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	News Stories	Original Op-Eds	Syndicated Op-Eds	Columns Original*	Columns Syndicated	Major Blogs	LTE*	TOTAL
National	109	7		8		14	1	139
State	167	26	150		5	4	17	369
TOTAL	276	33	150	8	5	18	18	508

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First Look – POLITICO Morning Tax

By Bernie Becker
June 29, 2016

The liberal group **Americans for Tax Fairness** is out with fulsome praise for the newest Democratic platform, which it says contains the strongest support of any major party platform yet for “a fair and progressive tax system.”

“For too long we’ve been operating under a rigged tax system. This platform begins the process of changing that,” said the group’s Frank Clemente. With what, you might ask? A surtax on millionaires and billionaires, a financial transactions tax and expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Blog: Tax Reform Proposals In Approved Draft Of Democratic Platform Are Most Progressive In Modern History – Huffington Post

By Frank Clemente
June 29, 2016

The draft 2016 Democratic Platform contains the strongest language in support of a fair and progressive tax system of any party platform crafted in the modern era, according to analysis by Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund (ATFAF).

“This is a major victory for working families and Main Street businesses that pay their fair of taxes,” said Frank Clemente, executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund. “The platform language on taxes represents a win for all those citizens and organizations that have been fighting tirelessly for a tax system that works for all of us—not just the rich and powerful. For too long we’ve been operating under a rigged tax system. This platform begins the process of changing that.”

The 2016 DNC Drafting Committee approved the platform language with amendments in St. Louis on June 25, and ATFAF compared this year’s draft language with all of the previous Democratic platforms since 1960.

Here's how Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton's tax plans add up – *The Daily Dot*

By Aaron Sankin
June 28, 2016

Trump's plan attracted different, albeit no less vociferous, criticism from experts on the other side of political spectrum. The primary goal of Trump's tax was to pay down the national debt, but, in 2000, the national debt was already in the process of being paid down as a result of a government budget surplus. That surplus would soon be erased by a tax cut targeted primarily at the wealthy and pair of foreign wars, but Trump had no way of knowing that at the time.

For Frank Clemente, executive director of the left-leaning **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Trump's insistence that, once the national debt was entirely paid down, the country would stop issuing debt similarly indicated an ignorance of government finance. The current “level of interest rates and Treasury bond rates” makes it a “phenomenal” time for the U.S. government to “borrow money to make the economy more productive and create a hell of a lot more,” Clemente said. “He's a business person who borrows money all the time to make investments, for crying out loud. He, more than anybody, knows the value of borrowing money to make you more productive.”

After much tax reform talk, House GOP finally agrees on a plan – *POLITICO*

By Brian Faler
Jun 24, 2016

Even before the plan was released, the left-leaning **Americans for Tax Fairness** was trashing it as a sop to the rich.

“House Speaker Paul Ryan and Donald Trump may disagree on some issues, but they are united when it comes to giving huge tax breaks to the wealthy and big corporations,” the group said.

House GOP To Unveil Tax Code Reform Plan – *Newsmax*

By Joe Crowe
June 24, 2016

The left-leaning group **Americans for Tax Fairness** slammed the plan, saying in a statement, “House Speaker Paul Ryan and Donald Trump may agree on some issues, but they are united when it comes to giving huge tax breaks to the wealthy and big corporations.”

Blog: We Can Pay For Zika Response — And More — With Corporate Tax Reform – Huffington Post

By Frank Clemente
June 14, 2016

There's no good excuse for Congress's disgraceful delay in responding to the dangerous Zika virus. But the worst excuse of all is that we can't afford to act. In fact, we can easily pay for a comprehensive response to this public health threat simply by closing a single corporate tax loophole.

The House and Senate adjourned for its Memorial Day recess without providing the \$1.9 billion President Obama urgently requested three months ago to fight Zika, which can cause crippling birth defects. The head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently warned that there is only a "narrow window of opportunity" to effectively fight the disease. Hundreds of cases have already been reported in the continental United States.

Walmart sells more than Apple, Amazon and Microsoft, combined -- Quartz

By Oliver Staley
June 7, 2016

Much has been written about the destructive power of Walmart on small towns and salary growth. Its obsession with low prices squeezes its thousands of suppliers, who in turn hold down their wages. And the low wages Walmart pays its associates force many of its employees to rely on public assistance, costing taxpayers an estimated \$6.2 billion annually, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

Dems see political gold in fight over Trump's taxes -- The Hill

By Naomi Jagoda
May 30, 2016

A petition on the matter sponsored by groups including the AFL-CIO, **Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund**, CREDO Action and Democracy for America had more than 75,000 signers as of Friday afternoon. A separate petition from CREDO had more than 54,000 signers.

How the U.S. Promotes Secret Tax Havens – EIN News Desk – World News Report

By Mark Hays
May 4, 2016

There are two important lessons from the secret international financial dealings of the corrupt and powerful revealed by the Panama Papers.

The first is that the creation of anonymous corporations often used to hide illicit and illegal activities isn't restricted to Panama or other tax havens. In fact, America is one of the most popular places in the world to set up the kind of shell companies used by princes and presidents, gangsters and terrorists to shield shady money dealings.

Second, we can do more about the problem than express outrage. Legislation in Congress would tear the mask off these anonymous U.S. corporations and allow law enforcement to effectively pursue criminal activities ranging from tax evasion to drug dealing, money laundering to human trafficking.

Op-ed: From Panama to Delaware: How the U.S. Promotes Secret Tax Havens – World News Network

By Mark Hays
April 25, 2016
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This Regulatory Move Stopped \$35 Billion in Tax Avoidance from One Merger Alone -- Foreign Policy in Focus

By Josh Hoxie
April 14, 2016

President Obama recently announced new rules from the Treasury Department designed to close what he called one of the most “insidious tax loopholes out there.” The rule targets corporate inversions, a maneuver in which an American firm merges with a foreign firm in order to avoid paying taxes in the United States — without actually moving their operations overseas.

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, called the move great news for American taxpayers. “Treasury has taken an important step to improve the overall corporate tax system,” he said. “These rules move in the right direction to level the playing field for domestic companies competing with multinationals.”

Blog: It's Tax Time, But Corporations Aren't Paying – Huffington Post

By Frank Clemente
April 13, 2016

Tax Day offers a stark reminder of the difference between those of us who pay all our taxes every year and the big corporations that don't. While families and small businesses scramble to file their returns each April, multinational corporations are free to indefinitely ignore a \$700 billion U.S. tax bill they owe on \$2.4 trillion in profits stashed offshore.

American corporations owe U.S. taxes on all their income wherever made, but thanks to a loophole called "deferral," they don't have to pay the bill on offshore profits until they bring the money home. Not surprisingly, this special tax break has encouraged companies to hold more and more of their profits overseas.

Taxes Proving to Be Campaign Dud So Far -- Tax Notes

By Paul C. Barton
April 11, 2016

"It is interesting, isn't it, that many of the candidates have detailed tax plans, but the public just isn't paying attention," Karlyn Bowman, who specializes in analyzing public opinion at the American Enterprise Institute, told Tax Analysts.

Ron Eckstein, spokesman for **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said polling on an issue like corporate inversions "would require like three different levels of explanation. I can understand why you can't find much polling on taxes. It's very hard to do."

The Treasury Department Disrupts Pfizer-Allergan Inversion! -- Sputnik News

By Thom Hartmann
April 11, 2016

Frank Clemente of the group **Americans for Tax Fairness** said, "If our analysis is correct, this is a major victory for taxpayers who pay their fair share and who should expect no less from one of America's biggest and most profitable corporations."

Capitalist Deserter Pfizer Just Got a Spanking -- *The Nation*

By William Greider
April 8, 2016

Tax law is not sexy, but Pfizer's loss is a potent win for small-d democracy. It can provide a starting point for reinvigorating reform politics. Among Washington's myriad scandals, the drug industry is the Goliath of our corrupted politics. Pfizer and its brethren in Big Pharma spread millions around the halls of Congress, and they always seem to get their way. The David throwing stones at Pfizer & Co. is a small but feisty reform group called **Americans for Tax Fairness**. It rallied support and argued that Treasury could stop the looting... and this time little David won.

The US Chamber of Commerce was not happy. "It's punitive, it's paranoia," the boss lobbyist complained. Whenever the Chamber whines, we know something good has happened for the people.

Here is why I think this episode has great potential for inspiring a broader movement to confront the corporate dominance of American politics: Pfizer's CEO, Ian Read, was stupid enough to announce that the company was abandoning US citizenship right in the middle of a tumultuous presidential campaign—one in which voters have expressed alarm and anger about their lost prosperity and continuing economic troubles.

Americans for Tax Fairness on BBC Newshour

April 6, 2016

Americans for Tax Fairness was cited during a BBC Newshour report on corporate tax evasion, highlighting Pfizer's \$35 billion tax bill. The segment appeared on hundreds of public radio stations across the country, including WNYC in New York City, KPCC and KCRW in Los Angeles, and WAMU in Washington, D.C.

Obama's New Limits On Corporate Tax Dodging Don't Go Far Enough -- *Huffington Post*

By Alexander C. Kaufman
April 6, 2016

"We're very pleased that these rules appear to kill the Pfizer-Allergan merger," said Ron Eckstein, a spokesman for the nonprofit **Americans for Tax Fairness**. "We hope it's gone for good. But Pfizer has tried three of four different inversion attempts over the last few years, so it's almost naive to think they won't try again."

Pfizer, Allergan call off \$160 billion merger after U.S. moves to block inversions -- *Washington Post*

By Renae Merle and Carolyn Y. Johnson
April 6, 2016

Some lawmakers believe companies should be paying less, while others believe they should be paying more. Lowering the tax rate without plugging the abundance of tax loopholes could be a fiscal disaster, while harmonizing the U.S. tax system with the rest of the world could take years, legislative staffers say.

“Fundamentally, it all comes down to how do you pay for it,” said **Frank Clemente**, executive director of the advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

New Inversion Rules Stop Pfizer’s Merger With Allergan -- *Legal Reader*

By Consuella Pachico
April 6, 2016

Pfizer would have been in a position to eliminate nearly \$35 billion from its U.S. tax bill over the course of a decade through its merger with Allergan, according to a report put out by advocacy group, **Americans For Tax Fairness**.

The Treasury prevented Pfizer’s plans by not only stopping the inversion, but also by implementing a proposal that would block a practice known as “earnings-stripping.”

How fury over tax havens moved from the margins to the mainstream -- *Financial Times*

By Tom Burgis
April 6, 2016

Across the Atlantic, tax dodging has become an emblem of what has left so many Americans infuriated with the business and political elite, says **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal advocacy group.

“Americans are really upset about Washington. They think it is a cesspool filled with special deals. The place they can see this most clearly, with the politicians enriching the rich corporations, is in the tax system,” says Mr Clemente.

The Panama Papers Show it's Time for 'No Representation Without Taxation' -- *Politics USA*

By Hrafnkell Haraldsson

April 6, 2016

Gordon ignores some facts. Forget for a moment the evidence of the Panama Papers; as **Americans for Tax Fairness** point out,

Corporate share of federal tax revenue has dropped by two-thirds in 60 years — from 32% in 1952 to 10% in 2013.

General Electric, Boeing, Verizon and 23 other profitable Fortune 500 firms paid no federal income taxes from 2008 to 2012.

Americans for Tax Fairness Executive Director Frank Clemente Discusses Inversion Regulation on NPR's Marketplace

April 5, 2016

ATF Executive Director **Frank Clemente** was interviewed about the Treasury Department's new inversion regulations for National Public Radio's "Marketplace" show. The interview appeared on nearly 800 public radio stations across the country, including WNYC in New York City, KPCC and KCRW in Los Angeles, and WAMU in Washington, D.C.

Obama Just Struck A Blow Against Corporate Tax Dodging -- *Huffington Post*

By Daniel Marans

April 5, 2016

Americans for Tax Fairness, a liberal tax reform advocacy group, estimates that under the rules Treasury announced on Monday, Pfizer's American shareholders would now exceed Treasury's American ownership threshold, making it subject to U.S. corporate taxes — and eliminating the motivation for the "corporate inversion." Treasury will likely not count a significant percentage of shares in Allergan as those of the foreign-owned target company, because Allergan is a "serial inverter" that has already merged with several American companies in recent years.

Blog: New Anti-Inversion Rules Block Pfizer's \$35 Billion Tax Dodge -- *Campaign for America's Future*

By Dave Johnson
April 5, 2016

Giant, mega-profitable companies like the drug maker Pfizer engage in complicated, tricky schemes to dodge paying the taxes they owe. The result is that there is not enough money for bridge repair, better schools, and other public goods.

The Treasury Department caught up to Pfizer and others this week, issuing new rules that will help address the problem.

Those online petitions you signed and those letters and calls to members of Congress helped make this happen. They put pressure on those responsible for fixing this, and they responded.

