for People and the Press, October 20-25, 2016. N= 2,583 national adults.
Thinking about taxes ... do do you think tax rates on household income over $\$ 250,000$ should be raised, lowered, or kept the same as they are now?

38\% Raised
21\% Lowered
34\% Kept the same as they are now
7\% Don't know/Refused

Morning Consult Intelligence, August 8-10, 2016. Online Poll of 1,998 adults
Please indicate whether you support or oppose each of the following:
Increase taxes on wealthy Americans?

|  | $8 / 10 / 2016$ | $5 / 2 / 2016$ | $4 / 17 / 2016$ | $4 / 11 / 2016$ | $4 / 3 / 2016$ | $3 / 13 / 2016$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly Support | $34 \%$ | 50 | 47 | 47 | 42 | 44 |
| Somewhat Support | $25 \%$ | 24 | 24 | 24 | 27 | 27 |
| Somewhat Oppose <br> Strongly Oppose | $13 \%$ | 10 | 13 | 12 | 15 | 13 |
| Don't Know/No <br> Opinion | $8 \%$ | 12 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 10 |
|  | $19 \%$ | 4 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 6 |

Setting the Framework
Hart Research Associates online survey for Americans United, Project New America, AFL-CIO, and others. July 15-20, 2015. $N=1,602$ swing voters

Percentage of swing voters who find each of the below statements to be an extremely serious concern:

34\% Working people's wages standing still, even though productivity is rising vs.
52\% Working people's wages standing still; CEOs giving themselves multimillion-dollar bonuses

37\% Ordinary people's incomes have flat-lined
vs.
44\% Ordinary people's incomes have flat-lined; incomes of the richest 1\% continue to rise
Which of the two candidates would you be most likely to support?

45\% Democratic candidate who will make the economy work for all of us
55\% Republican candidate who will grow the economy
vs.

61\% Democratic candidate who will make the economy work for all of us, not just the wealthy
$39 \%$ Republican candidate who will grow the economy

## Tax Investment Income at Same Rate as Wages/Salaries

By $56 \%$ to $16 \%$, respondents favor "increasing the capital gains tax on the stocks held by people in households making more than $\$ 500,000$ a year...as a way to pay for tax cuts or additional government spending." ( $25 \%$ neither favored nor opposed this proposal).
Associated Press/GfK poll, February 2015, TAX2

By $52 \%$ to $36 \%$, voters support a proposal that would "For those making over two hundred fifty thousand dollars, end the lower tax rate on income from selling stocks and other assets." Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, January 2013, Q12

By $61 \%$ to $28 \%$, voters want to "End the lower tax rate on income from selling stocks and other assets, so that investors pay the same tax rates as workers do on their earnings."
Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, November 2012, Q16 voters. I am going to read you some statements about the American Economy. For each statement, please tell me if you agree or disagree with it.
Q. 46 Making sure CEOs and the top 1 percent pay more taxes and curbing speculation from corporations will lead to greater economic growth and raise incomes of the middle class and working families.
[Split. $\mathrm{N}=450$ ]
40\% Strongly Agree
23\% Somewhat Agree 63\% Agree
20\% Somewhat Disagree 34\% Disagree
15\% Strongly Disagree

GQRR/Democracy Corps for the Roosevelt Institute, September 12-16, 2015. N = 900 likely 2016 voters. Percentage saying the following would be effective in "producing a better economy" (Percentage saying very effective)

72\% Increase taxes on top income earners so that they pay their fair share. ( $46 \%$ very effective) $Q .59$, Split, $N=450$

72\% Increase taxes on the richest 1 percent to fund investments that will grow the economy in the long term, like public education, scientific research, and infrastructure. (44\% very effective) Q. 60, Split, $N=450$

72\% Close tax loopholes that allow speculators and people who make money from short-term trades to pay less taxes on profits than full-time workers pay on their income or wages. (38\% very effective) Q. 53 Split, $N=450$

Hart Research Associates online survey for Americans United, Project New America, AFL-CIO, and others. July 15-20, 2015. $N=1,602$ swing voters. Percentage saying the following would be effective in strengthening the economy:

72\% Make sure millionaires pay tax rates at least as high as the middle class pays
70\% Close tax loopholes for companies moving jobs overseas, use savings to create jobs on roads, bridges, schools, mass transit
68\% Limit influence of billionaires and corporate lobbyists in the political system
64\% End tax breaks for companies paying huge CEO salaries, use savings for job training/more affordable college so people can get higher-paying jobs

By $68 \%$ to $28 \%$, voters want to "Eliminate the [carried interest] loophole that allows Wall Street hedge fund managers to pay a lower tax rate than middle-class taxpayers." Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, October 2013, Q20a/b

By $52 \%$ to $41 \%$, voters want to "Limit tax deductions for people making over two hundred fifty thousand dollars a year."
Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, October 2013, Q20a/b

By $73 \%$ to $22 \%$, voters want to "Place a surtax of five percent on a person's income over ten million dollars per year." By $67 \%$ to $28 \%$, voters want to "Place a surtax of five percent on a person's income over one million dollars a year."
Hart Research Associates Poll, January 2013, Q12

By $61 \%$ to $31 \%$, voters want to "Place a surtax of five percent on a person's income over one million dollars a year."
Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, November 2012, Q16
$36 \%$ of the public believes that "taxes on wealthy people should be kept low because they invest their money in the private sector and that helps the economy and creates jobs." $56 \%$ of the public say that "taxes on wealthy people should be kept high so the government can use their money for programs to help lower income people."
CNN/ORC poll, November 2012, Q21

## Buffett Rule

By $71 \%$ to $23 \%$, voters want to "Pass the Buffett Rule, which sets a minimum income tax rate of thirty percent for millionaires to ensure they do not pay a lower tax rate than the middle class." Hart Research Assoc. poll for Americans for Tax Fairness, October 2013, Q 20a/b

