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## NATIONAL MEDIA CLIPS

### **Pharmacy Choice (ATF Op-Ed): Wealthy celebrate tax law anniversary while workers pick up the tab**

December 30, 2018, By Frank Clemente

But that's not happening: so far only 4% of employees have gotten any kind of pay bump tied to the tax law, according to an **Americans for Tax Fairness** study. Nationwide, real hourly wages are up less than 1% over the past year.

Those tax-cut-boosted corporate profits are instead going in a more familiar direction: into the pockets of wealthy shareholders and powerful CEOs. Since the day their taxes were slashed by the GOP, corporations have announced more than \$1 trillion in stock buybacks. Buybacks are a Wall Street strategy that inflates share prices, further enriching the already rich.

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### **Bloomberg Tax: 2019 Outlook: Estate Tax Foes and Friends Prepare for a Fight**

December 27, 2018, By Allyson Versprille

Such a change would require the support of Senate Republicans, who likely won't be keen on revisiting parts of the 2017 tax law unless Democrats are proposing locking in the law's temporary provisions, Schoening said.

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said if Republicans agree to tax increases to offset other priorities, the revenue would probably come from new taxes, such as a gas tax, rather than changes to the tax law.

This could include fringe issues related to the estate and gift taxes. For example, it's possible that lawmakers place new limits on wealth transfer vehicles, known as grantor retained annuity trusts, as a way to raise revenue, Schoening said. GRATs can be used to shield appreciating assets from estate and gift taxes.

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### **NewsBeezer: It's Been a Year Since Trump Enacted Sweeping Tax Cuts. Rich People Won.**

December 22, 2018, By Hannah Levintova

Syndicated from Mother Jones

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**Washington Post (Column): Has the GOP tax cut delivered? Yes — and the tooth fairy was here just last night!**

December 20, 2018, By Catherine Rampell

Happy first birthday, GOP tax cuts.

Normally we don't expect much of 1-year-olds. This kiddo's parents, however, had high hopes — promises, you might say — for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act: It would reduce deficits, supercharge the economy (and stocks and wages), and draw droves of grateful voters to the Republican Party.

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**Market Screener: JP Morgan Chase: Wells Fargo shifts many jobs overseas following layoffs in the US, documents show**

December 20, 2018, By Deon Roberts  
Syndicated from The Charlotte Observer

In recent months, Wells Fargo has drawn more scrutiny for sending jobs out of the U.S. than some of its peers, in large part because of how much it is benefiting from the tax cuts.

Among major U.S. banks, Wells Fargo's estimated annual tax cut of \$3.7 billion is the biggest, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a left-leaning Washington, D.C.-based group.

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**AlterNet: 'Good riddance' to Paul Ryan: A 'coward who sold our economy to highest bidders'**

December 20, 2018, By Jake Johnson

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**The Contributor (Blog): Paul Ryan Only Ever Cared About the Rich**

December 19, 2018, By Negin Owliaei  
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**Common Dreams: As Tax Scam Turns One, Critics Say Law Is 'One of the Biggest Transfers of Wealth to Richest 1% in US History'**

December 19, 2018, By Jake Johnson

Massive corporations are "flush with leftover cash" and Wall Street banks are raking in enormous profits. CEOs and the wealthiest Americans are getting even richer. Average workers are seeing crumbs.

That is the state of the American economy on the one-year anniversary of the passage of the GOP's \$1.5 trillion dollar tax scam, which **Americans for Tax Fairness** said on Tuesday will go down as "one of the biggest transfers of wealth to the richest one percent in U.S. history."

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**OurFuture (ATF Op-Ed): The GOP Tax Bill Is Creating Jobs – Just Not in the U.S.**

December 14, 2018, By Frank Clemente  
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December 10, 2018, By Frank Clemente

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**TheBody.com (Blog): Hepatitis Cure, Sofosbuvir, Turns 5 Years Old: The Vast Majority of People Still Have Not Been Treated**

December 6, 2018, By Treatment Action Group

**Americans for Tax Fairness** - Gilead Sciences: Corporate Tax Dodger

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**Seeking Alpha (Blog): Book Review "Brand Activism: New Critics Of Finance"**

November 28, 2018, By Hazel Henderson

This brand-shaming list was underwritten by civic organizations: **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Climate Hawks Vote, Common Cause, Corporate Accountability, Corrections Accountability Project, Daily KOS, Democracy Initiative, Dream Defenders, Enlace, Friends of the Earth Action, Million Hoodies Movement for Justice, Peace is Loud, Pesticide Action Network, People for the American Way, Plastics Pollution Coalition.

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**Common Dreams: Corporations Should Share the Wealth Before Buying Back Stock**

November 17, 2018, By Sarah Anderson

The stock buyback angle is a new one for the legislators, but a hot issue at a time when so many U.S. corporations are using this legal form of stock manipulation to reward shareholders. According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, corporations are spending 115 times as much of their tax windfalls on buybacks as on worker bonuses and raises.

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**EcoWatch (Blog): Koch Industries Lobbies Against Electric Vehicle Tax Credit**

November 12, 2018, By Dana Drugmand



The Koch network also lobbied for the Trump tax cuts that became law late last year. The corporate tax cut is not specific to energy, but it benefits giant corporations including Big Oil and Koch Industries nonetheless. **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimated that the Kochs would save more than \$1 billion just this year from the tax cut—a significant windfall for a corporate behemoth that claims, "We are focused on long-term value creation, not short-term windfalls."

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**Investment Watch (Column): The best thing Trump has done for the economy**

November 1, 2018, By Steve Goldstein  
Syndicated from MarketWatch

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**AlterNet: Trump's Chief Economic Adviser Actually Just Said He Thinks Having a National Minimum Wage Is a 'Terrible Idea'**

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**Pharmacy Choice (Column): Drug Prices in TV Ads? Good Luck with That**

October 28, 2018, By David Lazarus

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**Firenews (Other Op-Ed): A Dem-controlled House could work with Trump to lower drug prices**

October 25, 2018, By Max Ritchman  
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**The Hill: Liberal groups urge Dems to obtain Trump's tax returns**

October 25, 2018, By Naomi Jagoda

The liberal groups — which include Not One Penny, Indivisible and **Americans for Tax Fairness** — said that the New York Times's story on Trump's tax schemes highlights "the need for transparency."

The Times's report, which Trump has called a "hit piece," detailed practices that were undertaken by Trump and his family so that the president's parents could avoid gift and estate taxes

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**Common Dreams: Caught Red Handed!': Trump's Last-Minute Promise to Middle Class Mocked as Confession GOP Tax Scam Only for Corporations and the Rich**

October 24, 2018, By Jake Johnson

"Caught red handed!" declared **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) in a Twitter graphic after the president vowed to push a 10 percent middle class tax cut if Republicans retain control of Congress next month. "Trump says he and the GOP are working on a 'very major tax cut' for working families. So is he finally admitting that the GOP tax scam was just for the rich and corporations—not for working families like he claimed?"

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**Washington Post (Column): The Republican tax cut is a big, fat failure**

October 22, 2018, By Catherine Rampell

"As poll after poll shows, they dislike the bill and (correctly) perceive it as a giveaway to corporations and the rich. No wonder, then, that Republicans have effectively stopped running campaign ads about their one and only major legislative achievement."

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**VidMid (Blog): President Trump promises to bring the middle class a new tax cut by November, somehow**

October 21, 2018, By Jason Linkins  
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**Epeak World News: Midterms 2018: Republicans don’t want to talk about their tax bill \* Epeak World News**

October 18, 2018, By Emily Stewart

Frank Clemente, executive director at progressive coalition **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said that in his view, the anti-tax bill message succeeded for two reasons: Democrats did a good job of casting it as overwhelmingly benefiting corporations and the wealthy. Republicans, on the substance of the bill, haven’t been able to take back the narrative. “You can’t defeat something — which is our framing of the issue and people accepting our framing of the issue — with nothing, which is that people aren’t seeing a pay boost,” he said.

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**Pharmacy Choice: Rep. Schakowsky and Colleagues Press Pharma Execs on Tax Dodging, Drug Pricing, Stock Buybacks**

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**The New York Times (Column): No, Trump's Tax Cut Isn't Paying for Itself**

October 17, 2018, By Jim Tankersley

There are several ways to ask the question, "Are tax cuts paying for themselves?" Based on the data we have right now, they all arrive at the same answer: "No." The issue here is not whether the government spends too much money, or whether tax cuts have buttressed economic growth, or even whether it's advisable to run such high deficits in flush economic times. The issue instead is: Have the corporate and individual tax cuts that went into effect in January generated so much additional growth that tax revenues are as high, or higher, today than they would have been if the tax cuts never passed?