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, made the following statement in response.

"Pfizer cleverly structured its inversion with Allergan so that it would not be considered an inversion, allowing it to receive all the tax breaks that corporate deserters get when they change their legal address to a tax haven.

Why a corporation's "inversion" matters to taxpayers – *National Public Radio's Marketplace*

By Annie Baxter
April 5, 2016

"The drug or the computer software may be invented here in America, but the ownership gets shifted offshore to a tax haven," said **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**. "And then the U.S company starts paying a licensing fee to rent the use of those patents that now exist in a tax haven."

The Panama Papers Expose the Hidden Wealth of the World's Super-Rich -- *The Nation*

By Chuck Collins
April 5, 2016

This publicity will hopefully bolster the global movement against tax haven abuse, including the work of US networks such as **Americans for Tax Fairness** and the Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency (FACT). The FACT Coalition has been advocating for transparency reforms such as disclosure of “beneficial ownership” of shell corporations and entities. It is pressing for passage of “The Incorporation Transparency and Law Enforcement Assistance Act” (H.R. 4450 and S. 2489) that would require all American companies, with a number of exceptions, to disclose the real people who own or control them when they are formed, and to keep that information updated.

Obama calls for Congress to close corporate tax loopholes -- *The Hill*

By Naomi Jagoda
April 5, 2016

The president’s comments come the day after the Treasury Department announced new actions designed to limit corporate inversions. Inversions are transactions in which a U.S. company merges with a foreign company and reincorporates the combined company overseas to lower its tax burden. This practice has frequently been criticized by lawmakers and presidential candidates.

The liberal-leaning **Americans for Tax Fairness** said Tuesday the new guidance would deny tax breaks to U.S. pharmaceutical giant Pfizer, which it had expected to get through its planned acquisition of Ireland-based Allergan. The \$160 billion deal would be the largest inversion to date.

Obama criticizes companies that leave U.S. for lower taxes -- *The Washington Post*

By Renae Merle
April 5, 2016

Obama praised regulations issued the day before by the Treasury Department aimed at making more difficult these so-called inversions, in which U.S. companies combine with foreign firms to reduce U.S. taxes.

Applying the new Treasury Department rule, **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimates that Pfizer shareholders could own about 70 percent of the new foreign company, well above the 60 percent threshold, said Frank Clemente, executive director of the advocacy group.

Pfizer's Dublin plans are dubious amid new regs and Allergan's nosedive -- *New York Business Journal*

By Anthony Noto
April 5, 2016

The deal currently doubles as a ploy for Pfizer (NYSE: PFE) to not only buy Allergan (NYSE: AGN), but switch its headquarters to Dublin to lower its tax rate. Such a move would help it avoid a \$35 billion tax bill, according to a recent report by **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

Walmart Just Suffered a Huge Loss -- *Attn*

By Thor Benson
April 4, 2016

Walmart has also been under fire due to low wages — and the fact that many of its workers rely on taxpayer funded government assistance, according to a 2014 report from **Americans for Tax Fairness**. The company raised its wages in January of 2016; the average part time worker will now make \$10 per hour, and the average full time worker will make \$13.38 per hour. Labor rights advocates are pushing for a \$15 per hour minimum wage.

Treasury's New Rules on Tax Inversions Raise Questions About Pfizer-Allergan Deal -- *Stat News*

By Ed Silverman
April 4, 2016

After months of anticipation, the US Department of Treasury issued new rules about so-called tax inversions that raised uncertainty about the \$160 billion merger deal between Pfizer and Allergan.

The rules are designed to curb inversions, which effectively reduce federal revenue and, as a result, have been widely criticized as unpatriotic and detrimental. In these deals, a US company buys a foreign company and reincorporates headquarters overseas where corporate taxes are lower. The acquiring company can reduce taxes by adding debt to its US unit and shifting profits overseas.

Americans for Tax Fairness, a non-profit advocacy group, estimates that Pfizer is attempting to dodge approximately \$35 billion by merging with Allergan.

Walmart Avoids Paying Fair Share In Tax Dispute -- *Opposing Views*

By Nik Bonopartis
March 30, 2016

When it comes to hiding revenue, exploiting tax loopholes, and finding creative ways to understate profits, Walmart and its army of lawyers makes other companies look like amateurs.

A 2015 report by **Americans For Tax Fairness** found the Walmart hid \$76 billion in subsidiaries set up in tax havens. The company hid the existence of those subsidiaries, the report concluded, keeping them a secret from the public and the IRS. Walmart's network included 78 subsidiaries scattered throughout the world's tax havens, the report said, including 22 subsidiaries hiding some \$45 billion in Luxembourg, a country that doesn't have a single Walmart store.

Fifty-five liberal groups urge Treasury to crack down on “hopscotch” loans, a key benefit of inversions -- *POLITICO Morning Tax*

By Bernie Becker
March 22, 2016

Americans for Tax Fairness' recent letter to Jack Lew urging the Treasury Department to crack down on hopscotch loans was featured in Morning Tax today. The letter was signed by over 50 interest groups and delivery to the Treasury yesterday.

People & Power -- *Al Jazeera*

March 24, 2016

Americans for Tax Fairness executive director **Frank Clemente** was featured in Al Jazeera's People & Power program. The segment focused on corporate influence on Congress, the tax code, and the potential consequences for our democracy.

Blog: Obama Can Stop Pfizer's Tax Rip-Off – Huffington Post

By Frank Clemente
March 25, 2016

You already know big pharmaceutical companies are ripping you off by charging too much for their medicines. But did you know they're also hurting you by dodging their fair share of taxes? A new report shows how one company pulls off this double whammy—and how there's still time to prevent its biggest tax dodge yet.

Pfizer—maker of Lipitor, Lyrica, Viagra, and many other prescription drugs—wants to turn its back on America by claiming to be an Irish company through an offshore merger, giving it access to Ireland's low tax rates. The change would only be on paper. The company would still be run from the United States, enjoying all the benefits of being based in America—such as our taxpayer-supported roads, public colleges, and patent protections—without paying its part to support them.

Sanders Tells Treasury to Block Pfizer Inversion Using Existing Law -- Accounting Today

By Roger Russell
March 21, 2016

Democratic Presidential hopeful and U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders has urged the Treasury to block Pfizer's planned corporate inversion.

Sanders, ranking member on the Senate Budget Committee, said in a letter dated March 18, 2016, that he has serious concerns about the fiscal impacts of a failure to act.

He cited a recent study from **Americans for Tax Fairness** which estimates that preventing the inversion of Pfizer alone could save as much as \$35 billion in revenue.

Pfizer's Eager to Go, but the Market Has Doubts -- *The New York Times*

By Jeff Sommer
March 12, 2016

In a report last month, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, an advocacy organization affiliated with labor unions, urged the Obama administration to stop Pfizer.

Frank Clemente, the group's executive director, said, "In the company's biggest insult to America yet, Pfizer's merger would allow it to go on enjoying all the benefits of being based here — everything from a publicly educated work force, to an excellent communications infrastructure, to a reliable patent system — without adequately paying to support them."

Senate Bill Targets Corporations Moving Overseas to Dodge Taxes -- *The American Prospect*

By Rachel M. Cohen
March 9, 2016

Brown says his bill would prevent corporations "from sticking middle-class working people with their tab." He calls it a "commonsense step" to increasing domestic investment and leveling the playing field for all American companies. The long-term solution, he says, will be to pass international corporate tax reform.

Frank Clemente, the executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness** calls Brown's bill "a victory for tax fairness."

Op-ed: Pfizer rips off America -- *The Hill*

By Richard Kirsch
March 8, 2016

The combination of Pfizer's actions to avoid paying taxes on the money it makes in America and the high prices for those drugs is a powerful example of the anger driving the Trump and Sanders campaigns, an anger Clinton is trying to latch onto. Americans understand that the reason we pay such high prices for drugs is because of lobbying and campaign cash from Pfizer and rest of PhRMA. Meanwhile, President Obama and Congress sit on their hands.

As *The Hill* reported, **Americans for Tax Fairness** (AFT) lays out the story of Pfizer's double-barreled ripoff of Americans in an excellent new report titled "Pfizer: Price Gouger, Tax Dodger."

Democrats and Republicans Are Quietly Planning a Corporate Giveaway—to the Tune of \$400 Billion -- *The Nation*

By William Greider
March 4, 2016

Taxation is complicated stuff, and a fog of deceitful propaganda already envelops the subject. To get straight facts, I recommend two tough-minded, truth-telling organizations: Citizens for Tax Justice, led by Robert McIntyre, and **Americans for Tax Fairness**, run by **Frank Clemente**, are rallying opponents of this royal scam.

Report: Pfizer attempting to dodge \$35 billion in taxes through merger with Allergan -- *BioPharma Dive*

By Nicole Gray
February 29, 2016

The pending reverse merger with Allergan could allow Pfizer to lower its tax rate from about 25% to roughly 17% or 18% by moving its tax domicile from the U.S. to Ireland. Although the Obama administration has made efforts to prevent U.S. companies from moving their tax base overseas, the Pfizer-Allergan team is confident the pending merger will clear regulatory authorities.

In the report, the national coalition **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) criticizes Pfizer for aggressively raising prescription drug prices while concurrently aiming to lower the amount of taxes it pays to the U.S.

Pfizer Inc. Tries to Dodge \$35bn in Taxes, Analysts Bullish -- *Learn Bonds*

By Helen Mehta
February 27, 2016

Pfizer Inc. ([NYSE:PFE](#))'s obsession with lowering its payable taxes is not new. The activist group '**Americans for Tax Fairness**' has said in a new report that the firm would enjoy lower tax rates in Ireland while still being able to take advantage of having operations in the US market. The \$160bn deal with Botox-manufacturer Allergan was announced in November and has shaken up a storm in the pharma industry.

Here's How Much More Pfizer Could Save in Taxes With Allergan Deal -- Fortune

By Jen Wieczner
February 26, 2016

Pfizer won't have to pay a \$35 billion tax bill once it completes its pending merger with Ireland-based drugmaker Allergan, according to a new [report](#) by **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) urging the White House to prevent the "tax dodge."

That calculation is a lot higher than the \$1.2 billion in taxes that Pfizer [PFE](#) 0.27% estimates it will [save](#) next year as a result of the \$160 billion deal with Allergan [AGN](#) -0.10% , expected to close later this year.

Pfizer Seen As Avoiding Tax Bill of \$35 Billion with Merger -- Financial Market News

By Doug Madson
February 26, 2016

Pfizer, Inc would avoid paying permanently a \$35 billion tax bill through its merger with Allergan, according to a Thursday report by a group, which advocates tax fairness, though an accounting and tax consultant said that the number had been misleading.

Four members of the U.S. Congress who are all Democrats joined the group **Americans for Tax Fairness** that is affiliated with different labor unions, at a news conference and urged the White House administration to use its executive authority and deny the tax benefits of U.S. corporations if they change their tax domicile to overseas.

Allergan deal to help Pfizer save \$35 bn in annual taxes: report -- Domain-B

February 26, 2016

Global pharmaceuticals major Pfizer Inc is expected to save an estimated \$35 billion in annual taxes if it pushes through a merger with Allergan and shifts its base to Dublin in Ireland from the United States.

The Pfizer-Allergan deal is the largest inversion ever, which would potentially lower the merged entity's annual tax bill by \$35 billion in the United States, according to a report published on Thursday by consumer group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

Report: Pfizer dodging \$35B in taxes -- CNBC

By Kevin McCoy
February 26, 2016

U.S. pharmaceutical giant Pfizer (PFE) is trying to dodge an estimated \$35 billion in taxes by merging with Ireland-based rival Allergan and shifting its headquarters overseas, a coalition of labor and consumer groups charged Thursday.

In a new report, **Americans for Tax Fairness** said the New York-based maker of Lipitor, Viagra and other well-known drugs would take advantage of lower tax rates in Ireland while reaping the benefits of having its operations in the U.S. under a \$160 billion corporate tax inversion deal announced with Allergan in November.

Giving up its U.S. citizenship could save Pfizer \$35 billion in taxes – The Washington Post

By Renae Merle
February 25, 2016

When Pfizer announced its plan last year to merge with Botox-maker Allergan and move its headquarters to Ireland the company said the deal would lower its tax rate to about 17 percent to 18 percent, saving it about \$2 billion over three years.

But in a report published Thursday, **Americans for Tax Fairness** say the New York-based pharma giant will actually save much more by giving up its U.S. citizenship: \$35 billion.

Liberals Say White House Should Stop Pfizer Tax Avoidance -- POLITICO

By Sarah Karlin and Brett Normin
February 25, 2016

Americans for Tax Fairness urged the Obama administration to cut off tax benefits that would flow from a proposed merger of Pfizer and Allergan. The deal would relocate the company's headquarters to Dublin and allow Pfizer to save \$35 billion in taxes, according to a report the group released Thursday. Four House Democrats — including Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut and Lloyd Doggett of Texas — joined the group in calling for more action out of the White House and faulted the Treasury Department for concluding that the merger was not a “tax inversion.”
The report.