By 59\% to 30\%, the public supports "requiring all Americans of incomes of one million dollars or more to pay at least 30 percent of their income in taxes;" $42 \%$ strongly supported it and only $17 \%$ strongly opposed it.
Associated Press/GfK Roper poll, April 2013, BUD5

By 60\% to 37\%, Americans are "in favor Congress passing a law requiring households earning \$1 million a year or more to pay a minimum of $30 \%$ of their income in taxes." $74 \%$ of Democrats, $63 \%$ of Independents and 43\% of Republicans support the measure.
Gallup poll, April 2012, Q36

## Income Tax Rates

$56 \%$ of Americans (59\% of Democrats, $48 \%$ of Republicans and $56 \%$ of Independents) feel that "the amount you pay is about right" when it comes to federal income taxes. $42 \%$ ( $40 \%$ of Democrats, $50 \%$ of Republicans and $43 \%$ of Independents) think that they pay "more than their fair share." Only 1\% believes that they pay "less than your fair share."
McClatchy/Marist poll, April 2014

## Estate/Inheritance Taxes

Ipsos Poll for National Public Radio, April 11-12, 2017. Online survey of 1,010 adults.
Q2. To the best of your knowledge, are the following statements about U.S. tax policy TRUE or FALSE?
a. The Estate Tax affects less than $1 \%$ of the people inheriting in the United States?

|  | Total | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| True | $\mathbf{5 0 \%}$ | $52 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $53 \%$ |
| False | $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 \%}$ |
| Don't Know | $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 \%}$ |

Morning Consult Intelligence, August 8-10, 2016. Online Poll of 1998 adults Please indicate whether you support or oppose each of the following:

Eliminate the Estate Tax?

| Strongly Support | 27\% |
| :---: | :---: |
| Somewhat Support | 26\% |
| Somewhat Oppose | 13\% |
| Strongly Oppose | 8\% |
| Don't Know/No | 26\% |
| Opinion |  |

Morning Consult Intelligence, February 6-9, 2015. $\mathrm{N}=1,781$
The White House and Congress are considering a variety of tax proposals, one of which pertains to capital gains. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement...

Recipients of inherited assets should pay the same rate of taxation on the assets as those who purchased them.

39\% Agree
48\% Disagree
14\% DK/No Opinion

By $60 \%$ to $35 \%$, voters want to "Eliminate the loophole that allows wealthy families to avoid paying any capital gains taxes on stocks and bonds they inherit.
Hart Research Associates poll, January 2013, Q12

## Social Security Taxes

By 61\% to 30\%, 2014 Election Day voters favor "increasing Social Security benefits, paid for by having high-income people pay Social Security taxes on all of their wages."
Hart Research Assoc. poll for the AFL-CIO, November 2014, Q14

By a four-to-one margin, $80 \%$ to $20 \%$, Americans support a "proposal [that] would gradually eliminate the earnings cap (currently $\$ 117,000$ ) over 10 years."
National Academy of Social Insurance Survey, June 2014, Q42 and page 18

By almost a five-to-one margin, $83 \%$ to $17 \%$, Americans support a proposal that "would raise the Social Security tax rate for workers and employers in two steps in the future - from 6.2\% to 7.2\% in 2022 and to 8.2\% in 2052."
National Academy of Social Insurance Survey, June 2014, Q44 and page 18

## SECTION 4: GENERAL TAXES

Believe U.S. Taxes are Higher Than in Other Western Democracies
Ipsos Poll for National Public Radio, April 11-12, 2017. Online survey of 1,010 adults.

Q6. Compared to other Western Democracies, is the average federal income tax rate in the United States ...

|  | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Much Higher | $14 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Somewhat Higher | $33 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| About the Same | $15 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Somewhat Lower | $20 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| Much Lower | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Don't Know | $13 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Total Higher | $\mathbf{4 6 \%}$ | $47 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Total Lower | $\mathbf{2 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 \%}$ | $32 \%$ |

## It is Wrong to Cheat on Taxes

Ipsos Poll for National Public Radio, April 11-12, 2017. Online survey of 1,010 adults. Q10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
c. It is sometimes ok for people to not report all their income on their taxes

|  | Total | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly Agree | 6 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Somewhat Agree | 19 | 20 | 17 | 16 |
| Somewhat Disagree | 27 | 26 | 25 | 33 |
| Strongly Disagree | 48 | 47 | 51 | 45 |
| Total Agree | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | 27 | 24 | 22 |
| Total Disagree | $\mathbf{7 5}$ | 73 | 76 | 78 |

It is Americans' Civic Duty to Pay Their Fair Share of Taxes
CNN-ORC International Poll, September 28 - October 2, 2016, Q9. N = 1,335 registered voters, 1,213 likely voters.

Which better describes your view of paying taxes: It is every American's civic duty to pay their fair share of taxes, or Taxes are an unnecessary burden and Americans should do everything they can to pay as little as possible?