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**Washington Post (Column): Why Republican tax cuts are still unpopular**

October 17, 2018, By Helen Olen

When President Trump signed the tax reform package into law last year, the measure was unpopular, but Republicans believed that would change. History suggested they might be right. Over and over again, voters have cheered tax cuts that reserved most of their benefits for the highest tier of earners and corporations, while granting a smallish sliver for everyone else. Give it time, the bill's supporters argued: This time won't be different. We can now definitely say they were wrong. This time is different.

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**The Fiscal Times (Column): Republicans Ignore the Obvious Effect of Their Tax Cuts**

Oct. 17, 2018, By Yuval Rosenberg

“President Trump, top administration officials and Republican congressional leaders claim that the rising deficit, which grew 17 percent to \$779 billion in fiscal 2018, is not the result of their tax cuts. They’ve acknowledged that they prioritized increased defense spending and said that they would tackle the deficit by targeting spending going forward. But they’ve ignored the effect of the tax cuts — and some other deficit-financed policies — while seeking to lay the blame for rising deficits on everything from natural disasters to Democratic spending priorities to social safety net programs.”

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**Politico: Desperately seeking clarity**

October 17, 2018, By Aaron Lorenzo

Post-tax cuts corporate stock buybacks top \$750 million, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness** tracker.

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**Vox: Republicans were supposed to run on their tax cuts. Instead, they’re running away from them.**

October 17, 2018, By Emily Stewart

Frank Clemente, executive director at progressive coalition **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said that in his view, the anti-tax bill message succeeded for two reasons: Democrats did a good job of casting it as overwhelmingly benefiting corporations and the wealthy. Republicans, on the substance of the bill, haven’t been able to take back the narrative. “You can’t defeat something — which is our framing of the issue and people accepting our framing of the issue — with nothing, which is that people aren’t seeing a pay boost,” he said.

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**Politico: Repatriation takes a bite**

October 16, 2018, By Toby Eckert

“This tax scam that his family perpetuated over many years — there appears to be outright fraud and certainly tax avoidance — fully represents the story the Democrats are trying to tell this election,” Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, told Aaron.

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**Inside Philanthropy: A Retail Giant Gives Millions for Workforce Development. But Could It Do More?**

October 15, 2018, By Caitlin Reilly

In 2014, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a coalition of 400 progressive groups across the country, estimated that the company cost taxpayers \$6.2 billion because low wages force Walmart employees to supplement their incomes with public assistance.

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**CounterPunch (ATF Op-Ed): Under Cover of Kavanaugh, Republicans Passed Huge Tax Cuts for the Wealthy**

October 5, 2018, By Frank Clemente  
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**CNBC: Amazon raises minimum wage to \$15 after months of criticism**

October 2, 2018, By Yoni Blumberg

It's hard to determine exactly how many employees at large retailers like Amazon rely on welfare, since not all states keep track. But in April The Intercept reported that one out of three Amazon employees in Arizona depend on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or food stamps, while in Ohio and Pennsylvania it's more like one in 10.

As Silverman noted, when workers rely on public assistance, that ends up costing American taxpayers. A report from the progressive coalition **Americans for Tax Fairness** found that Walmart employees' reliance on public assistance programs cost taxpayers \$6.2 billion in 2013.

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**Epeak World News (Column): CNN aired two failed Miami GOP candidates excusing Judge Kavanaugh for sex assault.**

September 23, 2018, By Grant Stern

Since this April, Vilariño has been a GOP political surrogate on television. She appeared on stage with Donald Trump with Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart at a roundtable discussion about last year’s Republican tax cut bill, which was broadcast on C-SPAN. From there, Vilareño went on to Fox Business to sell the GOP tax cut bill, which **Americans for Tax Fairness** call a “tax scam.”

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**The Washington Post (Column): Bernie Sanders is tired of inside-the-Beltway liberalism**

September 20, 2018, By Helaine Olen

This brings us back to the STOP Bezos Act. It’s worth noting that Sanders’s overarching point about work and government benefits was not controversial on the left in the past. Those highlighting the poor quality of jobs in the retail and fast-food sectors have long made similar arguments. In 2014, the liberal Center for American Progress released a report arguing that raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 would cut federal money spent on SNAP by \$4.6 billion annually. That same year, **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimated that Americans subsidize Walmart, the nation’s largest employer, by paying out \$7.8 billion in social welfare benefits to its employees annually.

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**Politico: How the SALT cap is playing**

September 20, 2018, By Brian Faller

**Americans for Tax Fairness** looks at tax ads in the midterm elections

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**FiercePharma: Pfizer, Merck and Johnson & Johnson shifting profits to avoid billions in tax payments each year: report**

September 20, 2018, By Eric Sagonowsky

And in 2016, **Americans for Tax Fairness** released a report that concluded Gilead recorded \$28.5 billion in profits overseas in 2015 as sales for its hepatitis C drugs reached new heights in the U.S., allowing the company to avoid nearly \$10 billion in U.S. taxes. At the time, the company declined to comment.

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**Center for Freedom and Prosperity (Blog): Why Businesses Don't Owe More Taxes to Fund Welfare for Low-Wage Workers**

September 17, 2018, By Sven R. Larson

This point is reinforced by the fact that the report referred to in the Forbes article was published by **Americans for Tax Fairness**. This is a coalition that presents its sole goal – higher taxes – in the usual wrapping of leftist rhetoric. Here is what they say about taxes: Everyone must pay their fair share. We need to reform our tax code, so it raises adequate revenues to meet critical needs in a fiscally responsible manner. This requires that wealthy Americans – the richest 2 percent – and corporations pay their fair share of taxes.

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**Blog Likes (Blog): Tax Reform 2.0 opponents say new tax cuts' added costs should go instead to other federal programs**

September 13, 2018, By skbell1

Not a lot from first round: Data on **Americans for Tax Fairness'** website show that the TCJA changes have yet to fulfill key GOP promises, such as increased worker wages.

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**Common Dreams: 776 National and State Groups Sign Letter Opposing Round 2 of Trump-GOP Tax Cuts**

September 12, 2018, By Dennis Bailey,

Joining **Americans for Tax Fairness** in signing the letter to Congress are such diverse groups as the AFL-CIO, Center for American Progress, Children's Defense Fund, Faith in Public Life, MoveOn.org, National Women's Law Center, Our Revolution, Patriotic Millionaires, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and many more

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**Portside (Blog): With Most Benefits Going to Rich, 'Reckless and Stupid' GOP Tax Scam 2.0 Could Cost \$3 Trillion Over Ten Years**

September 11, 2018, By Jake Johnson  
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The GOP doubling down on fake trickle-down puts Medicare, Medicaid, ACA, Social Security, education, and more in the cross hairs. People need to fight back," Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, wrote on Twitter. "Think how many kids we could put through college, roads we could pave, families that could get child care, seniors that could get help with prescription drugs with that much money. Shame!

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**Washington Post (Column): The real targets of the Republicans' Tax Cut 2.0**

September 10, 2018, By Jared Bernstein

"No one should be surprised that the House Republicans want to go back to the tax-cut well and draw up buckets more in tax cuts for their wealthy donor base. The plan they introduced Monday doubles down on everything that's wrong with the plan they passed at the end of last year. Its benefits go largely to the wealthy, thereby exacerbating inequality. Were it to become law, it would rob the Treasury of trillions more in lost revenue. And it does nothing to help the many in the working class who have long been hurt by being on the wrong side of the inequality divide this new bill would worsen."

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**Common Dreams: Here Comes Tax Scam 2.0: As Worker Wages Fall and Corporate Profits Soar, GOP Readies \$600 Billion Tax Giveaway for the Rich**

September 6, 2018, By Jake Johnson

"Don't fall for the con. Real wages have fallen over the last year, despite an economy nearing full employment. Good jobs are still being shipped abroad," Borosage added. "As **Americans for Tax Fairness** has documented, only four percent of workers received any increase from the tax cuts, while, as predicted, corporate CEOs used the cut for a record-breaking \$700 billion in stock buybacks, lining their pockets and those of investors."

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**Circa: Sanders' Stop BEZOS Act ends 'welfare' for Amazon, but could hurt low-wage workers**

September 6, 2018, By Leandra Bernstein

According to a study by the progressive **Americans for Tax Fairness**, low-wage workers at WalMart rely on \$6.2 billion a year in taxpayer-funded programs while McDonald's employees cost \$1.2 billion.