Returns, Attacks, and Impacts -- Tax Vox

By Renu Zaretsky
February 25, 2016

Did Pfizer make choices that don't add up? In [their new report](#), **Americans for Tax Fairness** finds that the Pfizer-Allergan merger allows Pfizer to keep \$35 billion in profits offshore, and thus pay no taxes on them. At the same time, a Medicare user in the US pays an average of 12 times as much for the firm's top-selling drugs as a buyer in Ireland.

Pfizer-Allergan Merger: Tax Inversion Deal Would Help US Pharma Giant Dodge \$35B In Taxes, Report Says – International Business Times

By Avaneesh Pandey
February 25, 2016

U.S. pharmaceutical giant Pfizer will be able to avoid an estimated \$35 billion in taxes by merging with Botox-maker Allergan and shifting its headquarters to Ireland, **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) — an advocacy group — alleged in a [report](#) released Thursday.

The figure is based on two of Pfizer's disclosures — the first one stating that as of 2014, the company had a deferred tax liability of \$21.2 billion on unrepatriated foreign earnings, and a second one revealing that it has about \$74 billion in overseas earnings that it plans to hold there indefinitely.

Report: Merger Would Help Pfizer Avoid \$35 Billion in Taxes – Morning Consult

By Mary Ellen MacIntyre
February 25, 2016

Pfizer could avoid paying \$35 billion in taxes on an estimated \$148 billion in profits it currently maintains offshore if its merger with the Irish drugmaker Allergan is approved, according to a [report](#) from **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a group that advocates for progressive tax reforms that require "big corporations and the wealthy to pay their fair share in taxes, not to live by their own set of rules."

The \$35 billion in taxes could fund the National Cancer Institute for almost seven years, the group said in its report, adding that Pfizer should charge the same prices for prescription drugs in the U.S. as it does in Ireland if the merged company is going to pay Irish taxes.

Pfizer Said To Save \$35B In Taxes With Move To Ireland -- Law360

By Eric Kroh
February 25, 2016

Pharmaceutical giant Pfizer Inc. will save nearly \$35 billion in U.S. taxes over a decade through its merger with Irish drugmaker Allergan PLC because it will avoid paying tax on \$148 billion in earnings stashed offshore, according to a report by **Americans for Tax Fairness** released on Thursday.

U.S. lawmakers have said that the \$160 billion Pfizer-Allergan deal, the largest so-called inversion transaction to date, shows an urgent need to take action to dissuade companies from moving overseas

Report: Pfizer dodging \$35B in taxes -- USA Today

By Kevin McCoy
February 25, 2016

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Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- ABC News

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal – The New York Times

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Liberal group, House Dems slam Pfizer for tax dodging -- *The Hill*

By Naomi Jagoda
February 25, 2016

A report released Thursday by a liberal-leaning group and several House Democrats attacks pharmaceutical giant Pfizer for dodging taxes while raising prescription drug prices.

Pfizer announced in November that it would merge with Ireland-based Allergan in what is viewed as the largest corporate tax inversion to date. The merged company would have an Irish legal residence, which would allow Pfizer to lower its tax burden. But the combined company would continue to be managed in the United States.

The report from **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) found that by merging with Allergan, Pfizer may be able to avoid paying an estimated \$35 billion in taxes on profits held offshore. That money could fund the National Cancer Institute for nearly seven years.

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal – *The Washington Post*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Dodging Taxes Through Corporate “Inversions” -- *The American Prospect*

By Roger Bybee
February 25, 2016

But in January, Johnson announced that it would merge with overseas manufacturer Tyco International and transfer its official corporate headquarters to Cork, Ireland, where Tyco is already based. Johnson called the merger a chance for both companies to leverage the emerging home products market. But the move conveniently saves the new company \$150 million a year in U.S. taxes. That’s because Ireland has a corporate tax rate of 12.5 percent, while Johnson Controls paid a rate of about 19 percent in the U.S. last year.

In the meantime, public anger over corporate inversions is mounting, as household incomes continue to fall for tens of millions of Americans. An August 2014 poll by **Americans for Tax Fairness** revealed that more than two-thirds of likely voters disapprove of corporate inversions—86 percent of Democrats, 80 percent of independents, and 69 percent of Republicans.

U.S. reps push for Pfizer penalties on report that it's dodging \$35B in U.S. taxes -- Fierce Pharma

By Carly Helfand
February 25, 2016

A new report from a tax fairness group claims Pfizer's ([\\$PFE](#)) Allergan ([\\$AGN](#)) merger will help it dodge \$35 billion in U.S. taxes--and while some experts doubt that figure's accuracy, it's spurred some members of Congress to urge a further crackdown on companies that shift their tax bases abroad.

Four members of the U.S. House of Representatives are using a report from **Americans for Tax Fairness** as a platform to push for the Obama administration to withhold tax benefits to corporations who move their tax addresses overseas, *Bloomberg* reports. While the U.S. Treasury has already tightened the reins twice on tax inversions, their proposal would envelop Pfizer as well; as part of its plan to bypass governmental hurdles, the company structured its transaction so that smaller, Ireland-based Allergan will technically be the one buying it.

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- Christian Science Monitor

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Pfizer Inc. Seen Avoiding \$35 Billion in Tax Via Allergan Merger, according to a report -- MicroCap Magazine

By Kevin B. Atencio
February 25, 2016

Pfizer Inc. will be able to permanently avoid paying \$35 billion in U.S. taxes by merging with Allergan Plc, according to a report released Thursday by a group that advocates for tax fairness — though a tax and accounting consultant called the number “a little misleading.”

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Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Drug Discovery and Development*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Townhall*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Federal News Radio*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Pfizer "Tax Dodging": Worth \$35 Billion, Says New Report -- *Value Walk*

February 25, 2016

Pfizer seen avoiding US\$35b in tax via Allergan merger -- *The Business Times*

By Lynnley Browning
February 25, 2016

Blog: Pfizer's Tax Dodge and the Implications for Human Needs -- *Coalition on Human Needs*

By David Elliot
February 25, 2016

On Thursday, joined at a Capitol Hill news conference by five members of Congress, **Americans for Tax Fairness** released its report, *Pfizer: Price Gouger, Tax Dodger*. (Full disclosure: Coalition on Human Needs is a proud member of the ATF coalition, which boasts 425 national and state endorsing organizations.)

Blog: How Pfizer Could Get Away With Avoiding \$35 Billion in Taxes -- Tax Justice Blog

By Richard Phillips
February 25, 2015

Last year Citizens for Tax Justice (CTJ) published a [report](#) showing that the drug manufacturer Pfizer was holding (on paper) \$74 billion of its profits offshore, declaring that these profits would be “permanently reinvested” abroad to avoid incurring even a dime of U.S. tax on those profits. Now a [new report](#) from **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF), based in part on CTJ research, finds that Pfizer has likely understated the size of its untaxed offshore stash by a factor of two. In fact, Pfizer may avoid paying as much as \$35 billion on its offshore profits, if its proposed inversion goes ahead as planned.

Pfizer Inc. (NYSE:PFE) Merger with Allergan Being Viewed as a Way to Evade \$35 billion in Taxes -- The Journal Transcript

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Pfizer Seen Avoiding \$35 Billion in Tax Via Allergan Merger -- Newsmax

By Lynnley Browning
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- Associated Press

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

A consumer group is accusing Pfizer of seeking to avoid \$35 billion in U.S. taxes with its plan to buy fellow drugmaker Allergan in a deal structured to nominally move Pfizer's address to lower-tax Ireland, Allergan's home.

In a report released Thursday, **Americans for Tax Fairness** says that would also slash future U.S. taxes paid by Pfizer Inc., which will keep its operational headquarters at its New York City base. Pfizer would still have to pay U.S. taxes on income earned in the country, but not overseas.

Pfizer Seen Avoiding \$35 Billion in Tax Via Allergan Merger -- Bloomberg

By Lynnley Browning
February 25, 2016

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Why wage hikes are actually good news for Wal-Mart -- Christian Science Monitor

By Olivia Lowenberg
February 17, 2016

Wal-Mart's wages are higher than the federal minimum, but lower than the \$12.96 national average for full-time hourly wage work. Many Wal-Mart employees rely on federal assistance programs like food stamps and Medicaid to subsidize their small wages.

This has invited criticism that contends the government is footing the bill for large retail chains to pay their employees less than a living wage. A 2014 report by **Americans for Tax Fairness** found that it costs taxpayers between \$904,542 and \$1.75 million to provide federal assistance programs for employees at just one Walmart Supercenter.

Election 2016: Hillary Clinton Pledges To End Tax Move Her Donors Have Used -- International Business Times

By Andrew Perez and David Sirota
February 2, 2016

In 2014, Buffett's investment conglomerate, Berkshire Hathaway, helped finance Burger King's high-profile move to relocate itself to Canada and avoid U.S. taxes. One left-leaning watchdog group, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, estimated that the inversion would allow the company to dodge between \$400 million and \$1.2 billion in U.S. taxes over the next few years.

US lawmakers slam ‘hostile’ EU tax climate -- *Financial Times*

By Barney Jopson and Christian Oliver
February 2, 2016

Brussels is also dismissive of the Obama administration's argument that EU states have no right to tax income from US multinationals.

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal advocacy group, said it was “pathetic” to last week see Robert Stack, a US Treasury official, complaining about the commission’s probes.

The new Walmart effect: Store closures are leaving food deserts in their wake -- *AOL Finance*

By Willy Blackmore
February 2, 2016

Furthermore, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a coalition of progressive political groups, low-wage workers at Walmart cost taxpayers \$6.2 billion in government assistance—including SNAP benefits that Walmart employees often spend at the same Walmart location where they work. The USDA doesn't collect data on where food stamp recipients spend their benefits, but it's estimated that 18 percent of SNAP dollars are spent at Walmart.

Liberals to Obama -- *POLITICO Morning Tax*

By Bernie Becker
February 1, 2016

Get moving on inversions. **Americans for Tax Fairness** made the case in a recent release that the administration could be doing more to take away the benefits to corporations, like Pfizer and Johnson Controls, that head to the exits. Reuven Avi-Yonah, an international tax expert at Michigan, said that Treasury could follow through on a 2014 notice saying it would strip key tax breaks from inverted companies. "This remedy would result in U.S. taxes on any distributions of the offshore profits to the newly formed foreign parent company," Avi-Yonah said in a statement released by Americans for Tax Fairness. "That would probably stop these inversions in their tracks." <http://bit.ly/1nHclcY>

The New Walmart Effect: Store Closures Are Leaving Food Deserts in Their Wake -- Take Part

By Willy Blackmore
January 31, 2016

Furthermore, according to Americans for Tax Fairness, a coalition of progressive political groups, low-wage workers at Walmart cost taxpayers \$6.2 billion in government assistance—including SNAP benefits that Walmart employees often spend at the same Walmart location where they work. The USDA doesn't collect data on where food stamp recipients spend their benefits, but it's estimated that 18 percent of SNAP dollars are spent at Walmart. The chain itself has even suggested that its business depends on the nutrition assistance program to a certain degree. According to a 2014 Securities and Exchange Commission filing, Walmart noted that "changes in the amount of payments made under the Supplement Nutrition Assistance Plan and other public assistance plans" and "changes in the eligibility requirements of public assistance plans" could put a dent in its profits—some \$16 billion in 2015.

Op-Ed: Start Corporate Tax Reform by Stopping Tax-Dodging Merger -- InsideSources

By Don Kusler
January 27, 2016

Congressional action could even be bipartisan, since the Republican chairman of the Senate Finance Committee has said he is open to reform that would block the kind of deal Pfizer is trying to pull off.

And if Congress fails to act, President Obama should step in and have his Treasury Department close the loophole that Pfizer is planning to exploit to avoid the tens of billions dollars in taxes it owes on its offshore profits, as recommended by **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

Blog: Tax-Dodging Microsoft Should Not Be Honored at SOTU – Huffington Post

By Frank Clemente
January 12, 2016

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella will be sitting in the House gallery as an honored guest at the State of the Union (SOTU) address tonight. By all rights, he should be sitting before a Congressional committee instead, answering for his company's blatant tax avoidance.

Blog: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- *Huffington Post*

By **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
December 22, 2015

Surprisingly, Congress's \$680 billion holiday-season tax deal will bring some cheer to working families and not just to big corporations this year. Refundable tax credits putting extra cash in the hands of hard-pressed workers and parents were included in a huge year-end gift-wrapped package of tax breaks--the type of bill that usually only offers big rewards to corporate fat cats.