86\% It is every American's civic duty to pay their fair share of taxes
$12 \%$ Taxes are an unnecessary burden and Americans should do everything they can to pay as little as Possible
1\% No Opinion

## Support for a Progressive Tax System

Ipsos Poll for National Public Radio, April 11-12, 2017. Online survey of 1,010 adults.
Q10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
d. Tax rates should be the same for everyone

|  | Total | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly Agree | 17 | 13 | 21 | 20 |
| Somewhat Agree | 25 | 21 | 33 | 19 |
| Somewhat Disagree | 33 | 31 | 31 | 39 |
| Strongly Disagree | 25 | 35 | 16 | 22 |
| Total Agree | 41 | 34 | 54 | 39 |
| Total Disagree | 59 | 66 | 46 | 61 |

d. The tax rate on income from work should be lower than the tax rate on income from wealth

|  | Total | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly Agree | 26 | 25 | 24 | 37 |
| Somewhat Agree | 49 | 52 | 47 | 47 |
| Somewhat Disagree | 20 | 19 | 24 | 15 |
| Strongly Disagree | 5 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Total Agree | $\mathbf{7 5}$ | 77 | 71 | $\mathbf{8 4}$ |
| Total Disagree | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | 23 | 29 | $\mathbf{1 6}$ |

## Fairness of Tax System

Pew Research Center, April 5-11, 2017. Landline and cell phone interviews with 1,501 adults.
Q.65F2 How fair do you think our present federal tax system is? Overall, would you say that our tax system is very fair, moderately fair, not too fair, or not fair at all? [Half sample; N=755]

42\% Fair (Very Fair/Moderately Fair)
56\% Unfair (Not Too Fair/Not Fair At All)

|  | Very Fair | Moderately <br> Fair | Not Too Fair | Not Fair at All | DK/Refused |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Apr 5-11, 2017 | $2 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Feb 18-22, 2015 | $4 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Dec 7-11,2011 | $3 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $3 \%$ |

## Biggest Concerns with the Federal Tax System

Pew Research Center, April 5-11, 2017. Landline and cell phone interviews with 1,501 adults. Q67 Please tell Please tell me how much, if at all, each of the following bothers you about the federal tax system? First, [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] does this bother you a lot, some, not too much, or not at all? How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Does this bother you a lot, some, not too much, or not at all?] [Sorted by "a lot"

|  | $\underline{\text { A lot }}$ | $\underline{\text { Some }}$ | $\underline{\text { Not too much }}$ | Not at all | DK/ref. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The feeling that some corporations <br> don't pay their fair share | $\mathbf{6 2 \%}$ | $18 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| The feeling that some wealthy <br> people don't pay their fair share | $\mathbf{6 0 \%}$ | $18 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| The complexity of the tax system | $43 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| The amount you pay in taxes | $27 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| The feeling that some poor people <br> don't pay their fair share | $20 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $2 \%$ |

## Value from Your Taxes

Pew Research Center, April 5-11, 2017. Landline and cell phone interviews with 1,501 adults.
Q.66F1 Considering what you get from the federal government, do you think you pay more than your fair share of taxes, less than your fair share, or about the right amount? [asked of half sample; $\mathrm{N}=746$ ]

40\% Pay More than Fair Share in Taxes
5\% Pay Less Than Fair Share in Taxes
54\% Pay About the Right Amount in Taxes

|  | Pay More Than <br> Fair Share | Pay Less Than <br> Fair Share | Pay About the <br> Right Amount | DK/Refused |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Apr 5-11, 2017 | $40 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Feb 18-22, 2015 | $40 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Dec 7-11, 2011 | $38 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Mar 11-21,2010 | $43 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Feb 2000 | $55 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Oct 1997 | $52 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

Gallup News Service, April 5-9, 2017. Telephone survey of 1,019 adults
Q25. Do you regard the income tax which you will have to pay this year as fair?

|  | Apr 5-9, <br> $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 7}}$ | $\underline{\underline{\text { April }}} \underline{\underline{2016}}$ | $\frac{\underline{\text { April }}}{\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 5}}}$ | $\underline{\underline{\text { April }}} \underline{\underline{2014}}$ | $\underline{\underline{\text { April }}}$ | $\underline{\underline{\text { April }}}$ | $\underline{\underline{\text { April }}}$ | $\underline{\text { April }}$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, Fair | $\mathbf{6 1}$ |  | 50 | 56 | 54 | 55 | 59 | 57 | $\underline{2012}$ |
| No, Not fair | $\mathbf{3 5}$ |  | 47 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 37 | 40 | 36 |
| No Opinion | $\mathbf{4}$ |  | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 5 |

## Scope of Tax Reform

Which of the following statements comes closest to your overall view of the federal tax system in this country?
Pew Research Center, February 18-22, 2015, Q27. N = 1,504
$38 \%$ On the whole, the federal tax system works pretty well and Congress should only make minor changes to make it work better
$59 \%$ There is so much wrong with the federal tax system that Congress should completely change it
3\% DK/Refused

|  | Minor Changes | Completely Change it | DK/Refused |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb 18-22 2015 | $38 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Dec 7-11, 2011 | $34 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| March 2003 | $44 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $3 \%$ |

## Spending Cuts vs. Raising Taxes

Kaiser Family Foundation/Social Science Research Solutions, April 23-31, 2015. N=1,849.

What do you think is the best approach to managing the federal budget deficit: mostly by cutting federal spending, mostly by increasing taxes on the wealthy and corporations, or by a fairly even combination of both spending cuts and tax increases?

21\% Mostly by cutting federal spending
23\% Mostly by increasing taxes on the wealthy and corporations
52\% Fairly even combination of both
1\% (Vol.) Not take any action now
3\% Don't know/Refused

## Lowering Taxes Would Decrease Deficit

Morning Consult Intelligence. January 16-19, 2015. N = 1540

Please say if you agree or disagree with the following statements:
If Congress were to pass a piece of legislation that lowers both corporate and individual tax rates, the U.S. deficit would decrease as a result.