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**MSN.com: Doubts shadow GOP push for tax cuts 2.0**

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**OPedNews.com (Other Op-Ed): Is our world becoming a sacrifice zone?**

September 5, 2018, By Brian Cooney

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, corporations are not using their tax windfall to invest in production and create jobs. Instead, they "are spending 101 times as much on stock buybacks as they are spending on workers' bonuses and wages." These buybacks increase the value of stocks: "The richest 1% own 40% of all stock; the richest 10% own 84%."

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**Cable One (Column): Consumer Confidential: The economy may be booming, but nearly half of Americans can't make ends meet**

September 4, 2018, By David Lazarus  
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September 3, 2018, By Frank Clemente

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**The Hill (ATF Op-Ed): This Labor Day, workers are under attack from (by) GOP policies**

September 3, 2018, By Jan Schakowsky and Mark Pocan

Despite President Trump's promise, only 4% of America's employees have gotten any kind of payout connected to the corporate tax cut, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**. The majority of working Americans received little benefit, including those who may have gotten one-time bonuses, but not actual raises.

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September 3, 2018, By Rebekah Entralgo  
Syndicated from ThinkProgress

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**The Nation: Donald Trump Has Betrayed American Workers—Again and Again and Again**

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September 1, 2018, By David Lazarus

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**Medium (Blog): It's Labor Day Weekend: Let's Talk About Unrigging The Economy for Workers**

August 31, 2018, By Marc Stier

What has been the consequence for working people? Only 4.3% of America's 155 million employees are seeing any benefit, according to an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**. And most of the increases in pay were one-time bonuses, not permanent raises. Very few American workers are getting the \$4,000 wage increase promised by Trump. And once one takes into account the rising price of prescription drugs, health insurance, gas and other necessities, living standards for an average worker is actually down over the past year.

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**Common Dreams: [As Corporate Profits Reach New Heights After Trump Tax Cuts, 40% of Americans Can't Afford Basic Necessities](#)**

August 30, 2018, By Jake Johnson

"Last quarter, big banks set a new record with \$60 billion in profits—half of it as a result of the GOP tax scam," **Americans for Tax Fairness** wrote in response to the new data. "What did working families get? More empty promises that corporations would use their tax cuts to boost wages. If it sounds unfair, that's because it is."

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**The New York Times (Column): [Beware Rich People Who Say They Want to Change the World](#)**

August 24, 2018, By Anand Giridharadas

Walmart has long been accused of underpaying workers. **Americans for Tax Fairness**, an advocacy group, famously accused the company of costing taxpayers billions of dollars a year because it "pays its employees so little that many of them rely on food stamps, health care and other taxpayer-funded programs." Walmart denies this criticism, citing the jobs it creates and the taxes it pays.

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**CounterPunch (ATF Op-Ed): [Trump's Tax Cuts: \\$280K for Rich Lawmakers, Pennies for Workers](#)**

August 24, 2018, By Kayla Kitson

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August 23, 2018, By Kayla Kitson  
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**Bloomberg: [Here's What May Happen to Your Taxes if Democrats Win the House](#)**

August 23, 2018, By Laura Davison

The math is complicated if Democrats want to fully fund the government, plug the revenue lost by the tax law and create new programs, said Frank Clemente, executive director at **Americans for Tax Fairness**. "If you add all those things up, it will be trillions of dollars," Clemente said. "I'm not sure anything lends itself to a bumper sticker."

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**Newsmax: [Overhauling the Tax Overhaul: Here's What Democrats Are Planning](#)**

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**Inequality.org (ATF Op-Ed): [Scoring Trump's Tax Cuts So Far: \\$280,000 for Rich Lawmakers, Pennies for Workers](#)**

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**The Marketing Journal (Blog): The Regressive Brand: The Dark Side of Brand Activism**

August 20, 2018, By Philip Kotler and Christian Sarkar

This brandshaming project is brought to the public via the following participating organizations: **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Climate Hawks Vote, Common Cause, Corporate Accountability, Corrections Accountability Project, Daily Kos, Democracy Initiative, Dream Defenders, Enlace, Friends of the Earth Action, Green America, HEAL Food Alliance, Million Hoodies Movement for Justice, Peace is Loud, Pesticide Action Network, People for the American Way, Plastic Pollution Coalition.

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**Politico: A SALT test**

August 20, 2018, By Bernie Becker

The liberal **Americans for Tax Fairness** told Morning Tax that around 40 protesters from related grassroots groups showed up to the JCN event last week in Rep. Tom Reed's district in upstate New York, while around 35 rallied a day later and a couple hours away at a stop in Sherburne, N.Y., for Rep. Claudia Tenney. Events in the districts of Reps. Mike Coffman (R-Colo.) and Kevin Yoder (R-Kan.) also drew demonstrators.

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**American Legal News (Blog): Big Companies Have Money for Stock Buybacks, CEO Salaries, Not Increased Worker Pay**

August 17, 2018, By Andrew Bare

And huge corporations have responded to the tax cut by embarking on a program of stock buybacks that overwhelmingly benefit richer Americans. Mastercard repurchased \$4 billion of its shares last year. Eastman Chemical bought back \$2 billion of its own stock.

In all, **Americans for Tax Fairness** found, Fortune 500 companies have spent more than \$238 billion buying back their own stock since the tax cut became law.

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**Linnposts.cm (Blog): Getting More Facts Straight or More of Getting the Straight Facts**

August 17, 2018, By Staff

Those figures break down as follows: Since the tax cut fifty-six percent (56%) of workers in those Fortune 500 companies have seen no wage increase. Only 4.6% have or will receive any increase in pay or a one time bonus. Actual wages are up only 2.7 percent over the last 12 months. (Source: **Americans for Tax Fairness**)

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**Common Dreams: Even Before #GOPTaxScam, Analysis Shows CEOs Made 300 Times More Than Average Workers in 2017**

August 16, 2018, By Julia Conley

In January, **Americans for Tax Fairness** reported that fewer than 10 percent of highly-profitable Fortune 500 companies had shared the benefits of the tax law with their employees, instead directing savings to their shareholders through stock buybacks and dividends.

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**The New York Times (Editorial): You Know Who the Tax Cuts Helped? Rich People**

August 12, 2018, By New York Times Editorial Board

The most notable outcome of the tax law is one that few Republicans talked about: Companies are buying back their own stock — a lot of it. Stock buybacks are expected to reach a record \$1 trillion this year. After Congress reduced the top federal corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent, businesses are flush with cash. Lawmakers also let companies repatriate foreign earnings that they have been amassing at a rate of 15.5 percent for cash and 8 percent for other assets.

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**The Hill (ATF Op-Ed): GOP tax law isn't just about taxes — it's undermining American health care**

August 9, 2018, By Frank Clemente and Margarida Jorge

As President Trump and Republicans in Congress push for a second round of tax cuts, it's important to look at how the first Trump-GOP tax law adopted last December hurt working families. One of the worst ways has nothing to do with taxes.

Besides giving most of the benefits to the wealthy and corporations and failing to increase worker pay as promised, the tax law also jeopardizes health care for millions.

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**PressFrom (Column): Offbeat The Rust Belt is done with Donald Trump's gold-plated populism**

August 8, 2018, By Jason Sattler  
Syndicated from USA Today

Under his tax law, businesses received nine times more in cuts than what they gave their workers and spent 37 times more on stock buybacks than on bonuses since the reforms became law, according to an April analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**. Now Trump's Treasury Secretary has suggested that the administration may serve up another \$100 billion in tax cuts that will go just to the richest of the richest, who just happen include much of Trump's cabinet, family and big donors.

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**ThinkProgress (Blog): CEOs are using corporate share buybacks to enrich themselves**

July 30, 2018, By Rebekah Entralgo

Data from **Americans For Tax Fairness** found that powerful Fortune 500 companies have spent a total of over \$238,244,348,330 in stock buybacks since December. The numbers showed few corporations have actually used their respective tax windfalls to benefit workers directly, as many pledged they would do. Out of the over 1,500 companies from which **Americans for Tax Fairness** collected data, only 359 of them actually promised to increase wages for their employees.

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**Global Research (Blog): Near-Lowest Ever US Corporate Taxes: Great Wealth Transfer Heist from Ordinary Americans to Corporate Billionaires**

July 30, 2018, By Stephen Lendman  
Syndicated from Freedom's Phoenix

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**Freedoms Phoenix (Blog): Fruits of the Great 2017 GOP Tax Cut Scam**

July 30, 2018, By Stephen Lendman

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF), the fruits of last year's great GOP tax cut heist were as follows: 4.3% of workers got wage hikes or bonuses - 6.7 million out of 155 million. Only a handful of employers provided them so far - 407 out of 5.9 million.