Every two years for the past few decades, Washington has renewed a collection of about 50 temporary tax breaks, called "tax extenders." Even though some of them had been repeatedly renewed for 30 years, the giveaways were deemed temporary to hide their substantial \$50 billion annual cost--80% of which benefitted businesses. It's an accounting trick. Tax cuts supposedly expiring in a year or two don't make long-range budget projections look so bad, after all.

LTE: Avoiding U.S. Corporate Taxes -- *New York Times*

By **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
December 21, 2015

While I agree with Carl Icahn that the Pfizer-Allergan corporate inversion is a "travesty" ("Bring the Corporate Tax Exiles Home," Op-Ed, Dec. 14), his remedy will exacerbate the problems. Let's be clear: Pfizer and other multinational corporations are not victims of our tax system, despite what Mr. Icahn suggests. They are experts at exploiting giant loopholes that save huge sums in taxes and starve public services of much-needed revenue.

As we first reported, and The Times confirmed, Pfizer has about \$140 billion in profits offshore on which it has paid no United States taxes. It's likely that most of those profits have been booked in tax havens where Pfizer has paid little, if any, taxes. With an inversion Pfizer may dodge up to \$50 billion in taxes, assuming a 35 percent rate.

Two dozen experts recently noted that "there simply are no competitiveness concerns with a substantial tax rate on these old earnings." Three-quarters of these profits are held by just 50 very profitable companies; more than one third by just 10 companies. Most of the profits are in tax havens with a tax rate of around 6 percent.

Congress needs to do two things: Make these companies pay what they owe — as other taxpayers do, and block corporate inversions by taking away the huge tax breaks that cause them.

Americans for Tax Fairness Report Cited by Conservative Talk Radio Host Mark Levin

December 14, 2015

Syndicated on over 300 radio stations, including WABC in New York City, All News 106.7 in Atlanta, KTRH in Houston, KSFO in San Francisco, WJR in Detroit, and WLS in Chicago.

In advocating for a flat tax, syndicated conservative radio host Mark Levin cited **American for Tax Fairness'** 2014 report on tax extenders. Talking about the tax extenders, he said, "This has become a nearly annual circus since the 1980s. How lucrative is this K Street-congressional dance? Well, **Americans for Tax Fairness** in 2014 analyzed this issue. They found that corporate America, listen to this, hired a battalion of one-thousand-three-hundred-fifty-nine lobbyists, almost fourteen hundred lobbyists, to infiltrate Capitol Hill, for a massive price tag of almost three billion dollars, all in the name of reducing Wall Street's tax bill."

Column: Christmas for Corporate Welfare -- USA Today

By Tim Phillips
December 11, 2015

Data from **Americans for Tax Fairness** show that that nearly 400 trade associations and companies employed over 1,350 lobbyists who worked on tax extenders. It is now one of the most-lobbied issues in Washington, D.C., giving work to more than 10% of the city's lobbyists.

"Tax Extenders" Bill Swells Massively Under Lobbyist Onslaught -- The Intercept

By David Dayen
December 3, 2015

For lobbyists, what is known in Washington as the "tax extenders" bill is like Christmas and a birthday wrapped into one. A 2013 report from **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Public Campaign found that 373 businesses and trade groups hired nearly 1,400 lobbyists to push for tax extenders over a three-year period.

Column: Sloan: Want to stop Corporate tax deserters? Start with this -- Washington Post

By Allen Sloan
December 2, 2015

Chief executive Ian Read claims Pfizer has to desert our country for tax purposes to be competitive with foreign firms. But according to two separate reports that I consider credible — one by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the other by Robert Willens — Pfizer almost certainly pays considerably less U.S. corporate tax than it reports to shareholders.

Column: The multinational tax muddle -- Washington Post

By Robert J. Samuelson
December 2, 2015

The tax switch is called an “inversion.” Here’s how **Americans for Tax Fairness characterizes** Pfizer’s Irish inversion:

“With an inversion, Pfizer essentially would continue to enjoy all the benefits of being an American corporation but just not pay the taxes required for that privilege. Pfizer would not pay its fair share for its educated workforce; use of our transportation systems; the protections provided by our strong judicial, banking and regulatory systems; and so much more . . .”

Op-ed: Congress can stop Pfizer from deserting America -- The Hill

By **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
November 30, 2015

Congress deserves part of the blame for Pfizer’s recent decision to desert America in a massive tax dodge. Using a gaping loophole in the U.S. tax code, the giant drug firm recently announced it will merge with Allergan, which is located in Ireland, a tax haven, to further reduce its already bargain-basement tax bill.

It’s not the first time the New York-based pharmaceutical company has tried changing its corporate address to dodge U.S. taxes. But this time it looks like it will work. Despite more than a year’s notice, Congress did nothing to prevent it.

Column: Tax avoidance is corporate America's way. So spare us Pfizer hypocrisy -- The Independent

By Andrew Dewson
November 27, 2015

Meagre wages mean that almost all low-level Walmart employees are eligible for public assistance: according to the campaign group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the company's employees claim around \$6.2bn per year in food stamps, housing assistance and other benefits.

Hillary Clinton criticizes Pfizer-Allergan merger -- Observer Leader

By Jeannette Daniel
November 26, 2015

But an investigation by Americans for Tax Fairness found that rate was inflated by future payments it might never make. And once again, grandstanding politicians are stomping all over the businessmen behind the deal.

Blog: Bad Medicine: Pfizer's Offshore Tax Trick Just Latest of Many -- Huffington Post

By **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
November 25, 2015

Pfizer doesn't play pfair. The recent announcement that it would renounce its American identity and become an Irish company - thereby dodging billions of dollars in taxes - is just the latest in a string of shady deals and sleazy behaviors by the pharmaceutical giant.

Pfizer and Allergan in Talks to Make Saunders CEO in Merger -- Trade 12

November 23, 2015

Americans for Tax Fairness executive director Frank Clemente said on Tuesday, "Despite its self-serving claims, Pfizer is not at a competitive disadvantage operating under the U.S. tax system."

"If anything, Pfizer is highly advantaged. An inversion would lock in these current advantages and extend them further, giving Pfizer an even bigger unwarranted tax edge against other American companies that are paying their fair share," he added.

Pfizer Allergan Merger -- Al Jazeera America

November 23, 2015

Americans for Tax Fairness Executive Director Frank Clemente appeared on Al Jazeera America to discuss the merger of Pfizer and Allergan and the consequences of the move.

Op-Ed: An Opportunity for Senator Warner to Protect Consumers -- The Hill

By Sandra Cook, chairperson of **Virginia Organizing**

November 23, 2015

Last year the big banks used this technique to repeal a key piece of the Dodd-Frank financial reform law and preserve their ability to engage in high-risk bets with the benefits of deposit insurance and other taxpayer subsidies. This year they have bigger aspirations: they're working on riders that would roll back still more of the reforms adopted after the 2008 financial crisis, and undermine the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the first and only financial oversight agency with a mandate to put the interests of consumers ahead of the power and profits of banks.

Column: Pfizer's creative merger plan revives concerns about tax-avoiding 'inversions' -- Los Angeles Times

By Michael Hiltzik

November 17, 2015

A corporate tax dodge known as "inversions" had a moment in the spotlight about a year ago, when a number of such high-profile mergers got U.S. Treasury officials, politicians and voters steaming.

Pfizer has been among the nation's most aggressive exploiters of U.S. tax breaks by booking business expenses in the U.S. and shifting income abroad, according to critics such as **Americans for Tax Fairness**. In a report issued this month, the organization asserted that Pfizer's effective tax rate last year actually was only 7.5%, not 25.5%. The discrepancy was due to "accounting fiction," including the reporting of "deferred taxes" that the company is unlikely to pay in the future.

Column: A Tax-Cutting Move That Pfizer Can Hardly Resist -- New York Times

By Jeff Sommer
November 15, 2015

Pfizer, which already holds roughly \$140 billion overseas and is quite skillful at minimizing its taxes, is considering a deal that could move its legal tax headquarters from New York to Dublin, where it could save bundles more.

This has drawn plenty of criticism, naturally. Last week, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, an advocacy organization affiliated with labor unions, issued a report accusing Pfizer of a pattern of global “tax dodging.” Meanwhile, presidential candidates and members of Congress have repeatedly condemned inversions and the Treasury Department said it was studying ways to further tighten rules that discourage them.

Americans for Tax Fairness on 64 Sinclair Broadcasting television stations

November 13, 2015

Americans for Tax Fairness Director Frank Clemente did an on-camera interview with Sinclair Broadcasting’s Washington bureau on Pfizer’s planned inversion. The interview appeared on all 64 of Sinclair’s local television news broadcasts, including WBFF (FOX) Baltimore, [Tax Fairness on KTUL \(ABC\) - Tulsa, OK](#), [Tax Fairness on WICD \(ABC\) - Champaign, IL](#), [Tax Fairness on KATU-POR \(ABC\) - Portland, OR](#), [Tax Fairness on KHQA \(CBS\) - Quincy, IL](#), [Tax Fairness on KTVO \(ABC\) - Ottumwa, IA](#), [Tax Fairness on WNWO \(NBC\) - Toledo, OH](#), [Tax Fairness on WRSP \(FOX\) - Champaign, IL](#), [Tax Fairness on KFXA-IOW \(FOX\) - Iowa City, IA](#), [Tax Fairness on WFXL \(FOX\) - Albany, GA](#), [Tax Fairness on WVAH \(FOX\) - Charleston, WV](#), and [Tax Fairness on WEYI \(NBC\) - Flint, MI](#).

Pfizer's Tax Rate 'Fiction' Exposed: Pays Less Than Everyone You Know -- Common Dreams

By Deirdre Fulton
November 10, 2015

"Despite its self-serving claims, Pfizer is not at a competitive disadvantage operating under the U.S. tax system." —**Frank Clemente, Americans for Tax Fairness**

Icahn Make More Money -- *POLITICO Morning Tax*

By Bernie Becker
October 29, 2015

The liberal-leaning **Americans for Tax Fairness** doesn't exactly think that billionaire investor Carl Icahn is being altruistic with his \$150 million investment into a new super PAC battling Washington gridlock, including Congress' failure to overhaul the tax code. The group says Icahn's firm would get a \$440 million windfall if the PAC's first priority, international tax reform, gets off the ground.

Blog: Carl Icahn's Latest Investment: Corporate Tax Dodging -- *Huffington Post*

By **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
October 29, 2015

Sometimes the smartest investment a Wall Street billionaire can make is in our pay-to-play political system. That's why legendary wheeler-dealer Carl Icahn plans to fund a campaign to promote a huge corporate tax cut -- one that could personally enrich him by up to \$440 million (and maybe more). With that kind of payoff, the \$150 million Icahn's investing in a Super PAC to secure the tax giveaway is a good gamble. But if he wins, the rest of us lose.

Icahn's plan would benefit a small band of American mega-corporations stashing over \$2 trillion in profits offshore -- profits on which they owe \$600 billion in U.S. taxes, according to Citizens for Tax Justice. His Super PAC will support candidates who pledge to cut that corporate tax bill by hundreds of billions of dollars.

Column: The elusive goal of tax fairness -- *Washington Post*

By Jared Bernstein
October 26, 2015

So I looked at some polls and took a convenience sample (asked a bunch of people, from my 16-year-old to fellow D.C. wonks) and came up with this: to most people, tax fairness means a progressive tax system (where rates rise with income) without tax avoidance or evasion (avoidance is legal; evasion is not).

There's even a coalition — **Americans for Tax Fairness** — organized around those principles, with an emphasis on raising ample revenue. My colleague Ben Spielberg put it similarly: "Tax fairness means that the tax code should reduce inequality and boost opportunity. It must raise enough revenues, predominantly from those with the greatest ability to pay, to pay for public goods."

Blog: Raising Revenues Must Be Central Goal of Budget Talks -- *Huffington Post*

By **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**

October 23, 2015

Budgets are made up of spending and revenue. But budget negotiators in Washington are talking only about what spending to cut, not what revenue to raise--even though there are gaping tax loopholes to close. Closing them would eliminate the need to cut critical services that benefit tens of millions of Americans and would provide the resources needed for major new investments.

The White House and Congressional leaders must work out a budget deal before a temporary spending measure expires December 11. Progressives want to avoid \$37 billion worth of across-the-board cuts to services slated to kick in. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell opened the current round of budget negotiations with Democrats by demanding cuts to Social Security and Medicare.

52 Organizations Blast Senate With Call To End Carried Interest -- *POLITICO Morning Tax*

By Katy O'Donnell

October 15, 2015

The group **Americans for Tax Fairness** and 51 other left-leaning organizations called for an end to the preferential tax treatment of carried interest in a letter to senators Wednesday urging them to support Sen. Tammy Baldwin's effort to get a provision ending the break into an eventual budget deal to avert sequester caps. "Closing the carried interest loophole should be among the first items considered in the ongoing negotiations to prevent the damaging and indiscriminate sequester cuts and to invest in critical programs that support low- and middle-income Americans," the organizations wrote in the letter.