41\% Agree
38\% Disagree
21\% Don't Know/No Opinion

## SECTION 5: INCOME INEQUALITY

Income Distribution is Unfair
Gallup News Service, April 6-10, 2016, Q34. $\mathrm{N}=1,015$ adults
Do you feel that the distribution of money and wealth in this country today is fair, or do you feel that the money and wealth in this country should be more evenly distributed among a larger percentage of the people?

|  | Distribution is fair | Should be more evenly distributed | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% | \% | \% |
| 2016 Apr 6-10 | 34 | 59 | 7 |
| 2015 Apr 9-12 | 31 | 63 | 6 |
| 2013 Apr 4-7 | 33 | 59 | 7 |
| 2011 Nov 28-Dec 1 | 35 | 61 | 4 |
| 2011 Apr 7-11 | 35 | 57 | 8 |
| 2009 Mar 27-29 | 35 | 59 | 6 |
| 2008 Oct 23-26 | 37 | 58 | 5 |
| 2008 Apr 6-9 | 27 | 68 | 5 |
| 2007 Apr 2-5 | 29 | 66 | 5 |
| 2003 Jan 10-12 | 31 | 63 | 6 |
| 2000 Sep 11-13 | 38 | 56 | 6 |
| 1998 Apr 23-May 31 | 31 | 63 | 6 |
| 1996 Apr 25-28 | 33 | 62 | 5 |
| 1990 May 17-20 | 28 | 66 | 6 |
| 1984 Dec 7-10 | 31 | 60 | 9 |

## GALLUP

Gallup News Service, January 6-10, 2016. $\mathrm{N}=1,012$ adults Satisfaction with Various Aspects of Life in the United States Today (partial list)

|  | Satisfied | Dissatisfied |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| The overall quality of life | 76 | 24 |
| The opportunity for a person to get ahead by working hard | 62 | 38 |
| The way income and wealth are distributed in the U.S. | 29 | 68 |
| The nation's efforts to deal with poverty and <br> homelessness | 22 | 75 |

What do you think is the most important economic problem facing this country today - jobs and unemployment, federal budget and government spending, taxes, income inequality, or other? CBS News/New York Times Poll, November 6-10, 2015, Q4. N-1,495 adults nationwide.

|  | All | Democrats |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Federal budget and <br> government spending | $37 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Jobs and |  |  |
| $\quad$ Unemployment | $23 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Income Inequality | $20 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| Taxes | $9 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Other | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| DK/NA | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

Income Inequality is a Serious Problem
Do you think the gap between rich and poor in this country is a problem that needs to be addressed now, a problem but one that does not need to be addressed now, or not a problem?
CBS News/New York Times Poll, November 6-10, 2015, Q10. N-1,495 adults nationwide.

|  | All | Democrats |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Needs to be addressed now | $68 \%$ | $88 \%$ |
| Problem, doesn't need to be addressed now | $12 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Not a problem | $17 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| DK/NA | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

Thinking about the income gap between wealthy Americans and those who are less well off - do you think this is a major problem facing this country, a problem but not a major one, or not a problem?
The Washington Post-ABC News poll, January 12-15, 2015. Q24 N = 1,003 adults

51\% Major Problem
32\% Problem, but Not a Major One
15\% Not a Problem
1\% No opinion

Taxing the Rich is a Solution for Income Inequality
Gallup News Service, April 6-10, 2016, Q35. N = 1,015 adults
People feel differently about how far a government should go. Here is a phrase which some people believe in and some don't. Do you think our government should or should not redistribute wealth by heavy taxes on the rich?

|  | Yes, should | No, should not | No opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2016 Apr 6-10 | 52 | $\%$ | $\%$ |
| 2015 Apr 9-12 | 52 | 46 | 2 |
| 2013 Apr 4-7 | 52 | 45 | 2 |
| 2011 Apr 7-11 | 47 | 45 | 3 |
| 2009 Mar 27-29 | 50 | 49 | 4 |
| 2008 Oct 23-26 | 46 | 46 | 4 |
| 2008 Apr 6-9 | 51 | 50 | 4 |
| 2007 Apr 2-5 | 49 | 43 | 5 |
| 1998 Apr 23-May 31 | 45 | 47 | 4 |
| 1939 Mar ${ }^{\wedge}$ | 35 | 51 | 4 |

${ }^{\wedge}$ Roper/Fortune Magazine poll

## GALLUP

CBS News/New York Times Poll, November 6-10, 2015. N-1,495 adults nationwide.
Q53. In General, would you favor or oppose increasing taxes on wealthy Americans and large corporations in order to help reduce income inequality in the U.S.?

|  | ALL | Dems |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Favor | $\mathbf{6 3 \%}$ | $85 \%$ |
| Oppose | $\mathbf{3 1 \%}$ | $11 \%$ |
| DK/NA | $\mathbf{6 \%}$ | $4 \%$ |

## SECTION 6: PUBLIC BELIEVES ECONOMIC POLICIES FAVOR RICH \& CORPORATIONS

McClatchy-Marist Poll, December 1-9, 2016, $\mathrm{N}=1,005$ national Adults.
In this country right now, do you think: Everyone more or less plays by the same rules to get ahead or There are different rules for the well-connected and people with money? (page 7)

|  | National Adults | Party ID: <br> Democrat | Party ID: <br> Republican | Party ID: <br> Indpndnt | February 2014 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Everyone plays by <br> the same rules | $\mathbf{1 4 \%}$ | $9 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Different rules for <br> well-connected and <br> people w/ money | $\mathbf{8 3 \%}$ | $90 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $88 \%$ | $85 \%$ |
| Unsure |  | $\mathbf{3 \%}$ | $1 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $2 \%$ |

Center for American Progress National Post-Election Survey by Gerstein Bocian Agne Strategies, November 9-14, 2016. N=2,000 Total November 2016 voters.
33. The wealthy and big corporations are the ones really running this country

|  | ALL | Trump Voters | Clinton Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly Agree | $\mathbf{4 5 \%}$ | $38 \%$ | $52 \%$ |
| Somewhat Agree | $\mathbf{4 0 \%}$ | $42 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| Somewhat Disagree | $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ | $16 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Strongly Disagree | $\mathbf{2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 \%}$ | $0 \%$ |

36. Our government is rigged in favor of the very rich and the very poor, and the middle class gets

| left behind. | ALL | Trump Voters | Clinton Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly Agree | $\mathbf{3 7 \%}$ |  |  |
| Somewhat Agree | $\mathbf{4 3 \%}$ | $39 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
|  |  | $43 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Somewhat Disagree | $\mathbf{1 7 \%}$ | $14 \%$ |  |
| Strongly Disagree | $\mathbf{3 \%}$ | $3 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
|  |  |  | $2 \%$ |

Reuters /Ipsos National Election Day Poll, November 8, 2016. N=10,000 people who have already cast their ballots in the presidential election.