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**Daily Kos (Blog): Who's Really Winning?**

July 29, 2018, By newsom303

According to one study **Americans for Tax Fairness** released Six-Month Report Card “Only 4 percent of workers so far are getting a bonus or wage hike. Only 402 of the nation’s six million employers have announced any plans to share their tax cuts with employees through bonuses or wage hikes.”

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**National Memo (Other Op-Ed): Next Round Of GOP Tax Cuts Will Decimate Social Security And Medicare**

July 29, 2018, By Leo Gerard  
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Fewer than 500 of the nation’s 6 million employers gave workers a one-time bonus or a wage increase because of the massive corporate tax break, according to tracking by the group **Americans For Tax Fairness**. U.S. government data show that for nonsupervisory workers in the first quarter of 2018, real wages—that is, wages adjusted for inflation—fell 0.1 percent, and private data show them dropping even further in the second quarter.

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**Buzzflash.com (Blog): Trump's Tax Cuts Will Give GOP Excuse for Cutting Social Safety Net**

July 27, 2018, By Mark Karlin

The **Americans for Tax Fairness** published a report, written with allied advocates of public services, that states the threat clearly: Trump, who as a candidate promised never to cut Medicare or Medicaid, now is seeking a total of \$1.3 trillion in cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and the ACA.

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**Politico: Trump remarks on the economy**

July 27, 2018, By Bernie Becker

**Americans for Tax Fairness** urges the IRS to seek civil penalties against the Trump Foundation.

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**PoliticusUSA.com: Calls Grow For The IRS Investigate The Trump Foundation For Crimes**

July 27, 2018, By Jason Easley

The groups American Family Voices, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Campaign for Accountability, Center for American Progress, Center for Biological Diversity, Center for Media and Democracy, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), Common Cause, Demand Progress Action, End Citizens United, Free Speech For People, Public Citizen all signed a letter calling on the IRS to investigate the Trump Foundation.

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**Center for American Progress: GDP Is Growing, but Workers' Wages Aren't**

July 26, 2018, By Michael Madowitz and Seth Hanlon

**Americans for Tax Fairness**, "Topline Corporate Data."

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**Pharmacy Choice: Rep. Pelosi Issues Remarks on Medicare, Medicaid 53rd Anniversary**

July 26, 2018, By Staff

And we're so pleased to be with so many strong advocates this morning. AFGE, AFCSME, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Alliance for Retired Americans, Americans Medical Student Association, The Arc, Caring Across Generations, Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, Center for Medicare Advocacy, Doctors for America, Easter Seals, Justice in Aging, Meals on Wheels, National Health Law Program, National Physicians Alliance, National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, Religious Action Center, Results, Social Security Works, UFCW. Did I miss anybody?

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**The Hill (Column): Juan Williams: Dems can beat Trump with the white working class**

July 23, 2018, By Juan Williams

That conclusion is supported by an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness** that found the tax cuts have led to only 4.3 percent of workers “getting any one-time bonuses or wage increases from their employers.”

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**AFFINITY (Column): The War Between CEOs And Workers**

July 18, 2018, By Marielle Devereaux

You might mistakenly think that the reason these extravagantly rich household names only pay their workers minimum wage is so they can pay for their food or healthcare, but you’d be wrong.

They aren’t paying. You are.

A report from **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimated that in 2014 alone, 6.2 billion taxpayer dollars paid for Medicaid, food stamps and subsidized housing for Walmart employees.

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**Bloomberg News (Column): Trump’s tax cuts haven’t done anything for workers**

July 18, 2018, By Noah Smith

Some have expressed dismay that stock buybacks seem to have taken precedence over boosting capital investment. Since the tax cuts passed, companies have been using buybacks to return record amounts of cash to shareholders — more than \$700 billion in the first two quarters.

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**Politico: Trump picks his justice**

July 10, 2018, By Bernie Becker

The president called out Pfizer and other drug companies for hiking prices in a Monday tweet. But the liberal group **Americans for Tax Fairness** is making the case that Big Pharma was one of the big winners out of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, despite all of Trump’s bluster on drug prices.

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**The Washington Post: The Health 202: Kavanaugh pick worries Obamacare and abortion-rights advocates**

July 10, 2018, By Colby Itkowitz

The left-leaning **Americans for Tax Fairness** has released a report sounding the alarm on the windfall benefiting the pharmaceutical industry following last year's Republican tax cut. The coalition criticizes companies for not sharing the benefits with employees and consumers.

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**Kaiser Health News: A new messaging tactic on the left: Drug prices rise, as pharma prospers from tax law**

July 9, 2018, By Lev Facher

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**The Hill (Op-Ed): This July 4th, Americans should rebel against GOP economic policies**

July 3, 2018, By Frank Clemente

This Fourth of July, America's working families should rebel against President Trump's bait-and-switch economic policies that leave them worse off while further enriching the wealthy. The new GOP tax law mostly benefits the rich and corporations — including oil companies, health insurers and big drug firms — while the Republican economy increasingly squeezes ordinary Americans.

When the president sold his tax cuts to the public, working families were promised a \$4,000 raise by their employers, but precious few have seen any boost in their paychecks. And whatever modest tax cuts they got are being more than eaten up by higher gas prices, higher health-insurance premiums and ever costlier prescription drugs.

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**The American Prospect (Column): It's Still the Economy, Stupid**

July 3, 2018, By Robert Kuttner

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**The American Prospect: Why the Tax Act Will Not Boost Investment**

June 27, 2018, By Dean Baker

Since the law passed, most of the discussion has focused on the division of the benefits of the corporate tax cuts between shareholders and workers. On this score, the shareholders look to be the big winners. According to an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness** that focused on the public announcements from the country's 500 largest corporations, share buybacks announced since the law's passage have totaled more than \$400 billion compared with \$6.1 billion in announced bonuses or pay increases, with the vast majority of this money falling in the category of one-time bonuses.

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**The Washington Post (Column): Trump's tax-cut scam will only deepen racism and inequality**

June 26, 2018, By Katrina vanden Heuvel

The six-month anniversary of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act passed last week with little fanfare. Despite Republicans' dishonest spin, most Americans recognize that President Trump's crowning legislative achievement was a plutocratic heist that will do nothing to help working people. Greedy corporations have used their windfalls to reward chief executives and stockholders, while workers' wages have actually declined. Barely a third of Americans now support the law.

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**The American Prospect (ATF Op-Ed): Raises and Bonuses: The PR Fraud**

June 25, 2018, By William Rice

**Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) did just that, creating a master database documenting bonuses, wage hikes, tax savings, stock buybacks, layoffs, and a half-dozen other indicators of the impact of the Tax Act on business fortunes and behavior.

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### **The Hill (ATF Op-Ed): Six months in, GOP tax bill an utter flop**

June 22, 2018, By Damon Silvers

Six months after President Trump and Republicans in Congress jammed through massive tax cuts mostly for corporations and the wealthy, it has become clear that working families are suffering while billionaire GOP campaign contributors luxuriate in a tax windfall.

While stumping for his tax plan, President Trump claimed cutting taxes for big corporations would result in an average pay raise of \$4,000 for working families.

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### **Pharmacy Choice: 6/21/18 - House Financial Services Committee Issues Testimony From American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organizations**

June 21, 2018, By Staff

The broad based coalition **Americans for Tax Fairness** compiled a comprehensive data base of employer behavior in the aftermath of the Republican tax law's passage. They found that just 67 companies out of the Fortune 500 gave ANY wage increase or bonus to their employees as a result of the tax bill. Out of the Fortune 1000, only 9% have announced any wage increase or bonus tied to the Republican tax law. Out of all U.S. employers ATF could identify only 402 companies that gave any bonus or pay increase. Out of the relative handful of companies that did give some money to their workers, most were either in the form of one time bonuses or in the form of pay raises for new hires.

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**American Banker: Wells Fargo Exhibit A in Democrats' case against tax law**

June 20, 2018, By Neil Haggerty

Behind Paywall

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**Truth-Out: ALEC's Deadly Asbestos Agenda Benefits Koch Industries, Nationwide**

June 20, 2018, By Don Wiener and Mary Bottari

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**Campaign for America's Future (Blog): Where's that \$4,000 Raise the GOP Promised Workers?**

June 18, 2018, By Leo Gerard

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**National Memo (Blog): Hey Republicans! Where's That \$4000 Raise Promised To American Workers?**

June 17, 2018, By Leo Gerard

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**The Hill: Liberal groups urge lawmakers to oppose second round of Trump tax cuts**

June 13, 2018, By Naomi Jagoda

Groups that signed the letter include **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Tax March and the AFL-CIO.