Op-Ed: Trump's Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire -- *The Hill*

By Morris Pearl, Chairman of **Patriotic Millionaires**
October 7, 2015

Listening to Republican presidential frontrunner Donald Trump's stump speech about taxes, I was intrigued that his official tax plan might break new ground.

I had hoped that candidate Trump shared my view and that of my fellow Patriotic Millionaires -- that our tax system needs a massive overhaul and a fairness adjustment. As he has said on the campaign trail, the wealthiest taxpayers contribute very little to the costs of running the country relative to the good fortune their citizenship has afforded them.

3 Reasons Walmart Stock Is a Portfolio-Killing Loser -- *Investor Place*

By John Divine
October 1, 2015

...It's not just an uber-competitive industry and widespread image problems that make WMT stock a poor investment. A rarely mentioned regulatory risk sprung to life back in June, when **Americans for Tax Fairness** came out with a damning report accusing Walmart of having 78 subsidiaries and \$76 billion in assets overseas (of which it failed to disclose) in countries that don't even have Walmart stores. Not to mention WMT borrowed over \$2 billion from those same subsidiaries in a way that circumvents the 35% repatriation taxes ... which is more or less illegal...

VIDEO: How Trump's New Tax Plan Helps the Rich -- *HuffPost Live*

September 29, 2015

GOP frontrunner Donald Trump unveiled a new tax plan that would eliminate income taxes for 31 million Americans. However, the biggest tax cuts would go to the wealthy and business owners. Is his plan feasible, and how would it impact the economy?

Host: Zerlina Maxwell

Guest: **Frank Clemente** @4TaxFairness (Washington, DC)
Executive Director, Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund

Tax Group Briefs Senate Staff on Corporations' Untaxed Profits -- *POLITICO Morning Tax*

By Katy O'Donnell
September 28, 2015

Americans for Tax Fairness met with Senate staffers Friday on the \$2.1 trillion in estimated untaxed profits held offshore by U.S. corporations. According to materials released by the group Sunday, "Wall Street and academic analysis estimates corporations owe between \$533 and \$600 billion to the U.S. because the tax rates these corporations have paid to foreign governments on these profits is only 6-10%" and "President Obama's 14% deemed repatriation tax proposal would raise about \$220 billion — essentially giving a \$350-400 billion tax break to those 50 companies." Check out their letter to Congress here: <http://bit.ly/1RaxJju>

Blog: Etsy: Caught Between A Rock And A Hard Place -- *Seeking Alpha*

By Evan Buck
September 15, 2015

Etsy is embroiled in even more controversy over its recent initiative to locate some of its intellectual property in Dublin, Ireland. The move reduces taxes associated with that intellectual property's income to Ireland's 12.5% rate versus the United States' 35% rate. Etsy has already come under a hail of criticism for this move, being called a tax dodger and a hypocrite by the **Americans for Tax Fairness** group. The group has gone as far as penning a letter to B Labs, the group that authenticates companies as B Corps and is re-evaluating Etsy after the IPO. **Americans for Tax Fairness** is requesting that B Labs delist Etsy as a B Corp solely on the Irish tax issue...

Blog: Could Etsy Lose This Beneficial Competitive Advantage? -- *The Motley Fool*

September 12, 2015

The non-profit group **Americans for Tax Fairness** has attacked Etsy, calling the company a tax dodger and hypocritical since the move will also reduce Etsy's transparency. It's garnered press by writing a letter to B Labs, which certifies companies as B Corps and is reassessing Etsy now that it's gone public. **Americans for Tax Fairness** would like to see B Labs strip Etsy of its B Corp status solely on that issue...

Etsy is not the only company that **Americans for Tax Fairness** has called out for utilizing tax havens. For example, it has taken aim at big targets like Wal-Mart, which it accused of utilizing a network of havens across the globe.

Blog: This Labor Day, Stand With Working Women -- *Huffington Post*

By Frieda Berrigan
September 6, 2015

...it seems like Labor Day is more about shopping than relaxing, which means that lots of workers are working this weekend and they are not carving grandeur from rude nature. I'm talking about people like the workers at Walmart, where shoppers are being offered deep discounts on a huge array of products and workers are fighting for a living wage. Fierce battles, courageous work and old school organizing by Walmart workers and supporters have resulted in a win. The country's largest private employer company announced in February that it will raise its starting wages to \$9 and then \$10 an hour. This is great, but **Americans for Tax Fairness** found that even with these increases, Walmart will continue to benefit from billions in federal subsidies...

Etsy under Pressure from Tax Fairness Group -- *Accounting Today*

By Michael Cohn
September 4, 2015

Americans for Tax Fairness, a coalition of 453 national and state organizations advocating for tax reform, has challenged the B Corporation status of Brooklyn-based Etsy, Inc., following the online craft seller's restructuring of a subsidiary in Ireland, a tax haven, to dodge U.S. taxes.

In a letter to B Lab, ATF asked the nonprofit to "make Etsy's designation contingent on its elimination of the use of its subsidiary in Ireland to dodge taxes."

Bloomberg: Etsy's B Corp. status challenged -- *Arkansas Online*

By Jesse Drucker and Alex Barinka
September 2, 2015

A tax-policy advocacy group called for online retailer Etsy Inc. to be stripped of a certification awarded to companies that adhere to strict standards for transparency and social accountability unless it dismantles its offshore tax-relief structure...

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Column: Matt Levine's Money Stuff: Bubbles and B Corporations -- *Bloomberg Review*

By Matt Levine
September 2, 2015

I love this story about how "**Americans for Tax Fairness** wrote to B Lab, the nonprofit organization that determines the B Corporation certification for socially responsible companies, arguing that Etsy's tax arrangement should disqualify it for the designation." Some companies want to be B Corporations, because that makes them appealing to investors and workers and consumers who want to be socially responsible. And "B Corporation" is a designation made by a private group that decides which companies are and are not socially responsible.

Etsy's offshore tax haven agitates a policy advocacy group -- *Internet Retailer*

September 2, 2015

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Etsy in first public spat over its 'socially responsible' mantra since IPO -- *Diginomica*

By Derek du Preez
September 2, 2015

Americans for Tax Fairness have written to the founders of B Lab, the organisation that supports and certifies B-corps, and have heavily criticised Etsy for the move.

Etsy under fire over Irish tax practices -- *The Financial Times*

By Leslie Hook
September 1, 2015

[Link to PDF](#)

Etsy, the online crafts marketplace, has come under pressure from an American tax group over its Irish tax practices, joining the ranks of US tech companies accused of tax avoidance...

However the company's values have come under fire after **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a policy group backed by foundations and unions, published a letter Tuesday morning accusing the company of tax avoidance practices.

Etsy faces risky challenge to its socially responsible 'B Corp' status -- *The Street*

By Rebecca Borison
September 1, 2015

Following criticism for an offshore strategy that allows it to minimize its taxes, Etsy ([ETSY](#)) is now facing pressure to dismantle the tax haven or risk losing its important classification as a socially and environmentally responsible B Corp.

But the **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a tax policy advocacy group, apparently felt differently about the reports.

Etsy Faces Pressure to Abandon Irish Tax Strategy -- *The Wall Street Journal*

By Suzanne Kapner
September 1, 2015

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Etsy's B Corp Status Challenged by Tax Group Over Irish Haven -- *Bloomberg Business*

*Americans for Tax Fairness says Etsy seeking to avoid taxes
Etsy says its fiscal structure meets all of its obligations*

By Alex Barinka and Jesse Drucker
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Etsy facing renewed pressure over Irish tax strategy -- *The Irish Times*

Bloomberg News
September 1, 2015

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Deutsche Bank reportedly under investigation for emerging markets currency manipulation -
- *WSJ Marketwatch*

By Francine McKenna
September 1, 2015

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Etsy Faces Pressure to Abandon Irish Tax Strategy -- *Dow Jones News*

By Suzanne Kapner
Dow Jones Business News -- reprint from WSJ
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Daily Press Digest -- *Reuters*

Compiled by Supriya Kurane
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Op-Ed: Walmart 'rolls back' tax responsibility -- *The Hill*

By Matt Birong, small business owner, member of **Main Street Alliance**
July 20, 2015

Walmart has been in the spotlight for years regarding infamous low wages and limited benefits, but a new report reveals that the extractive business practices of the world's largest employer do not end there. A report released **by Americans for Tax Fairness** found that Walmart has set up 78 international subsidiaries that are used as tax havens to hold 76 billion dollars in assets.

VIDEO: How to Avoid Paying your Taxes -- *Al Jazeera News*

July 13, 2015

Al Jazeera News outlines the way that the wealthiest Americans avoid taxes with "A quick "how to" for best tax-evasion practices, compliments of the one-percent".

Retail Union Spends Big On Walmart 'Tax Haven' Ad Campaign -- *Forbes*

By Clare O'Connor
July 1, 2015

The ad, above, paid for by the **United Food And Commercial Workers union**, uses data from a June investigation into Walmart's international assets by advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

The nonprofit released a report alleging that Walmart has hidden \$76 billion in an extensive, secretive web of 78 subsidiaries located in 15 tax havens where it has no retail presence.

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA

Apple's hometown mayor: firm 'abuses us' by not paying taxes -- Irish Times

May 5, 2016

The last time the mayor of Cupertino walked into Apple - the largest company in his small Californian town and, it so happens, the most valuable company in the world - he hoped to have a meeting to talk about traffic congestion.

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Cupertino's mayor: Apple 'abuses us' by not paying taxes -- The Guardian

By Nellie Bowles

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'You're not providing for your family... I am!' The shocking moment a Walmart customer launches a foul-mouthed tirade at a man in front of his young son for paying with food stamps -- Daily Mail

By Kiri Blakeley
May 4, 2016

A 2014 report found that Walmart, where the video subjects were shopping, costs taxpayers \$6.2 billion a year in food stamps, subsidized housing, Medicaid, and other forms of public assistance because of the low wages it pays its employees, according to the group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

If you're rich, you can avoid paying taxes. That's got to change -- The Guardian

By Jan Schakowsky
April 7, 2016

Pfizer apparently tried to structure one such inversion deal with the Irish company Allergan, shifting its headquarters from the US to Ireland. According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Pfizer would loan \$150bn in untaxed profits to Allergan and then avoid paying \$35m in taxes owed in the United States.

Ireland -- U.S. firms' favorite new home -- Blouin News

By Michael Lerner
March 3, 2016

Last November, U.S. pharmaceutical firm Pfizer and Irish firm Allergan confirmed their \$160 billion merger in the largest corporate inversion ever. The companies said they expect the company to have an effective tax rate of 17-18% in the first full year after closing, compared to the 25% Pfizer had been paying. They said the merger would save about \$2 billion over three years. (The real savings may be much higher – last week advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness** wrote that through its proposed merger with Allergan, Pfizer would be able to permanently dodge an estimated \$35 billion in U.S. taxes owed on about \$148 billion in profits it currently maintains offshore.)

Pfizer in tax haven row over merger -- *The Sunday Times*

By Gavin Daly
February 28, 2016

An American lobby group has claimed drug group Pfizer will avoid \$35bn (€32bn) in American taxes by merging with Ireland-based Allergan, in a new report that refers to Ireland as a “tax haven”.

Washington-based **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF), which represents 425 local and national organisations in the US, has called on US president Barack Obama to take executive action to block the \$160bn merger, which is due to be completed later this year. Its report, titled Pfizer: Price Gouger, Tax Dodger, claims Pfizer is “attempting to permanently dodge tens of billions of dollars of US taxes it currently owes, through a merger with fellow drug firm Allergan, based in the tax haven of Ireland”.

Pfizer seen in \$48 billion tax coup -- *The Sydney Morning Herald*

By Lynnley Browning
February 26, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Winnipeg Free Press*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *NZ Herald News*

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Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *The Province*

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Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Daily Mail*

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Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Ottawa Citizen*

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Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Canadian Business*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Montreal Gazette*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *The Japan News*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

ALABAMA

Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire -- *The Montgomery Advertiser*

By Morris Pearl, Chairman of **Patriotic Millionaires**
October 16, 2015
Syndicated by American Forum

ARIZONA

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *KTAR.com*

By Lina A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Arizona Daily Star*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Op-Ed: U.S. Corporate Tax Rate isn't Threat to Business, but Crumbling Infrastructure is -- *Bullhead City Bee*

By Scott Klinger, director of revenue and spending at the **Center for Effective Government**
August 6, 2015
Syndicated by American Forum

Op-Ed: Corporate Tax Dodges Could Fund Infrastructure Needs -- *The Sedona Red Rocks News (AZ)*

By Scott Klinger, director of revenue and spending at the **Center for Effective Government**
July 1, 2015
Syndicated by American Forum

ARKANSAS

Op-Ed: It's tax time again, but corporations aren't paying – Jonesboro Sun (AR)

By Frank Clemente

April 12, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

CALIFORNIA

Americans for Tax Fairness on KCBS in San Francisco

June 8, 2016

Americans for Tax Fairness' Walmart report was discussed on KCBS radio in San Francisco, California on Wednesday June 8.