- 75 percent agree that "America needs a strong leader to take the country back from the rich and powerful."
- 72 percent agree "the American economy is rigged to advantage the rich and powerful."
- 68 percent agree that "traditional parties and politicians don't care about people like me."
- 76 percent believe "the mainstream media is more interested in making money than telling the truth."
- 57 percent feel that "more and more, I don't identify with what America has become."
- 54 percent feel "it is increasingly hard for someone like me to get ahead in America."

Pew Research Center, March 17-27, 2016, Q58m N = 2,254
Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right:

|  | The Economic System in <br> This Country Unfairly <br> Favors Powerful Interests | The Economic System in This <br> Country is Generally Fair to <br> Most Americans | Both/Neither <br> DK/Refused |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar 17-27, 2016 | 66 | 31 | 2 |
| Aug 27- Oct 4 2015 | 65 | 31 | 3 |
| Feb 18-22, 2015 | 62 | 33 | 4 |
| Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014 | 62 | 34 | 4 |

Gallup News Service, January 6-10, 2016. N = 1,012 adults
Satisfaction with Various Aspects of Life in the United States Today (partial list)

|  | Satisfied | Dissatisfied |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| The overall quality of life | 76 | 24 |
| The opportunity for a person to get ahead by working hard | 62 | 38 |
| The acceptance of gays and lesbians in the nation | 60 | 34 |
| The nation's military strength and preparedness | 59 | 35 |
| The quality of medical care in the nation | 53 | 45 |
| The quality of public education in the nation | 38 | 61 |
| The availability of affordable health care | 37 | 58 |
| The size and power of the federal government | 37 | 62 |
| The amount Americans pay in federal taxes | 36 | 61 |
| The size and influence of major corporations | 35 | 63 |
| The state of the nation's economy | 34 | 63 |
| Our system of government and how well it works | 29 | 64 |
| The way income and wealth are distributed in the U.S. | 27 | 68 |
| The state of race relations | 22 | 75 |
| The nation's efforts to deal with poverty and | 20 | 54 |

GQRR/Democracy Corps for the Roosevelt Institute, September 12-16, 2015. N = 900 likely 2016 voters. I am going to read you some statements about the American Economy. For each statement, please tell me if you agree or disagree with it.
Q. 43 The rules that govern America's economy matter, and the top 1 percent have used their influence to shape the rules of the economy to their advantage. [Split. $\mathrm{N}=450$ ]

59\% Strongly Agree
24\% Somewhat Agree
83\% Agree

8\% Somewhat Disagree
15\% Disagree
6\% Strongly Disagree

ABC News Washington Post Poll, September 5-8, 2016. Q.36. $N=1,002$ adults.

How much say do you feel people like you have in influencing what the federal government does - a lot, some, a little, or none at all?

8\% A lot
24\% Some

35\% A little
33\% None

1\% No opinion

Hart Research Associates online survey for Americans United, Project New America, AFL-CIO, and others. July 15-20, 2015. $N=1,602$ swing voters

Percentage of swing voters who Strongly Agree with the following statements:

74\% We need to make politicians accountable to working people, instead of lobbyists for corporate special interests

68\% We need a government that uses resources to benefit all Americans, instead of giving tax breaks to wealthy special interests

67\% The wealthy, large corporations, and Wall Street have too much political power, which they use to get special tax breaks at the expense of the rest of us.

Hart Research Associates online survey for Americans United, Project New America, AFL-CIO, and others. July 15-20, 2015. $N=1,602$ swing voters

In each pair of statements, which statement is the biggest obstacle to having a strong economy today:

52\% Government spending and taxing too much, and over-regulating business
48\% Big corporations putting profits ahead of workers and the community
vs.

42\% Government spending and taxing too much, and over-regulating business
58\% Politicians looking out for the wealthy and big corporations rather than average people

Banks, Corporations, the Wealthy Widely Viewed as Benefiting from Gov't Policies Since Recession
\% saying government economic policies since the recession have helped each...


Survey conducted Feb. 18-22, 2015. Figures may not add to $100 \%$ because of rounding. PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Pew Research poll, February 2015, p. 1 and Q59F2

## Gov't Policies Seen as Helping Wealthy More Than the Middle Class or Poor

\% saying gov't policies since recession have helped each a great deal/fair amount ...

|  | Middle class <br> people <br> $\%$ | Poor <br> people <br> $\%$ | Wealthy <br> people |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 26 | 32 | 66 |
| Family income |  |  |  |
| $\$ 100,000$ or more | 23 | 32 | 61 |
| $\$ 75,000-\$ 99,999$ | 20 | 28 | 56 |
| $\$ 30,000-\$ 74,999$ | 22 | 36 | 70 |
| Less than $\$ 30,000$ | 33 | 30 | 68 |
| Republican | 16 | 38 | 55 |
| Democrat | 36 | 34 | 73 |
| Independent | 24 | 29 | 69 |
| Rep-Dem diff | -20 | +4 | -18 |

Survey conducted Feb. 18-22, 2015.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER
Pew Research poll, February 2015, p. 5 and Q59F2