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**Common Dreams: 130 National Organizations Urge Congress To Oppose "Round 2" of Trump-GOP Tax Cuts**

June 13, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

Joining **Americans for Tax Fairness** in signing the letter to Congress are such diverse groups as the AFL-CIO, Center for American Progress, Children's Defense Fund, Faith in Public Life, MoveOn.org, National Women's Law Center, Patriotic Millionaires and many more.

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**Common Dreams: Sounding Alarm Over Possible #GOPTaxScam 2.0, 130 Groups Warn Lawmakers Against 'Another Massive Tax Cut' for Wealthy**

June 13, 2018, By Andrea Germanos

The richest Americans do not need another massive tax cut," the letter from national groups including the AFL-CIO, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Friends of the Earth, the National Education Association, and Patriotic Millionaires states.

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**Common Dreams: Bank Heist: Wall Street Banks Get Huge Trump-GOP Tax Cuts**

June 12, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

America's big Wall Street banks and financial firms, profiting handsomely from the new Trump-GOP tax law, are using the bulk of their huge tax-cut savings to further enrich their already wealthy shareholders and executives while sharing little or nothing with their rank-and-file workers, according to a new **Americans for Tax Fairness** analysis of corporate filings and other data.

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**Salon.com: Forget Trump's giant corporate tax cut. Want to grow the economy? Forgive all college debt**

June 11, 2018, By Bob Hennelly

Last month, Frank Clemente of **Americans for Tax Fairness** testified before Congress with the benefit of having three more months of data on the consequences of the Trump-GOP tax cut.

Total tax cuts for 107 Fortune 500 corporations in 2018 is estimated at \$72 billion so far. Fortune 500 corporations are getting 12 times more in tax cuts than workers are getting in pay hikes (\$6 billion). Corporations are mostly sharing their huge tax cuts with wealthy CEOs and stockholders.

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**The Washington Post (Column): The economic numbers are cheery, but don't believe the hype**

June 5, 2018, By Katrina vanden Heuvel

Trump promised to end the "carnage." His policies, however, only contribute to the decline. His signature achievement — the tax cuts — will add to inequality. He opposes raising the minimum wage. His administrative and judicial appointees are working to undermine worker rights and free up corporate executive suites. His tax bill gives multinationals incentives to ship jobs abroad. His budgets and efforts to roll back regulation undermine protection of U.S. consumers, workers and communities. His forays into the health-care system will leave millions more without affordable health care.

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**Freedoms Phoenix (Blog): GOP Tax Cut Swindle Working as Intended**

June 2, 2018, By Stephen Lendman

**Americans for Tax Fairness** is tracking how corporate predators are using their tax cut bonanza, explaining the following: the way corporations are using their tax cut is (clear) proof that (it) was never meant to benefit workers. It was designed to benefit the wealthy, rich CEOs, and big corporations.



**The Washington Post (Column): Repetitively cutting taxes for the rich isn't the answer**

May 31, 2018, By Jennifer Rubin

If Republicans want tax cuts, they should at the very least focus them in ways that address our outstanding economic challenges. Child-care tax credits to allow women to return to the workforce, substantial expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit and tax credits to aid relocation from high- to low-unemployment locales make sense; cutting taxes for multimillionaires or for corporations do not.

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**Epeak World News: Workers Protest Low Wages, Sexual Harassment as McDonald's Profits Soar**

May 30, 2018, By Joseph Sabino Mistick

As has been the case with many other corporations, the tax cuts have stopped short of bringing about real pay raises. McDonald's stands to reel in an estimated annual tax cut of \$900 million, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**. In the first quarter of 2018 alone, the company's stock hit an all-time high and it returned \$2.5 billion to shareholders, with plans of returning \$16 billion more in the next two years.

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**The American Prospect: Fast-Food Blues: Workers Protest Low Wages, Sexual Harassment as McDonald's Profits Soar**

May 29, 2018, By Manuel Madrid

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**Common Dreams: More than 50 Organizations Urge Congress to End the Tax Preference for Shifting Jobs and Profits Offshore**

May 24, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

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**Common Dreams: [Calling Out 'Backward Incentives' of Trump Tax Law, 54 Groups Urge Congress to Support Effort to Stop Corporate Offshoring](#)**

May 24, 2018, By Jake Johnson

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) will allow companies to avoid taxes on \$235 billion in profits each year going forward," writes the coalition of groups, which includes **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Public Citizen, and Jobs With Justice. "This is revenue that should be funding critical public investments in healthcare, education, infrastructure, and other priorities"

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**Common Dreams: [Will Corporations Announce Any Benefits For Workers On This Week's Earnings Calls?](#)**

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**Freedoms Phoenix (Blog): [Trump Reneged on Pledge to Lower Drug Prices](#)**

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"Instead, they are mostly rewarding their CEOs and other wealthy shareholders with fat stock buybacks and dividend hikes, recent public announcements and analysis reveal."

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**The Hill: [Good economic vibes fail to make GOP tax law popular](#)**

May 11, 2018, By Naomi Jagoda

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said that Republicans "oversold the tax plan," since many people are getting a fairly small tax cut and most people haven't gotten more money or benefits from their employers.

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**Common Dreams: [\\$407 Billion in Stock Buybacks! How Are Businesses in Your State Spending the Trump Tax Cuts?](#)**

May 10, 2018. By Americans for Tax Fairness

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**Before It's News (Blog): Dark Money Ascendant: The 501(c)4**

May 8, 2018, By Matthew Vandum

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**The Hill: Fighting the tax law**

May 8, 2018, By Naomi Jagoda

To keep the momentum going, last August Tax March and partner organizations such as MoveOn.org and **Americans for Tax Fairness** launched the Not One Penny campaign to fight Republicans’ efforts to cut taxes for corporations and wealthy individuals.

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**Common Dreams: Will Trump's Speech On Pharma Lead To More Than Tough Talk?**

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**TD Ameritade (Column): Opinion: Businesses are investing more, but it's not the tax cut**

May 7, 2018, By Rex Nutting  
Syndicated from Morning Star

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**Job Sanger (Blog): Exposing The Trump/GOP Lie About Their Tax Cuts**

May 6, 2018, By Ted McLaughlin

They then told Americans that workers would benefit from those cuts, because the corporations and other businesses would use their tax cuts to create new jobs and give current workers a raise. That has now been exposed as just another lie. Here is the truth from **Americans for Tax Fairness** -- and that truth sounds just like what Democrats said would happen:

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**The Daily Kos (Blog): Congressman Phil Roe: Can Apple Inc. Please Keep This Doctor Away?**

May 4, 2018, By NoAprilFool

So Rep. Roe, if you had wanted to tell the whole truth to your audience, here’s what you might have said (information courtesy of **Americans For Tax Fairness**). Corporate share of federal tax revenue has dropped by two-thirds in 60 years — from 32% in 1952 to 10% in 2013.

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**Natural Blaze (Blog): Big Pharma's Tax Cuts Going To Wealthy – Zero To Patients, Little To Workers**

May 3, 2018. By Americans for Tax Fairness  
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**Postal News (Blog): A soaring federal deficit spells danger for letter carriers**

May 3, 2018, By Brian Sheehan

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**The Street (Column): Investors Shrug Off Good News as Trump Trade Edges Closer to the End**

May 3, 2018, By John Pickering

In all, stock buybacks have reached \$387 billion since the tax cuts were passed, or 58 times more than the \$6.7 billion of announced or estimated one-time bonuses or pay increases corporations will give to workers, according to a group called **Americans for Tax Fairness**, in a press release.

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**Politico Morning Tax: Rate vs. expensing, cont’d**

May 3, 2018, By Bernie Becker

Apple and stock buybacks: The liberal group **Americans for Tax Fairness** lashed out at Apple’s announcement this week that it would buy back \$100 billion worth of stock, noting that’s 333 times the \$300 million in onetime bonuses the tech giant has offered workers. ATF also said that, by its calculations, companies are setting aside 58 times as much money for stock buybacks than bonuses or pay raises in the wake of the new tax law.

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**Law 360 (Blog): Apple Leads \$387B In Buybacks After Trump Tax Cuts**

May 2, 2018, By Daniel Tay

Apple’s \$100 billion stock buyback pushed total repurchases announced after 2017’s tax overhaul to \$387 billion on Tuesday, which **Americans for Tax Fairness** said Wednesday demonstrated the overhaul’s disproportionate benefits to the wealthy over working Americans

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**Just Care (Blog): Tax cuts for drug companies a bust for Americans**

May 2, 2018, By Diane Archer

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May 1, 2018. By Americans for Tax Fairness

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**Politics USA: Marco Rubio Admits Workers Are Getting Screwed By Trump Tax Cuts**

April 30, 2018, By Jason Easley

However, the real damage that is being done is in job losses, According to **Americans For Tax Fairness**, "A total of 96,956 private-sector job cuts have been announced at 185 companies since the tax law was passed by Congress. The actual job-loss total is higher, but some big companies, including Amazon and Wells Fargo, have not offered precise figures in their layoff announcements."