Op-Ed: It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying – Lassen County Times (CA)

By Frank Clemente

April 19, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

Americans are Being Screwed By Drug Companies -- San Diego Free Press

By John Lawrence

March 1, 2016

Now Pfizer, maker of Viagra and Celebrex, wants to pull the same crap: first price gouge, then move to Ireland to avoid US taxes. Pfizer intends to save \$35 billion in taxes by merging with Allergan. A group called **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) is urging the US government to block the merger which would let Pfizer do a "tax inversion" but keep its offices in New York City where they are now. The group also accuses Pfizer of gouging Americans with frequent and excessive price hikes while benefiting from multiple loopholes and deductions which effectively reduce its global tax rate to 6.4%.

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Sacramento Bee*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Modesto Bee*

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Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Merced Sun Star*

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Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *San Luis Tribune*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Fresno Bee*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Op-Ed: Pfizer's Latest Deal with Allergan to Lower Taxes is Worst Scam Ever -- *Northern Californian*

By Valentina Wilson
November 26, 2015

President Barack Obama calls the deal unpatriotic and has tried to crack down on practice. In order to defend itself, the US pharmaceutical giant said that it paid 25.5% tax rate on its global income in 2014. But, the real out-of-pocket tax rate for the company was found to be just 7.5% on investigation by the **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

COLORADO

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Colorado Springs Gazette*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

CONNECTICUT

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Connecticut Post*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

FLORIDA

Op-Ed: Tax Day for only some – *Pensacola News Journal (FL)*

By Frank Clemente
April 14, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *The Tampa Tribune*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Miami Herald*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Business briefs, Feb. 26, 2016 -- *Bradenton Herald (FL)*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Op-Ed: Tax bill helps families a little, corporations a lot -- Context Florida

By Frank Clemente

January 6, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- Saint PetersBlog

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**

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January 6, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

LTE: Apple, Pfizer and those Shameful Offshore Tax Dodges -- Tampa Bay Tribune

By Bill Newton, deputy director **Florida Consumer Action Network**

December 30, 2015

What do the world's largest drug maker and the world's biggest tech company have in common? They exploit giant loopholes to dodge billions on their taxes and starve public services in Florida and around the country of much-needed revenue.

This, of course, creates a huge incentive to move all your money out of the U.S. to tax havens. Pfizer holds some \$140 billion offshore and would owe some \$50 billion in taxes on those profits if it weren't for this loophole. And that tax bill will be absolved if it is allowed to declare itself headquartered in Ireland. Apple stashed a record \$50 billion offshore in 2014 while paying a tiny 2.2 percent income tax on those profits.

Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- Palm Beach Post

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
December 30, 2015
Syndicated by American Forum

LTE: Apple Should Pay Fair Share -- Tampa Bay Tribune

By Susan McGrath, executive director **Florida Consumer Action Network**
December 29, 2015

Apple's use of complicated schemes to shift its profits offshore is well documented. It has now has stashed \$181 billion in offshore accounts — including a record \$50 billion in 2014 while paying a tiny 2.2 percent income tax on those profits. Our local Florida businesses aren't doing this. They don't have dozens of subsidiaries in the Caribbean; they just pay what they owe.

Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- The Thornton Review

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
December 28, 2015
Syndicated by American Forum

LTE: Close Tax Loopholes -- Orlando Sentinel

By Mark Ferrulo, executive director of **Progress Florida**
December 23, 2015

Multinational corporations use creative accounting to shift their profits all over the globe in order to exploit loopholes in the tax code. Some of the biggest companies pay nothing in corporate income taxes. Meanwhile, our local Florida businesses pay full freight. We should level the playing field so that everyone plays by the same rules.

LTE: Make Corporations Pay Their Fair Share -- Palm Beach Post

By Eric Paulino, member of **Florida Main Street Alliance**
November 4, 2015

As a small-business owner and taxpayer, I support key public services that strengthen Florida's communities — like schools, hospitals, public transit and highways. But I'm alarmed at how large American corporations are lobbying Congress to avoid paying their fair share in taxes that make these critical services possible.

By taking advantage of a loophole in the U.S. tax code, big companies have ducked paying taxes on more than \$2 trillion in profits they've stashed overseas. They owe the U.S. Treasury about \$600 billion in taxes on these profits.

Op-Ed: Raising revenues must be central goal of budget talks -- Palm Beach Post

By **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
October 31, 2015

The recent federal budget agreement was a missed opportunity. It is good news that conservative ideologues did not force another government shutdown and that some deep cuts to critical services were avoided. But our political leaders missed the chance to create a better budget and a fairer tax system by closing loopholes and using those new revenues to meet our pressing national needs.

For instance, this budget does not close a single tax loophole benefiting corporations or the wealthy. Closing corporate loopholes would not only force them to pay more of their fair share, but it would provide revenue needed for new investments to improve education, repair crumbling roads and bridges, and invest in research for new medical cures.

LTE: Close Overseas Loophole -- Tampa Bay Times

By Mark Ferrulo, executive director of **Progress Florida**
October 21, 2015

There's a problem with our tax system that Washington has a chance to fix, but corporate lobbyists are pulling out all the stops to prevent it. Large corporations have not paid any taxes on more than \$2 trillion in profits they've stashed offshore because our tax system lets them defer paying taxes until that income is brought back to the United States.

Op-Ed: Collect on tax dodgers, fix our infrastructure -- Orlando Sentinel

By Charles McKinney, member of **Main Street Alliance Florida**
October 21, 2015

A small business is different from a big corporation, of course, but still I wish our nation's leading multinational firms practiced some of that simple, straightforward approach to business.

Instead, we see mostly the opposite. Take their unethical approach to paying their fair share of taxes. Like most people, I pay what I owe each year. But huge multinational corporations avoid tax bills for decades, sometimes forever. One of their most effective tax-dodging strategies is stashing profits offshore.

Op-Ed: U.S. corporations leap borders to dodge their taxes -- Palm Beach Post

By Karen Woodall, member of **Main Street Alliance Florida**
October 19, 2015

Here in Florida, we are working to ensure Sunshine State companies can't hide their income in other states to avoid our state corporate tax. In Washington, Congress should show the same vigilance and focus on not letting corporations hide profits in foreign countries to dodge federal taxes. But judging by the D.C. debate so far, the corporate shell game will not only go on but be encouraged by a huge tax cut.

Op-Ed: Florida's Workers and Services Hurt by Corporate Tax Dodging -- The Bradenton Times

By Andy Madtes, executive director of **AFSCME Florida**
October 16, 2015

Florida's taxpayers deserve smarter investment of our money. We rank near the bottom in education funding. Our roads and bridges cry out for repairs and upgrades. Florida inmates have needlessly died because the state was trying to economize on prison health care. We invest the least in our state services, per capita, in the country at less than half the national average. Many wounds are self-inflicted because, instead of investing in people and communities, the Legislature spends resources on tax cuts to the wealthy and big corporations.

Radio Appearance: Andy Madtes of AFSCME on Schumer-Portman -- WMNF Florida

By Andy Madtes, executive director of **AFSCME Florida**
October 15, 2016

Andy Madtes appeared on WMNF Florida to discuss the Schumer-Portman tax legislation.

Op-Ed: Florida's Workers and Services Hurt by Corporate Tax Dodging -- Tampa Bay Tribune

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October 12, 2015

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LTE: Don't let corporations off the hook in federal highway deal -- Context Florida

By Paul Heroux, member of **Main Street Alliance Florida**
September 29, 2015

That's why I'm disappointed some politicians in Washington are talking about giving up on collecting all the taxes due on the \$2 trillion in corporate profits stashed offshore. It's time to make corporations accountable for their responsibilities. They should pay what they owe.

LTE: Make Corporations Pay Their Fair Share -- Palm Beach Post

By Eric Paulino, member of **Main Street Alliance Florida**
September 22, 2015

By taking advantage of a loophole in the U.S. tax code, big companies have ducked paying taxes on more than \$2 trillion in profits they've stashed overseas. They owe the U.S. Treasury about \$600 billion in taxes on these profits.

Today on Context Florida: Government dysfunction, Florida's infrastructure and crude oil -
- Context Florida: Saint Peters Blog (FL)

By Phil Ammann
August 31, 2015

Florida depends on safe, efficient transportation to accommodate a growing population and about 100 million tourists who flock here annually, **says Mark Ferrulo**, executive director of **Progress Florida**. The National Association of Civil Engineers rates America's infrastructure a "D." More than 250 of Florida's bridges are considered "structurally deficient." Politicians in Washington simply cannot keep kicking this can down the road, Ferrulo writes...

Op-Ed: Fight over infrastructure funding will reverberate in Florida -- Florida Politics (FL)

By Mark Ferrulo, executive director of **Progress Florida**
August 31, 2015

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America's roads and bridges are slowly crumbling and, to make matters worse, the fund that pays to maintain and improve our nation's transportation needs is on the verge of going broke. But as Congress rushes to replenish the fund, it should not make a big mistake that will cost us hundreds of billions of dollars.

LTE: Tax Dodge -- Ocala Star Banner (FL)

By David Berglund
August 30, 2015

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Marion County has its share of dangerous roads, including I-75 and U.S. 441, but right now an opportunity exists to raise vital funds for road and bridge repair by taxing over \$2 trillion in profits American corporations have stockpiled in overseas accounts. Large companies have been stashing these funds offshore in order to delay paying taxes on them — taxes that they should have paid already, except for a loophole in the tax law.

Letter of the Day: A way to fix deficient infrastructure -- *The Tampa Bay Tribune (FL)*

By Mark Ferrulo executive director of **Progress Florida**
August 29, 2015

Because of a massive loophole in the tax code, there is more than \$2 trillion in untaxed U.S. corporate profits stashed offshore. By simply closing this one corporate tax loophole, Congress can raise the funds needed to address much of our infrastructure needs.

Unfortunately, some politicians in Washington are caving to corporate special interests and are willing to let the tax-dodgers off the hook at a “discount” while our roads and bridges continue to crumble away.

GEORGIA

Op-Ed: From Panama to Delaware: How the U.S. Promotes Secret Tax Havens – *Waycross Journal Herald (GA)*

By Mark Hays
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Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Macon Telegraph*

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February 25, 2016

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February 25, 2016

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February 25, 2016

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November 13, 2015

Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire -- Atlanta Inquirer

By Morris Pearl, Chairman of **Patriotic Millionaires**

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Op-Ed: U.S. Corporate Tax Rate isn't Threat to Business, but Crumbling Infrastructure is -- The Atlanta Inquirer

By Scott Klinger, director of revenue and spending at the **Center for Effective Government**

August 15, 2015

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Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- *Lahina News*

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Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways -- *Lahina News*

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By Linda A. Johnson

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Op-Ed: The public deserves to see Donald Trump's tax returns --*Alton Telegraph (IL)*

By Frank Clemente

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By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Senators to Treasury: Stop Corporate Tax Dodgers -- *U.S. Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois*

February 25, 2016

Earlier today, the **Americans for Tax Fairness** released a report finding that in its proposed merger with Irish pharmaceutical company Allergan, Pfizer – a drug maker based in the U.S. – would be able to dodge \$35 billion in U.S. taxes that it currently owes on its offshore profits. If successful, Pfizer’s inversion would be the largest deal to date. The report also finds that while Pfizer has aggressively raised prescription drug prices – making it more difficult for patients to obtain the medicines they need while straining family budgets and the nation’s health care system – Pfizer has depended on U.S. government spending to succeed raking in \$5.3 billion in federal contracts from 2010 to 2014 for its pharmaceutical products. The report also calls on Treasury and Congress to work together on closing the earnings stripping loophole.

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Southern Business Journal (IL)*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

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Column: Samuelson: The Multinational Tax Muddle has No Obvious Solution -- *Kankakee Daily Journal*

By Robert Samuelson
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Op-Ed : Walmart's Use of Tax Havens Hurts Small Businesses -- *Southwest News-Herald*

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By Linda A. Johnson
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By Lawrence Mishel, President of the **Economic Policy Institute**
December 9, 2015
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Op-Ed: Raising Revenues Must be Central Goal of Budget Talks -- *Lyon County Reporter*

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Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire -- *The Newton Daily News*

By Morris Pearl, Chairman of **Patriotic Millionaires**
October 14, 2015
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Op-Ed: Walmart's tax havens hurt small businesses -- *Newton Daily News (IA)*

By Kelly Conklin, executive committee member of **Main Street Alliance**
July 21, 2015
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Recent revelations that Walmart, the world's biggest corporation, is maintaining secret subsidiaries in well-known offshore tax havens are outrageous but far from surprising to small business owners. That's because we're used to seeing large corporations abuse the tax system in ways that hurt our businesses, communities and families. Walmart's hidden web of 78 subsidiaries in 15 tax havens, unveiled in a report by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, is just the latest example. Let's hope it spurs reform.