# On Core Economic Values, Party Divides <br> Larger Than Income Differences 

\% saying ...

|  | Econ system <br> unfairly favors <br> powerful interests | Econ system <br> generally fair to <br> most people |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 62 | 33 |
| $\$ 100 \mathrm{k}+$ | 60 | 39 |
| $\$ 5 \mathrm{k}-\$ 100 \mathrm{k}$ <br> $\$ 30-\$ 75 \mathrm{~K}$ <br> $<\$ 30 \mathrm{~K}$ | 69 | 28 |
| Republican <br> Democrat | $\mathbf{6 8}$ | 28 |
| Independent | 70 | 37 |

Pew Research poll, February 2015, p. 10 and Q11b
$62 \%$ of respondents ( $80 \%$ of Democrats, $59 \%$ of Republicans and $40 \%$ of Independents) think that "America's tax system favors the wealthy over the middle class and poor." Huffington Post and YouGov poll, January 2015, Q2

## SECTION 7: TRUST IN GOVERNMENT

## Trust the Federal Government

Quinnnipiac University Survey, February 2-6, 2017. Telephone survey of 1,155 voters nationwide.
7. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right; almost all of the time, most of the time, only some of the time, or hardly ever?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | WHITE. . . . . COLLEGE DEG |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Yes | No |
| Almost all the time | 4\% | 9\% | 1\% | 3\% | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 5\% |
| Most of the time | 19 | 34 | 12 | 14 | 19 | 18 | 20 | 22 |
| Some of the time | 47 | 36 | 50 | 51 | 45 | 48 | 48 | 45 |
| Hardly ever | 29 | 18 | 35 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 25 | 27 |
| DK/NA | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
|  | AGE IN | YRS |  |  | WHITE. |  |  |  |
|  | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Men | Wom | Wht | NonWht |
| Almost all the time | 3\% | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 5\% | 4\% | 5\% | 2\% |
| Most of the time | 19 | 16 | 19 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 13 |
| Some of the time | 56 | 47 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 47 | 46 | 48 |
| Hardly ever | 19 | 32 | 32 | 28 | 28 | 25 | 26 | 36 |
| DK/NA | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

TREND: How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right; almost all of the time, most of the time, only some of the time, or hardly ever?

|  | Almost | Most | Only <br> Some | Hardly <br> Ever | DK/ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Feb 7, 2017 | All | NA |  |  |  |

On a scale of 0 to 100, what percent of time do you think you can trust the federal government? Center for American Progress National Post-Election Survey by Gerstein Bocian Agne Strategies, November 9-14, 2016. Q30. N=2,000 Total November 2016 voters.


On a scale of 0 to 100, when the government tries to solve a problem, what percent of the time do you feel confident that it will actually make a difference in helping to solve the problem?
Center for American Progress National Post-Election Survey by Gerstein Bocian Agne Strategies, November 9-14, 2016. Q31. N=2,000 Total November 2016 voters.

| \% of Time | All Voters | Trump Voters | Clinton Voters |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MEAN | $\mathbf{4 6}$ | 53 |  |
| $90+$ | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| $80-89$ | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| $70-79$ | $10 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| $60-69$ | $10 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| $50-59$ | $22 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| $40-49$ | $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| $30-39$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| $20-29$ | $11 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| $10-19$ | $7 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Under 10 | $12 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

70 or more

| ALL | Trump |
| :--- | :--- |
| $26 \%$ | $21 \%$ |

Clinton Voters

50 or more
58\%
48\%
69\%
Less than 50 43\%
52\%
32\%

Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right Pew Research Center, March 17-27, 2016, Q58I. N = 2,254

|  | Government Should Do <br> More to Solve Problems | Government is Doing Too Many <br> Things Better Left to Businesses <br> and Individuals | Both/Neither <br> DK/Refused |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar 17-27, 2016 | 48 | 49 | 3 |
| Aug 27- Oct 4 2015 | 47 | 48 | 4 |
| Nov 6-9, 2014 | 49 | 46 | 6 |
| Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014 | 45 | 51 | 4 |
| Sep 12-16, 2012 | 44 | 49 | 6 |
| Nov 4-7, 2010 | 43 | 48 | 9 |
| Jun 8-28, 2010 | 43 | 47 | 10 |
| Jan 14-27, 2010 | 45 | 47 | 8 |

## Frustrated with Government

Some People say they are basically content with the federal government, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which best describes how you feel?
Pew Research Center, March 17-27, 2016. Q10F. N = 1,130

|  | Basically Content | Frustrated | Angry | DK/Refused |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar 17-27, 2016 | 20 | 57 | 21 | 2 |
| Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015 | 18 | 57 | 22 | 3 |
| Feb 12-26, 2014 | 17 | 62 | 19 | 2 |
| Oct 9-13, 2013 | 12 | 55 | 30 | 3 |
| Sep 25-29, 2013 | 17 | 51 | 26 | 5 |
| Jan 9-13, 2013 | 20 | 58 | 19 | 3 |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 17 | 58 | 21 | 3 |
| Aug 17-21, 2011 | 11 | 60 | 26 | 3 |
| Feb 22- Mar1, 2011 | 22 | 59 | 14 | 5 |
| Aug 25 - Sep 6, 2010 | 21 | 52 | 23 | 4 |
| Apr 1-5, 2010 | 23 | 52 | 21 | 4 |
| Mar 11-21, 2010 | 19 | 56 | 21 | 5 |
| Jan 2007 | 21 | 58 | 16 | 5 |
| Oct 2006 | 21 | 54 | 20 | 5 |
| March 2004 | 32 | 52 | 13 | 3 |
| Nov 2001 | 53 | 34 | 8 | 5 |
| June 2000 | 28 | 53 | 13 | 6 |
| Feb 2000 | 33 | 54 | 10 | 3 |
| Oct 1997 | 29 | 56 | 12 | 3 |

## Confidence in Political Leaders at New Low

Gallup News Service, September 7-11, 2016. Q.14. N = 1,020 adults
PRINCETON, N.J. -- Americans' trust in their political leaders and in the American people themselves to make political decisions continues to decline. The percentages trusting the American people (56\%) and political leaders (42\%) are down roughly 20 percentage points since 2004 and are currently at new lows in Gallup's trends.