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**The Other 98 (Blog): The next time someone tells you the corporate tax rate is too high, just show them Big Pharma.**

April 29, 2018, By Will Rice

According to a new **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) report, just five of America's 10 biggest drug firms (a/k/a the Pharma Big 10)—will reap over \$6 billion in tax-cut savings this year alone. Yet not one company has announced plans to use any of that money to raise wages, add jobs, increase research and development, or cut drug prices for patients—in other words, Big Pharma just proved every single excuse they make for high drug prices is a lie.

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**Common Dreams: Big Pharma's Tax Cuts Going To Wealthy – Zero To Patients, Little To Workers**

April 26, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

A new report released today by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, shows that America's 10 biggest prescription-drug corporations—the Pharma Big 10—are among the biggest winners from the \$1.9 trillion Trump-GOP tax cuts, but they are sharing few of the benefits with their employees and are offering no price relief to their customers.

**Affinity Magazine: Closing The Tax Loopholes For Large Corporations**

April 26, 2018, By Collin Foster

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, an overwhelming 70% of all Americans support closing loopholes for large conglomerates and the rich over sequestration cuts to Social Security and Medicare.

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**Common Dreams: Despite 'Unprecedented' Windfall From Corporate Tax Cut, AT&T's Workers Forced to Wage Fierce Fight to Keep Their Jobs**

April 25, 2018, By Jessica Corbett

**Americans for Tax Fairness**, which has warned for months about the devastating consequences of the Republicans' tax law, said Wednesday that this battle between the union and the company proves corporations like AT&T "never planned on using their #TrumpTaxScam tax cuts to create jobs or boost workers' pay like they promised."

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**The Progressive: Five Things Trump and Ryan Didn't Tell You About Their Tax Plan**

April 25, 2018, By Roger Bybee

Only a Few Benefit: Despite promises that a corporate tax cut would trickle down to worker's pocket books, a mere 4.3 percent of U.S. workers will be receiving a one-time bonus or wage increase this year, **Americans for Tax Fairness** reported.

Corporations "Invest" in Themselves: The corporate tax cuts have not ignited any vigorous uptick in job-creating investment, but have encouraged corporations to buy back more of their own stock. This has allowed them to raise their stock prices and boost the earnings of the top executives and rich investors. Corporations are devoting thirty-six times as much on stock buybacks than to one-time bonuses and wage increases for workers, the **Americans for Tax Fairness** found.

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**Religious News Service (Other Op-Ed): The lesson of the loaves and fishes — lost on the House Agriculture Committee**

April 24, 2018, By Rev. James H. Willis Sr.

The new federal tax law Congress members and the president approved in December. It is another example of what the Bible admonishes us not to do. The law contains \$1.5 trillion in tax breaks, 85 percent of which go to the richest Wall Street corporations and the wealthiest 1 percent of households.

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**Fierce Wireless: Talk of the Town: New ATF Website Launches on Results of Trump Tax Cuts**

April 24, 2018, By Mike Dano  
Syndicated from Palm Beach Happening

AT&T isn't the only carrier under fire on the issue. According to a new website launched by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Verizon is estimated to be getting a \$2.4 billion tax cut in 2018, which the group said is far larger than the \$380 million in one-time bonuses the company has promised to pay its workers. The group also said Verizon has fired 300 workers since the passage of the tax law.

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**USW.org(Blog): 12 Things We've Learned About the GOP Tax Bill**

April 23, 2018, By AFL-CIO

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**Guardians of Democracy (Blog): Most Of GOP Tax Law's Pass-Through Benefit Will Go To Millionaires And Billionaires**

April 23, 2018, By Guardians of Democracy

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**Institute for Policy Studies (Blog): Tracking Corporate Responses to the Tax Scam**

April 19, 2018, By Brian Wakamo

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### **Pay Scale (Blog): Tax Reform Has Yet To Trickle Down To Most Workers' Paychecks**

April 19, 2018, By Sean Leslie

Additionally, a new report on all Fortune 500 companies by **Americans for Tax Fairness** found that only 4.3 percent of workers at those companies will receive a one-time bonus or wage increase tied to the business tax cuts. Furthermore, the report discovered that businesses received nine times more in cuts than what they passed on to their workers, using the savings much more frequently on stock buybacks than on bonuses or increased wages for workers. In fact, according to The Hill, "For the period December 2017 through February 2018, share buybacks more than doubled to \$200 million."

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### **Light Weeks (Blog): This Tax Day Ushers in New Era of 'Winning' for Americans**

April 19, 2018, By Staff

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### **Inforum (Column): Haglund: There's something fishy about Cramer's tax plan figures**

April 19, 2018, By Roger Haglund

In case you missed the above question, you should know that a new analysis of all Fortune 500 companies found that only 4.3 percent of workers will receive a bonus or wage increase due to the tax cuts. **Americans for Tax Fairness** also found that companies are spending 37 times as much on stock buybacks as they are for wage increases and bonuses.

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**The Hill (Op-Ed): Medicaid is crucial to seniors and awareness is crucial to the program's survival**

April 19, 2018, By Max Richtman

Even though those devastating proposals failed, Medicaid remains under assault from the right. The Trump/GOP tax cuts enacted last December will blow a \$1.5 trillion hole in the national debt, inviting deep cuts to Medicaid (as well as Medicare and Social Security). Meanwhile, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, when the new tax law is fully phased in, 83 percent of the tax cuts will go to the wealthiest 1 percent.

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April 18, 2018, By Associated Press

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**Greater Diversity News (Blog): End Tax Breaks – Are Americans Winning on Tax Day, Common Good Faces Grim Future**

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April 17, 2018, By Chamber Watch  
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April 17, 2018, By House Budget Committee Democrats

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**Think Progress (Blog): Here's what the GOP tax bill won't do for middle class families**

April 17, 2018, By Rebekah Entralgo

New data from **Americans for Tax Fairness** confirmed corporations aren't spending their tax cut savings on higher wages for their workers. Corporations have spent a total of roughly \$238,244,348,330 on stock buybacks since December 20, 2017 when the tax bill passed. Middle class Americans won't see a penny of that, unless they own stock. The wealthiest 10 percent of American households own 84 percent of all shares, while the top 1 percent own 40 percent. Roughly one-half of American households don't own stock at all.

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**Common Dreams: Americans' Health Care And Public Services At Risk From Trump Tax & Budget Cuts, New Report Warns**

April 17, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

Syndication of an ATF press release.

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**Pharmacy Choice: Trump's daughter, Treasury secretary to visit NH Tuesday**

April 17, 2018, By Allison DeAngelis

Syndicated from Gloucester Times

**Americans for Tax Fairness** and Health Care for America Now released a report Monday that states that the \$1.5 trillion in tax breaks made under the president’s plan are largely unfunded at this point.

The groups contend that the tax plan changes will add \$1.9 trillion to the deficit and force cuts to the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, Medicare, education and other public safety net programs.

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**Newsweek: TAX DAY 2018: BIG BANKS ALREADY REAPING HUGE BENEFITS FROM TRUMP'S PLAN**

April 17, 2018, By Josh Keefe

While the corporate and individual tax breaks apply to different entities, many supporters of the tax law have argued that corporate tax cuts will enrich workers. But a new analysis by the progressive group **Americans for Tax Fairness** found Fortune 500 companies are “getting 10 times as much in tax cuts as they are giving to workers in one-time bonuses and wage hikes.” The analysis also found those companies were spending “36 times as much on stock buybacks as they are spending on workers’ bonuses and wages.”

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**Coalition for Human Needs (Blog): TAX DAY PROTESTING**

April 17, 2018, By Lecia Imbery



That's why, this tax day, CHN is joining our friends at MomsRising, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Tax March, AFL-CIO, and others for a virtual protest today (April 17) at 2:00 pm, using the hashtag #TaxDayProtest. We invite you to join as well.