Op-Ed: Walmart's tax havens hurt small businesses -- *The Marshalltown Times-Republican (IA)*

By Kelly Conklin, executive committee member of **Main Street Alliance**
July 17, 2015
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By Linda A. Johnson
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Op-Ed: Why is Neal supporting corporate loophole? -- *Berkshire Eagle*

By Nathan Proctor, state director of **Massachusetts Fair Share**
August 29, 2015

It probably won't surprise you that many of the biggest multinational companies pay much lower tax rates than Main Street Massachusetts businesses. In fact some of the world's most profitable companies pay no corporate income tax at all. We've heard about how Apple, Google, Verizon and General Electric use complicated tax dodging schemes to avoid paying their fair share.

MICHIGAN

Op-Ed: Obama can stop Pfizer's tax rip-off – *Battle Creek Enquirer (MI)*

By Frank Clemente
March 29, 2016
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January 6, 2016
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Op-Ed: Bring Overseas Profits Home -- The Detroit News

By Linda Teeter, executive director of **Michigan Citizen Action**
December 23, 2015

As end of the year budget discussions continue to unfold in Washington and the holiday season gets roaring, we need our elected leaders to look overseas.

In total, U.S. multinational corporations have \$2.1 trillion in profits that are offshore. They owe about \$600 billion on those profits.

Corporate Tax Avoidance Has Cost Michigan Schools Nearly \$700 Million in the Past Four Years -- Eclecta Blog

December 20, 2015

It's well known that American corporations use off-shore tax havens to shield their profits from taxation...

Americans for Tax Fairness spelled it out in a recent statement:

According to numbers compiled by the National Education Association, over the last four years, Michigan has lost over \$687 million in state dollars for education due to corporations not paying their fair share in taxes.

Educators and Tax Reform Advocates Want Congress to Close Offshore Corporate Tax Loopholes
-- *Michigan Radio Network*

By Dale George
December 18, 2015

Linda Teeter of **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Michigan Citizen Action says each year the state loses billions of dollars in tax dollars because of the loopholes.

“Every year offshore corporate tax loopholes used by U.S. corporations cost Michigan \$3.3 billion in state revenue,” said Teeter.

Op-Ed: Congress must stop Christmas tax giveaways -- ***Michigan Live***

By Andy Koenig
December 8, 2015

The goodies are called "tax extenders," and are one of the worst examples of corporate welfare in America today. Comprised of over 50 separate temporary tax credits, the currently proposed two-year extension will cost taxpayers \$95 billion over the next decade.

Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways -- ***Manistee News Advocate***

By Lawrence Mishel, President of the **Economic Policy Institute**
December 3, 2015
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Op-Ed: It's Time for Corporations to Pay What They Owe -- ***The Oakland Press***

By Millie Hall, President of **Coalition of Labor Union Women**
November 25, 2015

When we talk about investing in public goods in Michigan, our roads and bridges are the first things that come to mind — and with good reason.

We have some of the worst roads in the nation and they're in desperate need of repair and, in some cases, of needing to be rebuilt completely.

Op-Ed: It's Time for Corporations to Pay What They Owe -- Oakland Press

By Millie Hall
November 25, 2015

Current tax loopholes encouraged 13 Michigan Fortune 500 companies — including Dow Chemical, Stryker, Whirlpool, and Kellogg — to maintain a total of \$54 billion in profits offshore in 2014. These corporations are able to dodge paying any U.S. taxes on those profits until they are brought back to the United States, which may never happen. Every year, offshore tax loopholes used by U.S. corporations cost Michigan \$3.3 billion in state tax revenue. That revenue would go a long way toward funding cancer research and improving our roads.

Americans for Tax Fairness on WEYI (NBC) - Flint, MI

November 13, 2015

Radio Appearance: Michigan State Rep. Appears on Capitol City Recap to Discuss Tax Fairness -- Capitol City Recap

By State Representative Henry Yanez
October 15, 2015

Radio Appearance: Michigan State Rep. Appears on Capitol City Recap to Discuss Tax Fairness -- Voice of the People

By State Representative Henry Yanez
October 14, 2015

Op-Ed: Rhetoric Aside, Current Corporate Tax Debate Just Isn't Adding Up -- The Mining Journal

October 11, 2015

Stuck in our own multi-year road-repair drama, Michigan is familiar with the kind of transportation-funding crisis facing the federal government. Unlike Lansing, though, Washington has found a source of cash to maintain and improve highways and bridges.

Op-Ed: Don't give in to corporate blackmail to pay for roads -- *The Daily Tribune (MI)*

By State Representative Henry Yanez
September 30, 2015

First, the good news. President Obama and leading Republicans in Congress have suggested raising the money by taxing the \$2.1 trillion in profits that American corporations have stashed offshore. The bad news is that none of them plan to tax those earnings at the rate that's on the books. They want to give these big corporations a deep discount. Instead of paying the roughly \$600 billion these corporations owe, the American people will get around \$220 billion — and probably even less.

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New rules may complicate Pfizer move for tax savings-- Omaha World-Herald

By Renae Merle
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NEW HAMPSHIRE

Obama Criticizes Companies That Leave U.S. for Lower Taxes -- Valley News

By Renae Merle
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By Frank Clemente
April 12, 2016
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Pfizer will save more money by shifting its headquarters from United States: Report -- NH Voice

By Emma Tiller
February 26, 2016

A new report by **Americans for Tax Fairness** has said that pharmaceutical major Pfizer will be able to save much more than it has quoted by shifting its headquarters from United States to low tax regime in Ireland. The figure has been estimated at \$35 billion. Last year, the New York-based pharmaceutical giant announced its plans to merge with Allergan and move its base to Ireland.

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NEW JERSEY

How N.J.'s largest corporations dodge paying U.S. taxes -- New Jersey Star-Ledger

By Linda Stamato
April 10, 2016

Four New Jersey companies make the top ten list of corporate tax dodgers reported by **Americans for Tax Fairness**. They include Honeywell, Merck, Pfizer and Verizon.

Op-Ed: It's tax time, but big corporations aren't paying their share -- Suburban Trends (NJ)

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Op-Ed: The public deserves to see Donald Trump's tax returns – *Santa Fe New Mexican (NM)*

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NEW YORK

Op-Ed: Trump must release tax returns – Albany Times-Union (NY)

By Frank Clemente
May 29, 2016
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Op-Ed: It's Tax Time, but Corporations Aren't Paying – Brooklyn Daily Eagle (NY)

By Frank Clemente
April 13, 2016
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Op-Ed: It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying – Wayne County Mail (NY)

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April 13, 2016
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Americans for Tax Fairness on WXXA (FOX) -- Albany, NY

February 26, 2016

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February 26, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- Newsday

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Lake Placid News*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Albany Times Union*

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February 25, 2016

Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- *Caribbean Life News*

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Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways -- *Lockport Union-Sun & Journal*

By Lawrence Mishel, President of the **Economic Policy Institute**
December 5, 2015
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Elmira Mayor Calls on Federal Leaders to Extend Tax Credits -- *Time Warner Cable News*

December 3, 2015

Elmira's mayor is joining local advocates calling on federal leaders to extend the earned income and child tax credits, both set to expire at the end of next year.

Skidmore, Others Push to Keep Earned Income Tax Credit -- *Elmira Star Gazette*

By Jeff Murray
December 3, 2015

Mayor Susan Skidmore, who was at a Thursday news conference alongside representatives from the Economic Opportunity Program, Catholic Charities and other organizations, said that at the same time Congress is considering dropping those tax credits, it is poised to give tax breaks to corporations.

Locals Discuss Earned Income Tax Credit -- *Binghamton Homepage*

December 3, 2015

Kristin Fiacco is a mother of three and says hard working Americans deserve a reward for working.

"You feel good and you feel proud when you work and you pay your bills but it's disheartening sometimes when there's nothing left or not enough to cover that. I think it's nice to have something to look forward to and hope for rather than filing your taxes and getting nothing back," said Fiacco.

Less Tax Credits for Families on the Horizon? -- *WBNG*

By David Hermanovitch
December 2, 2015

Members of **Citizen Action of New York**, Catholic Charities of Broome County and the Religion Labor Coalition met Wednesday to denounce letting provisions of the Earned Income and Child Tax Credits to expire in 2017.

Local Residents Speak Out On Proposed Cuts To Earned Income Tax Credits -- *WICZ*

December 2, 2015

"We live in a country where the wealthy are becoming more wealthy," said Ordained Minister of the United Methodist Church, Fred Brooks.

Op-Ed: Raising revenues must be central goal of budget talks -- Caribbean Life News

By **Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**

October 31, 2015

Syndicated by American Forum

Op-Ed: All Businesses, Large and Small, Should Pay Their Taxes -- Utica Observer Dispatch

By Matt Grove

October 18, 2015

Like most families and businesses, we pay all the taxes we owe every year. I wish more big corporations followed our example.

However, multinational corporations have stashed over \$2 trillion in untaxed profits offshore. Thanks to a gaping loophole, giant firms can indefinitely put off paying what they owe on earnings they keep overseas. By one estimate, their unpaid tax bill now totals \$600 billion and is still climbing.

Op-Ed: Corporate tax dodgers deserve a crackdown -- Elmira Star-Gazette

By Jim Carr, president of the **New York State Public Employees Federation Retirees**

November 13, 2015

As a life-skills teacher in state prisons, I tried to help inmates make more ethical choices by teaching them moral reasoning. I wish I could teach corporate CEOs some of the same lessons, starting with their obligation to pay taxes. Big corporations dodge tens of billions of dollars in taxes every year, sticking the rest of us with the consequences.

One of the most popular tax avoidance methods is stashing profits offshore. At last count, there was \$2.1 trillion in American corporate earnings overseas, on which U.S. taxes are owed but have not been paid.

LTE: Schumer tax proposal would hurt -- *Press and Sun Bulletin*

By Freda Murray, member of **Citizen Action New York**
November 6, 2015

Sens. Portman and Schumer are proposing to shift the U.S. to a territorial tax system. What this means is that U.S. corporations would pay a much lower rate on their offshore profits.

If they were to pay the full rate on profits, the U.S. would reap \$620 billion. When corporations use shell games and dodge taxes, the public ends up paying. From 2008 to 2012, GE paid zero federal tax. I can think of no better way to gut what's left of the American manufacturing base.

LTE: Bill would mean more jobs shipped away -- *Press and Sun Bulletin*

By Patricia Donohue
November 3, 2015

Under the cynically named "Bipartisan Framework For International Tax Reform," corporate tax rates for offshore profits would be significantly lower than for domestic ones. Collectively, Fortune 500 companies booked \$2.1 trillion offshore.

Op-Ed: Raising Revenues Must be Central Goal of Budget Talks -- *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
November 4, 2015
Syndicated by American Forum

LTE: Stop Giving Big Companies Sweet Tax Deals -- *Press and Sun Bulletin*

By Bonnie Mando, member of **Citizen Action New York**
October 28, 2015

It is not about tax-and-spend. It is about being hoodwinked by Wall Street bullies, Morgan Stanley and Bank of America, and corporations like GE, Verizon, Boeing, Apple, Wal-Mart, Pfizer, Google who park their money in offshore subsidiaries to avoid U.S. taxes, get special loopholes and, in addition, get tax incentives. You are left paying their bills while your own bills go up.

Op-Ed: All businesses, large and small, should pay their taxes -- *Utica Daily*

By Matt Grove, member of **Citizen Action New York**
October 18, 2015

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LTE: Legislators Out of Touch with Taxpayers -- *Press Connects*

By Judith Arnold, member of **Citizen Action New York**
August 6, 2015

Now, the Schumer-Portman tax reform framework is a new giveaway to big corporations, many of whom do not pay any taxes. A deemed repatriation tax rate of only 14 percent on the current \$2.1 trillion in U.S. corporate offshore profits that have not been taxed here at home is again way too low.

Op-Ed: Walmart's tax havens hurt small businesses -- *Caribbean Life News (NY)*

By Kelly Conklin, executive committee member of **Main Street Alliance**
July 28, 2015
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July 19, 2015

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NORTH CAROLINA

Op-Ed: Corporations avoid tax time – *Spring Hope Enterprise (NC)*

By Frank Clemente

April 14, 2016

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Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Charlotte Observer*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Rock Hill Herald*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Raleigh News Observer*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Charlotte Herald*

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Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- WRAL (NC)

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February 25, 2016

Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- Winston-Salem Chronicle

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
January 6, 2016
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Op-Ed: Raising Revenues Must be Central Goal of Budget Talks -- Tideland News

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
November 4, 2015
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Op-Ed: Raising Revenues Must be Central Goal of Budget Talks -- Oxford Public Ledger

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November 2, 2015
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By Kelly Conklin, executive committee member of **Main Street Alliance**
July 29, 2015
Syndicated by American Forum

NORTH DAKOTA

Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- *Rapid City Journal*

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
December 29, 2015
Syndicated by American Forum

OHIO

Op-Ed: From Panama to Delaware: How the U.S. Promotes Secret Tax Havens – *Willoughby News-Herald (OH)*

By Mark Hays
April 19, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Op-Ed: It's tax time, but the big corporations aren't paying – *Bryan Times (OH)*

By Frank Clemente
April 18, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Op-Ed: It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying – *Englewood Independent (OH)*

By Frank Clemente
April 14, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Op-Ed: It's tax time, but multinational corporations aren't paying – *Cleveland Call & Post (OH)*

By Frank Clemente
April 13, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Americans for Tax Fairness on WLW-AM -- Cincinnati, OH

March 21, 2016

Americans for Tax Fairness was discussed on local radio in Ohio, specifically focusing on the Johnson Controls merger and other inversions.