How much trust and confidence do you have in general in men and women in political life in this country who either hold or are running for public office -- a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

|  | Great Deal | Fair Amount | Not Very <br> Much | None at All | No Opinion | Great Deal + <br> Fair Amount |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sep 2016 | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{3 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 8}$ | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{4 2}$ |
| Sep 2015 | 5 | 39 | 47 | 9 | 1 | $\mathbf{4 4}$ |
| Sep 2014 | 6 | 39 | 44 | 9 | 2 | $\mathbf{4 5}$ |
| Sep 2010 | 4 | 43 | 44 | 7 | 2 | $\mathbf{4 7}$ |
| Sep 2008 | 8 | 58 | 29 | 3 | 2 | $\mathbf{6 6}$ |
| Sep 2005 | 4 | 54 | 35 | 5 | 2 | $\mathbf{5 8}$ |
| Sep 2002 | 6 | 54 | 33 | 6 | 1 | $\mathbf{6 0}$ |
| Jul 2000 | 7 | 57 | 31 | 3 | 2 | $\mathbf{6 4}$ |
| Dec 1998 | 7 | 56 | 31 | 4 | 2 | $\mathbf{6 3}$ |
| Jun 1976 | 6 | 58 | 28 | 4 | 4 | $\mathbf{6 4}$ |
| Apr 1974 | 7 | 61 | 24 | 4 | 4 | $\mathbf{6 8}$ |
| May 1972 | 7 | 58 | 27 | 5 | 2 | $\mathbf{6 5}$ |

## SECTION 8: TRUMP

## Americans Want Trump to Release his Tax Returns

Global Strategy Group Survey for The Hub Project, April 5-9, 2017. Online survey of 1,211 registered voters.

Q16. Do you agree or disagree that Donald Trump should release his tax returns?

## 49\% Strongly agree

31\% Somewhat agree
14\% Somewhat disagree
6\% Strongly disagree

## 80\% Total agree

20\% Total disagree

Washington Post-ABC News Poll, January 12-15, 2017. N = random national sample of 1,005 adults.

Q15: Do you think Trump should or should not release his tax returns? (IF SHOULD RELEASE) How much do you care about that - a lot, or not so much?

41\% Should Release, Care a lot
74\% Total Should Release
33\% Should Release, Care not so much
$18 \%$ Should not release tax returns

8\% No Opinion

Quinnipiac University National Poll, March 30 - April 3, 2017. Landline and cell phone interviews of 1,171 voters nationwide.

| WHITE $\qquad$ -•• COLLEGE DEG |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Yes | No |
| Yes/Should | 68\% | 40\% | 93\% | 68\% | 65\% | 72\% | 67\% | 57\% |
| No | 26 | 52 | 6 | 26 | 29 | 23 | 28 | 36 |
| DK/NA | 6 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AGE IN YRS... } \\ & 18-34 \quad 35-49 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | white <br> Men | Wom | Wht | NonWht |
|  |  |  | 50-64 | 65+ |  |  |  |  |
| Yes/Should | 78\% | 70\% | 66\% | 63\% | 59\% | 64\% | 62\% | 83\% |
| No | 16 | 26 | 28 | 31 | 34 | 30 | 32 | 13 |
| DK/NA | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 3 |

TREND: Do you think Donald Trump should publicly release his tax returns, or not?

|  | Yes | No | DK/NA |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Apr 04, 2017 | 68 | 26 | 6 |
| Mar 22, 2017 | 66 | 30 | 5 |
| Mar 08, 2017 | 67 | 29 | 5 |
| Feb 23, 2017 | 68 | 27 | 5 |

NBC News-Wall Street Journal Survey, January 12-15, 2017. N=1,000 adults.
Q20. Now, I'm going to mention a number of ways that Donald Trump will be different from other presidents. For each one, please tell me if you strongly support this change from other presidents, it is acceptable, you are uncertain about this change, or if you strongly oppose this change from other presidents. (RANDOMIZE)

Refusing to release his tax returns [asked of half sample]
10\% Strongly support
20\% Acceptable
15\% Uncertain
53\% Strongly oppose
2\% Not sure

Pew Research Center, January 4-9, 2017, 2017. N = national sample of 1,502 adults.
Q31F1. Do you think Trump has a responsibility to publicly release his tax returns, or does he not have this responsibility?

## 60\% Has responsibility to release returns

33\% Does not have responsibility to release returns
7\% Don't know/Refused [Vol.]