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**The Africom: The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (NYSE:GS) unit acquires Clarity Money**

April 17, 2018, By Tara Barton

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**AFL-CIO (Blog): 12 Things We've Learned About the GOP Tax Bill**

April 16, 2018, By AFL-CIO Staff

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**Daily Kos (Blog): Stock buybacks to hit record highs. Only 9% of Fortune 500 companies bettering their workers**

April 16, 2018, By Hoboraiders

While the wage growth trends remain uncertain, the new ATF report is really what we need to talk about. If the Democrats want to win the House and Senate in the upcoming midterms, this might be a strong criticism that can be levied against Ryan and crew. According to a new analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, only 9% of Fortune 500 companies benefited their workers. The **Americans for Tax Fairness** analysis found the following:

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**Mint Press News: Data Shows Trump Tax Cuts Did Not Raise Wages, Instead Went to Corporate Executives**

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**Common Dreams: As GOP Spends Big Money Trying to Make Corporate Tax Cut Popular, New Poll Shows Most Americans Still Smart Enough to Hate It**

April 16, 2018, By Jake Johncon

"Who knew that giving massive tax cuts to the wealthy, rich CEOs, and big corporations at the expense of working families wouldn't resonate with voters?" **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) wrote in a sardonic tweet on Monday.

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**Good to SEO (Blog): Tax cut savings flow to company stockholders, trickle to hourly workers**

April 14, 2018, By Adam Shell

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**Patheos: Tax Cuts Going to Investor Class, Not Workers**

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April 12, 2018, By Rebekah Entralgo

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**Blue State Daily (Blog): Analysis Proves Trump Tax Cuts Only Benefited The Rich**

April 12, 2018, By Stephen Foster

“There are too many disingenuous claims that the Trump and Republican tax cuts for corporations will trickle down to the middle class,” **Americans for Tax Fairness** executive director Frank Clemente told Newsweek. “President Trump and Republicans gave huge tax cuts to big drug companies, big oil, and other corporations, but corporations are giving back little—if anything—to working families. In fact, this [analysis shows] that 433 corporations out of the Fortune 500 have announced no plans to share their tax cuts with employees.”

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April 12, 2018, By Cyrus Massoumi

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**Moms Rising (Blog): Tell your local paper "no tax cuts for wealthy corporations!"**

April 11, 2018, By Elyssa Koidin Schmier

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April 10, 2018, By Michael Hiltzik  
Syndicated from Los Angeles Times

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**Politico: Swift rise for IRS bill**

April 10, 2018, By Bernie Becker, Michael Stratford

The liberal group **Americans for Tax Fairness** is out with a new website seeking to undercut some of the good press that Republicans have gotten from the tax law. The new site includes a database detailing how some 830 corporations have responded to the tax cuts, including whether they've bought back stock, handed out bonuses to workers, increased wages or even cut jobs — also seemingly with an eye to November. "As Tax Day approaches and Americans across the country file their taxes, the results are as we warned — corporations and their CEOs and wealthy investors are seeing massive tax cuts from Trump's tax plan, but they are not sharing the wealth with hard-working Americans and their families," said Frank Clemente, the group's executive director.

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April 10, 2018, By Nicole Goodkind  
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**Guardians of Democracy (Blog): Only 4% Of Workers Receiving Bonuses And/Or Wage Hikes Due To Trump Tax Cuts: ATF**

April 9, 2018, By Guardians of Democracy Staff

**Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) on Monday launched a database, called “Trump Tax Cut Truths,” to track how more than 800 corporations are responding to the new GOP tax law, finding that only 4 percent of workers are receiving bonuses and/or wage increases due to the tax cuts.

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**The Hill: Liberal group launches database to track corporations' response to tax law**

April 9, 2018, By Naomi Jagoda

The website from **Americans for Tax Fairness**, called "Trump Tax Cut Truths," contains searchable data about the size of corporations' tax cuts as well as information about bonuses, wage increases, job cuts, new investments and stock buybacks companies have planned following the law's enactment. The database contains information about more than 800 companies. **Americans for Tax Fairness** Executive Director Frank Clemente said they launched the website to hold corporations accountable. "The results are as we warned," Clemente said, arguing companies and their executives are seeing massive tax cuts "but they are not sharing the wealth."

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**Common Dreams: New ATF Website on Results of Trump Tax Cuts**

April 5, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

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March 14, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

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**Public Now (Blog): Whitehouse Unveils Bill To End Tax Breaks For Exporting Jobs, Profits**

February 28, 2018, By Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse Press Release

The legislation has been endorsed by the AFL-CIO; Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency (FACT) Coalition; **Americans for Tax Fairness**; Campaign for America's Future; MomsRising; Public Citizen; Economic Policy Institute Policy Center; American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME); Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy; International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers; Main Street Alliance; NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice; Oxfam America; Small Business Majority, American Federation of Government Employees, Patriotic Millionaires; International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW); American Family Voices; People Demanding Action; and the Alliance for Retired Americans.

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**Common Dreams: Taking on Trump's False Promises, Dems Introduce Bill to End Tax Cuts for Corporate Offshoring**

February 28, 2018, By Jake Johnson

In a statement endorsing the Not Tax Breaks for Outsourcing Act, **Americans for Tax Fairness** executive director Frank Clemente slammed the Trump-GOP tax law as "a jobs killer" that "provides even more tax incentives than existed before for corporations to outsource U.S. jobs and shift profits offshore."

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**Common Dreams: Analysis: Major Corporations Have Spent Just 6% of Tax Cut Windfall on Workers. Guess Where the Other 94% Went.**

February 28, 2018, By Jake Johnson

As the advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness** wrote snarkily on Twitter: "You mean corporations aren't using the bulk of their tax cuts to create jobs and boost workers wages like Trump promised? Weird..."

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**The Washington Post (Op-Ed): Shocker: Democrat's predictions about the GOP tax cut are coming true**

February 27, 2018, By Paul Waldman

"But what about those bonuses that companies announced and that Trump kept touting? It's true that some companies did give workers one-time bonuses. But it was essentially a PR move. Take Walmart, for instance. It made a splashy announcement that it would be giving bonuses of up to \$1,000 to workers, which sounded great. But then it turned out that you'd only get that much if you'd been working there for 20 years, and the average worker would get around \$190. Which is better than nothing, but it isn't exactly going to transform your life. And as ThinkProgress noted, the total value of Walmart's bonuses was \$400 million, which seems like a lot until you learn that over 10 years the value of the tax cut to the corporation will be \$18 billion. In other words, about 2 percent of its tax cut is going to workers, at least in the short run."

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**Accounting Today: Democrats introduce bill to curb GOP tax law**

February 27, 2018, By Michael Cohn

Behind Paywall

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**Hullabaloo (Blog): Politics and Reality Radio: Former SWAT Operator Says Trump's Call to Arm Teachers Is Ridiculous; A Different Approach to Medicare for All**

February 25, 2018, By Joshua Holland

Finally, we'll be joined by Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, to discuss corporate America's efforts to pay Republicans back for the windfall it received in the tax bill with a wave of propaganda designed to hoodwink the public into thinking that the cuts are trickling down into their paychecks.

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### **Truth-out (Blog): Let's Call the GOP Tax Bill What It Is: the "Tax Cuts for Shareholders Act"**

February 23, 2018, By Lenore Palladino

Several analyses of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act are starting to document the scale of buybacks versus pay increases as a result of the tax bill. Bill Lazonick and Rick Wartzman found that corporations are spending roughly 30 times what they'll spend on workers on stock buybacks. And **Americans for Tax Fairness** calculated that just 20 corporations have announced approximately \$100 billion in new stock buybacks since the passage of the Senate bill in early December (and this was before the Cisco announcement). Using data from the pro-tax cut Americans for Tax Reform, they found that only 3.4 percent of Fortune 500 companies have announced a wage increase tied to the tax bill.

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### **The Nation: A Wave of Corporate Propaganda Is Boosting Trump's Tax Cuts**

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**Common Dreams: Activist Ejected From Meeting With Lawmaker After Asking How Much Money He's Getting From Koch Brothers**

February 21, 2018, By Jake Johnson

Jonathan was referring to the \$1.5 trillion tax bill President Donald Trump signed into law last December. According to an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness** published last month, the Koch brothers "could save between \$1 billion and \$1.4 billion combined in income taxes each year" thanks to the new law.

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**The Hill: Dems hit stock buybacks in tax law fight**

February 19, 2018, By Naomi Jagoda

Frank Clemente, executive director of the progressive group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said that Democrats' focus on buybacks is "a good message because it's all about who are the winners and the losers in the tax bill."

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**Health Nut News (Blog): Forbes: Walmart Workers Cost Taxpayers \$6.2 Billion In Public Assistance**

February 18, 2018, By Erin Elizabeth

Walmart's low-wage workers cost U.S. taxpayers an estimated \$6.2 billion in public assistance including food stamps, Medicaid and subsidized housing, according to a report published to coincide with Tax Day, April 15.