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- WBNS TV (OH)

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- Columbus CEO

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- Fall Bryan Times

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
December 28, 2015
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Americans for Tax Fairness on WNWO (NBC) - Toledo, OH

November 13, 2015

Op-Ed : Walmart's Use of Tax Havens Hurts Small Businesses -- Franklin Chronicle

By Kelly Conklin, executive committee member of **Main Street Alliance**
July 30, 2015
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Op-Ed : Walmart's Use of Tax Havens Hurts Small Businesses -- *Springboro Star-Press*

By Kelly Conklin, executive committee member of **Main Street Alliance**
July 30, 2015
Syndicated by American Forum

OKLAHOMA

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *The Oklahoman*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Americans for Tax Fairness on KTUL (ABC) - Tulsa, OK

November 16, 2015

OREGON

MY VOICE: Papers should re-ignite focus – *LeGrande Observer (OR)*

By Mark Hays
April 20, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Coos Bay World (OR)*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- *Portland Skanner*

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
December 29, 2015
Syndicated by American Forum

LTE: Corporate tax initiative in Oregon -- Oregon Live

By Brittany Cronin
December 15, 2015

Corporate tax initiative: As Oregon begins a debate over the proper way to assess corporate taxes, let's remember that Congress could act this month to close more than 50 loopholes that allow most of the Fortune 500 to use offshore tax havens to avoid paying billions of dollars a year in state and federal tax revenue.

Column: Robert J. Samuelson: Multinational tax muddle perplexes -- The Oregonian

By Robert J. Samuelson
December 5, 2015

Americans for Tax Fairness on KATU-POR (ABC) - Portland, OR

November 14, 2015

New Report: Tax Loopholes -- Tillamook Headlight Herald (OR)

By Staff Reporter
October 7, 2015

Tax loopholes encouraged more than 72 percent of Fortune 500 companies -- including Nike based in Oregon -- to maintain subsidiaries in offshore tax havens as of 2014, according to "Offshore Shell Games," by **OSPIRG Foundation** and **Citizens for Tax Justice**.

USA Companies Hold \$2.1 Trillion Offshore -- Forex Report Daily

By Mike Dooley
October 7, 2015

The study, by two left-leaning non-profit groups, found that almost three-quarters of the firms on the Fortune 500 list of biggest American companies operate tax efficient subsidiaries in countries like Bermuda, Ireland, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

OSPIRG: Nike uses offshore tax havens -- KOIN 6 Portland (OR)

By KOIN 6 news staff
October 6, 2015

PORTLAND, Ore. (KOIN) — More than 72% of Fortune 500 companies have subsidiaries in offshore tax havens to take advantage of tax loopholes, a new study by **the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group** showed.

New Report: Tax Loopholes -- The News Guard (OR)

By Staff Reporter
October 6, 2015

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New Report: Tax Loopholes -- North Coast Public Citizen (OR)

By Staff Reporter
October 6, 2015

Tax loopholes encouraged more than 72 percent of Fortune 500 companies -- including Nike based in Oregon -- to maintain subsidiaries in offshore tax havens as of 2014, according to "Offshore Shell Games," by OSPIRG Foundation and Citizens for Tax Justice.

Collectively, the companies reported booking nearly \$2 trillion offshore for tax purposes, with just 30 companies accounting for 65 percent of the total, or \$1.35 trillion.

PENNSYLVANIA

Op-Ed: We can pay for Zika response--and more--with corporate tax reform – Kane Republican (PA)

By Frank Clemente
June 27, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Op-Ed: Eliminate tax breaks to fund Zika battle – Scranton Times-Tribune (PA)

By Frank Clemente
June 26, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Op-Ed: We can pay for Zika response--and more--with corporate tax reform – Ridgeway Record (PA)

By Frank Clemente
June 26, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Frank Clemente on Rick Smith Radio Show

June 9, 2016

ATF Executive director Frank Clemente appeared on the Rick Smith show yesterday, a syndicated radio program on 4 Pennsylvania stations, to discuss tax fairness issues.

Op-Ed: It's tax time... But corporations aren't paying – Bucks County Courier Times (PA)

By Frank Clemente
April 13, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Op-Ed: Tax time, but tax-dodger corporations aren't paying – Pocono Record (PA)

By Frank Clemente
April 13, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Obama praises Treasury rules clamping down on tax inversions -- Pittsburgh Tribune

By Renae Merle
April 6, 2016

Obama can stop Pfizer's tax rip-off – Pocono Record (PA)

By Frank Clemente
March 29, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Pfizer's tax rip-off – Bucks County Courier Times (PA)

By Frank Clemente
March 29, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- Philadelphia Inquirer

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- Reading Eagle

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- Gettysburg Times

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

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By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
December 29, 2015
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Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways -- Scranton Sunday Times

By Lawrence Mishel, President of the **Economic Policy Institute**
December 6, 2015
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Op-Ed: Raising Revenues Must be Central Goal of Budget Talks -- Middletown Press & Journal

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
November 11, 2015
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Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire -- Bucks County Courier Times

By Morris Pearl, Chairman of **Patriotic Millionaires**
October 15, 2015
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Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire -- Doylestown Intelligencer

By Morris Pearl, Chairman of **Patriotic Millionaires**
October 15, 2015
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Five of Region's Biggest Companies Holding Millions of Dollars in Tax-Friendly Countries -- Pittsburgh Business Times

By Patty Tascarella
October 7, 2015

Five of Pittsburgh's largest companies have subsidiaries in countries considered tax havens, meaning they're not subject to the hefty U.S. toll that can go as high as 35 percent.

It's not unusual: About three-fourths of Fortune 500 companies operated one or more subsidiaries in tax haven jurisdictions, according to a new study based on 2014 data. **Citizens for Tax Justice** and the **U.S. PIRG Education Fund's** study, titled "Offshore Shell Games," said at least 358 Fortune 500 companies collectively maintain 7,622 tax haven subsidiaries and hold \$2.1 trillion offshore, avoiding as much as \$620 billion in U.S. taxes.

RHODE ISLAND

Op-Ed: t's tax time for us, but not corporations – Westerly Sun (RI)

By Frank Clemente
April 14, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Op-Ed: It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying – Kent County Daily Times (RI)

By Frank Clemente
April 12, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Op-Ed: Obama should act to stop Pfizer's tax rip-off – *Westerly Sun (RI)*

By Frank Clemente
March 30, 2016
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Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- *Fall Kent County Daily Times*

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By Morris Pearl, Chairman of **Patriotic Millionaires**
October 20, 2015
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SOUTH CAROLINA

Op-Ed: They don't pay on Tax Day – *Orangeburg Times & Democrat (SC)*

By Frank Clemente
April 18, 2016
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Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *The Island Packet (SC)*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *SC Now*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Myrtle Beach Online*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *The Times and Democrat (SC)*

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February 25, 2016

TENNESSEE

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TEXAS

Op-Ed: We can pay for Zika response--and more--with corporate tax reform – *Orange Leader (TX)*

By Frank Clemente

June 24, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

Op-Ed: It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying – *Spring Observer (TX)*

By Frank Clemente

April 11, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

Op-Ed: It's tax time; but corporations aren't paying – *Your Houston News (TX)*

By Frank Clemente

April 11, 2016

Syndicated by American Forum

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Houston Chronicle*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- Bryan Eagle (TX)

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *OA Online (TX)*

By Linda A. Johnson

February 25, 2016

Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- *Salado Village Voice*

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**

January 6, 2016

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Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways -- *McAllen Monitor*

By Lawrence Mishel, President of the **Economic Policy Institute**
December 3, 2015
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Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire -- *Gilmer Mirror*

By Morris Pearl, Chairman of **Patriotic Millionaires**
October 20, 2015
Syndicated by American Forum

UTAH

Op-Ed: It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying... -- *Moab Times-Independent (UT)*

By Frank Clemente
April 14, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Tax group blasts Pfizer, urges stop to its tax-cutting deal -- *Deseret News (UT)*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Tax group urges halt to Pfizer's tax-cutting deal -- *Salt Lake Tribune*

By Linda A. Johnson
February 25, 2016

Column: Robert J. Samuelson: The multinational tax muddle -- *Deseret News*

By Robert J. Samuelson
December 3, 2015

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Op-ed: From Panama to Delaware: How the U.S. Promotes Secret Tax Havens – Newport Daily Express (VT)

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April 18, 2016
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April 14, 2016
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Pfizer Dodges Taxes and Price Gouges Patients, New Report Finds -- Bernie Sanders

February 25, 2016

Sen. Bernie Sanders admonished Pfizer today after a new report exposed how the company squeezes American families by dodging taxes and inflating prescription drug prices.

The study, conducted by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, found that Pfizer has increased the prices of dozens of prescription drugs at 10 times or more the rate of inflation every year since 2012 and plans to permanently dodge an estimated \$35 billion in U.S. taxes through a proposed merger with Allergan.

Welch Leads Fight Against Drug Company Tax Dodge -- VTDigger

February 25, 2016

Pfizer, maker of Celebrex, Lipitor, Lyrica, and Viagra, is attempting to permanently dodge an estimated \$35 billion of U.S. taxes it currently owes, by merging with Allergan, a drug firm based in Ireland, according to a new report by the **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- Newport Daily Express

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
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By Kelly Conklin, executive committee member of **Main Street Alliance**
July 22, 2015
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VIRGINIA

Op-Ed: It's tax time, but big corporations aren't paying their share – *Roanoke Times (VA)*

By Frank Clemente
April 17, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Op-Ed: It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying – *Petersburg Progress Index (VA)*

By Frank Clemente
April 15, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Op-Ed: It's tax time: But corporations aren't paying – *Augusta Free Press (VA)*

By Frank Clemente
April 12, 2016
Syndicated by American Forum

Op-Ed: Corporations Avoid Doing Their Part -- *The Virginian Pilot*

By Johnny Mayo, board member of **Virginia Organizing**
January 12, 2015

Duke was fined more than \$100 million for dumping toxic coal ash into the Dan River over a five-year period. But it has so far faced no consequences for avoiding all federal income taxes over a similar span. While earning \$9 billion in profits.

Op-Ed: Congress Needs to End Corporate Tax Dodging -- *Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star*

By Ray Scher, board member of **Virginia Organizing**
December 30, 2015

The new budget deal in Washington is an example of that failure. Although we're all glad agreement was reached to avoid a government shutdown—and even more glad that tax credits to keep families out of poverty were made permanent—that agreement does nothing to ensure corporations and the wealthy start paying their fair share of taxes.

LTE: Warner Should Close Tax Loopholes -- Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star

By Catherine Lloyd, board member of **Virginia Organizing**
December 29, 2015

Each and every month, American small business owners pay more taxes than some large corporations pay in an entire year.

According to a study commissioned by the National Federation of Independent Businesses and the S Corporation Association, some companies even walk away paying negative tax rates after federal tax benefits are applied.

Op-Ed: Families Advance with Recent Tax Bill, but Corporations Got a Lot More -- Augusta Free Press

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
December 28, 2015
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Op-Ed: Permanently Support Families, Not Corporate Tax Giveaways -- Alexandria Metro Herald

By Lawrence Mishel, President of the **Economic Policy Institute**
December 18, 2015
Syndicated by American Forum

Op-Ed: Healthy Compensation Demanding Corporations Pay Their Taxes -- The Progress-Index

By Sandra A. Cook, chairperson of **Virginia Organizing**
December 3, 2015

There was general celebration in Washington, D.C. recently when the federal government adopted a budget without the unnecessary pain of a government shutdown. But that budget did nothing to correct another kind of unhealthy compensation: asking too much of working people in cuts to important services because politicians are demanding too little in taxes from big corporations and the wealthy.

Op-Ed: Raising Revenues Must be Central Goal of Budget Talks -- Mecklenburg Sun

By Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**
November 4, 2015
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Op-Ed: Tax Plan Proves Billionaire Populist Really Just a Billionaire -- Augusta Free Press

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Hiding from the Taxman? -- WVTF Public Radio

By Sandy Hausman
October 16, 2015

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