CBS News Poll, February 17-21, 2017. $N=1,280$
Q34. Do you think it is necessary for Donald Trump to publicly release his tax returns, or don't you think that is necessary?

|  | Total | $\underline{\text { Republicans }}$ | Democrats | Independents |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Necessary | $\mathbf{5 6}$ | 22 | 88 | 53 |
| Not necessary | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | 77 | 11 | 44 |
| Don't know/No answer | $\mathbf{2}$ | 1 | 1 | 3 |

CBS News Poll, December 9-13, 2016. N=1,259
Q35a. Do you think it is necessary for Donald Trump to publicly release his tax returns, or don't you think that is necessary?

|  | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\text { Republicans }}$ | Democrats | Independents |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Necessary | $\mathbf{6 0}$ | 30 | 84 | 60 |
| Not necessary | $\mathbf{3 8}$ | 67 | 15 | 36 |
| Don't know/No answer | $\mathbf{2}$ | 3 | 1 | 3 |

## Trump Has Not Done Enough to Prevent Conflicts of Interest

CBS News Poll, February 17-21, 2017. N=1,280
Q345. So far, do you think Donald Trump has done enough to prevent any conflicts of interest he may have between his business interests and his job as president, or has he not done enough to prevent conflicts of interest?

|  | Total | Republicans | Democrats | Independents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Done enough | $\mathbf{3 6}$ | 69 | 13 | 33 |
| Not done enough | $\mathbf{5 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 2}$ | 82 | 56 |
| No conflicts of interest <br> (volunteered) | $\mathbf{2}$ | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Don't know/No answer | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | 9 |

## Trump Voters Chose Trump to Help the Middle Class

NBC News-Wall Street Journal Poll, December 12-15, 2016. N=1,000 adults. Conducted by Hart Research Associates \& Public Opinion Strategies.

Q13. (ASKED OF TRUMP VOTERS) Here are a number of reasons why people say they voted for Donald Trump. For each one, please tell me if this was the single most important reason why you voted for Trump, a fairly important reason, only somewhat important, or not really a reason why you voted for Trump?

|  | $\frac{\text { Most }}{\frac{\text { Important }}{\text { Reason }}}$ | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { Fairly } \\ \text { Important } \\ \text { Reason } \end{array} . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Somewhat } \\ \hline \text { Important } \\ \hline \text { Reason } \end{gathered}$ | Not Really a Reason | Not <br> Sure |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| To make sure Hillary Clinton did not become president | 46\% | 30\% | 14\% | 10\% | - |
| To improve the economy and make it work better for the middle and working class | 41\% | 44\% | 11\% | 2\% | 2\% |
| To look out for America first instead of focusing on other countries | 40\% | 40\% | 11\% | 7\% | 2\% |
| To change business as usual in Washington, D.C. | 40\% | 41\% | 13\% | 5\% | 1\% |
| To take a tough approach on immigration, including building a wall on the border with Mexico | 20\% | 42\% | 21\% | 17\% | - |
| To pursue traditional Republican policies | 10\% | 26\% | 26\% | 36\% | 2\% |

Q13a. Now, from the list of reasons we just reviewed, which ONE is the most important reason you voted for Trump?

27\% To improve the economy and make it work better for the middle and working class
23\% To look out for America first instead of focusing on other countries
21\% To make sure Hillary Clinton did not become president
$18 \%$ To change business as usual in Washington, D.C.
5\% To take a tough approach on immigration, including building a wall on the border ...
1\% To pursue traditional Republican policies

Trump Appointment of Millionaires and Billionaires is Bad
NBC News-Wall Street Journal Poll, December 12-15, 2016. N=1,000 adults. Conducted by Hart Research Associates \& Public Opinion Strategies.

Q20b. (Asked of half sample) As you may know, President-elect Donald Trump has appointed a number of millionaires and billionaires to key posts in his administration. Which one best describes what you think? Would you say this is a ...

47\% Bad thing because these people are out of touch with the needs of average Americans and will favor policies that benefit wealthy Americans like themselves
43\% Good thing because these people have been successful in the private sector and know how to get things done to grow the economy and create jobs
7\% (Volunteered) Mixed, some of both
3\% Not sure

Majority Says Trump's Conflicts of Interest Are a Problem
NBC News-Wall Street Journal Poll, December 12-15, 2016. N=1,000 adults. Conducted by Hart Research Associates \& Public Opinion Strategies.

Q23. Some people say the businesses Donald Trump owns will present a conflict of interest for a sitting president. Do you think this is a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem at all?
35\% A major problem
23\% A minor problem
28\% Not a problem at all
13\% No opinion
1\% Not Sure

## Voters Split on If Trump Will Lower Their Taxes

Quinnipiac University, November 17-20, 2016, $N=1,071$ voters nationwide.
30. As president, do you think Donald Trump will - lower your taxes, or not?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | WHI | DEG |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Yes | No |
| Yes/Will | 45\% | 74\% | 21\% | 44\% | 54\% | 38\% | 48\% | 55\% |
| No | 48 | 19 | 73 | 48 | 40 | 54 | 44 | 39 |
| DK/NA | 7 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 7 |
|  | AGE IN | YRS |  |  | WHIT |  |  |  |
|  | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Men | Wom | Wht | NonWht |
| Yes/Will | 43\% | 41\% | 51\% | 44\% | 62\% | 44\% | 52\% | 30\% |
| No | 50 | 50 | 46 | 46 | 34 | 47 | 41 | 64 |
| DK/NA | 8 | 8 | 3 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 6 |

## Trump Should Not Remove Regulations on Corporations

Quinnipiac University, November 17-20, 2016, $N=1,071$ voters nationwide. 38. As president, do you think Donald Trump should - remove regulations on businesses and corporations, or not?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | WHITE........ COLLEGE DEG |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Yes | No |
| Yes/Should | 38\% | 66\% | 9\% | 39\% | 48\% | 30\% | 39\% | 46\% |
| No | 48 | 21 | 77 | 48 | 43 | 53 | 51 | 38 |
| DK/NA | 14 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 10 | 17 | 10 | 16 |
|  | AGE IN | YRS. |  |  | WHIT |  |  |  |
|  | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Men | Wom | Wht | NonWht |
| Yes/Should | 36\% | 39\% | 39\% | 37\% | 54\% | 34\% | 43\% | 27\% |
| No | 50 | 49 | 48 | 47 | 38 | 49 | 44 | 59 |
| DK/NA | 14 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 9 | 17 | 13 | 14 |