**Americans for Tax Fairness**, a coalition of 400 national and state-level progressive groups, made this estimate using data from a 2013 study by Democratic Staff of the U.S. Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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**Freedom's Phoenix (Blog): More Evidence of How the GOP Tax Cut Really Works**

February 17, 2018, By Stephen Lendman

**Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) executive director Frank Clemente issued a statement, saying: "As predicted by many of us who opposed the massive Trump tax giveaway, Cisco is showing that the top priority of multinational corporations for their unprecedented tax cut is to shower shareholders with stock buybacks and higher dividends rather than distribute most of the benefits to workers who generate those profits."

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**CNN : Tax cut scoreboard: Workers \$6 billion; Shareholders \$171 billion**

February 16, 2018, By Matt Egan

"Our worst nightmare is coming true," said Frank Clemente, executive editor of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a group that fights for progressive tax reform. "We predicted that the lion's share of the benefits of this tax cut would go to already-wealthy shareholders and CEOs, not to a company's workers."

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**USA Today (Column): How to start fixing democracy with the \$1.50-a-week tax cut Paul Ryan gave you**

February 14, 2018, By Jason Sattler

Of course, \$13,461,538.50 is on the high end of Charles' estimated tax cut, which **Americans for Tax Fairness** projects will fall between \$1 billion and \$1.4 billion a year. He and his brother David could be getting as little as \$9,615,384.62 a week apiece. Or 6,410,256 times what that secretary in Lancaster can expect.

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**The Hill (Other Op-Ed): Millionaires should pay their fair share of Social Security payroll taxes**

February 14, 2018, By Max Richtman

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, says, "Instead of providing massive tax cuts to the richest one percent, we should be making them pay their fair share by scrapping the cap. America is facing a retirement crisis, and by scraping by the cap, we can ensure fully-funded Social Security benefits for all generations to come."

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**EnvironmentGuru (Blog): While Exploding Military Spending, Trump Budget Eviscerates Funding for EPA, Healthcare and More**

February 13, 2018, By Julia Conley  
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February 13, 2018, By Grace Carr  
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**Daily Kos (Blog): Cupid's Undie Run Detroit stays inside this year**

February 10, 2018, By Alonso del Arte

According to **Americans For Tax Fairness**, the Koch brothers could get as much as \$1.4 billion from President Tumor's tax scam tax cut they invested \$20 million to help pass (that includes half a million to a PAC supporting Paul Ryan).

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**The Huffington Post: Nancy Pelosi Is Right About Workers Getting 'Crumbs' From The Tax Bill**

February 9, 2018, By Arthur Delaney

An analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a group that opposed the tax bill, put the stock buyback total at \$100 billion since the Senate passed the bill in early December. Senate Democrats arrived at a similar tally for just this year.

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**Inequality.org (Blog): No love for working families this Valentine's Day**

February 7, 2018, By Josh Hoxie

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**The Hill (ATF Op-Ed): Big Tech deserves no gratitude for dodging its US taxes**

February 7, 2018, By Frank Clemente

Apple apparently expects an outpouring of national gratitude for avoiding \$40 billion in U.S. taxes. President Trump and his fellow Republicans are happy to oblige, since handing huge tax cuts to wealthy corporations is one of the principal purposes of their new tax law. But the rest of us can be excused for withholding our applause.

The tech giant recently announced it was paying \$38 billion in repatriated U.S. taxes on the \$252 billion in accumulated cash and “cash like” assets it has stashed offshore. That may sound like a lot of money, but it only represents a 15.5 percent tax rate — a lower rate than many working families pay on their income.

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**Opposing Views: Woman Yells At Man Over Food Stamps At Wal-Mart**

February 7, 2018, By Sheena Vasani

A 2014 **Americans For Tax Fairness** report reveals the low wages Wal-Mart -- the store the angry woman is shopping at -- pays its employees means many have to rely on the governments food stamp program, officially called Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

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**Boing Boing (Blog): Paul Ryan boasts that his tax cut resulted in \$1.50 per week raise for secretary, then deletes tweet**

February 5, 2018, By Mark Frauenfelder

Meanwhile, **Americans for Tax Fairness** report that "Charles Koch and David Koch and/or Koch Industries could save between \$1 billion and \$1.4 billion combined in income taxes each year from the Trump tax law—and that doesn't even count how much the brothers might save in taxes on offshore profits or how much their heirs will benefit from weakening the estate tax."

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**Common Dreams: Paul Ryan, Iron Stache, and How #WithABuckFiftyAWeek Was Born: A Short Story**

February 4, 2018, By Jon Queally

An analysis released by **Americans for Tax Fairness** last month showed that while the Kochs spent an estimated \$20 million to promote last year's tax bill, they stand to save between \$1 billion and \$1.4 billion in income taxes per year as a result of its passage. For the 2018 mid-terms, the Koch network is reportedly prepared to spend \$400 million to back Republican candidates.

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**Dissecting Leftism (Blog): Kochs rally donors to spend more to protect business gains**

February 1, 2018, By Annie Linskey  
Syndicated from Boston Globe

Voters have been skeptical of the tax law in part because much of the benefit is focused on businesses like those run by the Kochs and their allies. The tax cuts directly benefit Koch Industries by \$1 billion to \$1.4 billion a year, according to a recent analysis from **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal advocacy group.

"They stand to benefit by massive amounts more than what they've spent," said TJ Helmstetter, a spokesman for **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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**Freedom's Phoenix (Blog): No Trickle Down from GOP Tax Cuts to Workers**

February 1, 2018, By Stephen Lendman

**Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) called the notion of corporate America "sharing a big slice of their huge Trump tax cuts with their workers through bonuses and wage hikes is mostly hype."

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**Fortune (Op-Ed): Commentary: Trump's Policies Will Devastate the People He Used as Props for His Speech**

January 31, 2018, By Sarah Anderson

According to a new report by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, some of the biggest names in Corporate America, including AT&T (T, -0.41%), Comcast (CMCSA, +0.03%), Humana (HUM, -0.02%), Macy's, (M, +2.65%) Walmart (WMT, +0.57%), Pfizer (PFE, +0.12%), and Wells Fargo (WFC, +1.24%), have all announced plans for job cuts in 2018. Meanwhile, 20 big corporations have announced new stock buybacks worth \$100 billion since the Senate passed the tax bill in early December

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**Common Dreams: New Analysis: ExxonMobil's \$50B Investment Not Likely Due To Tax Cuts**

January 31, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

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**The Hill: Lobbying's top 50 pour \$540M into influence campaigns**

January 31, 2018, By Megan R. Wilson

The organization says that the figure represents multiple six-figure grants given to other groups — such as Amnesty International, **Americans for Tax Fairness** and the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, among others — to perform their own lobbying.

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**Daily Kos (Blog): The State of our Union 2018: Live coverage of the trainwreck, #2**

January 30, 2018, By Joan McCarter

Only 46 (9%) appear on the **Americans for Tax Fairness** list for having provided some benefit to employees, customers, or charitable organizations due to their tax cuts.

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**USA Today (Column): State of the Union: One different Trump choice and we'd be talking seven more years**

January 30, 2018, By Jason Sattler

Instead, he served up a huge slice of the American economy to the richest people in America, who have never been richer. A new study from **Americans for Tax Fairness** finds that the Koch brothers alone can expect \$1 to 1.4 billion in tax cuts a year — each.

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**Common Dreams: New Report: Corporations Not Being So Generous With Tax Cuts After All**

January 30, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

Widespread publicity about corporations sharing a big slice of their huge Trump tax cuts with their workers through bonuses and wage hikes is mostly hype, an **Americans for Tax Fairness** analysis of the numbers reveals.

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**Bloomberg: Tax Cuts Help Trump Win Fans at Conservative Koch Donor Network**

January 29, 2018, By John McCormick

Some watchdog groups have pointed out that Koch Industries, one of the nation's largest private corporations, with interests ranging from oil and ranching to farming and manufacturing, stands to benefit in a big way from changes in the tax law. **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a left-leaning advocacy group, released a rough estimate last week that said the changes could be worth \$1 billion or more a year in reduced taxes for the conglomerate.

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**RepubHub (Blog): Koch Brothers Could Be \$1 Billion Richer Each Year From GOP Tax Bill**

January 26, 2018, By Alex Kotch  
Syndicated from IB Times

**Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) is a liberal coalition of 425 groups including the AFL-CIO, the Center on Budget & Policy Priorities, the Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights and the NAACP that share “the belief that the country needs comprehensive, progressive tax reform that results in greater revenue to meet our growing needs.” It released its analysis Wednesday, the first to estimate how much the industrialist Koch brothers will benefit from the recent tax legislation. This rough estimate pertains only to income tax breaks; other provisions that offer tax savings on offshore profits and modify the estate tax will make the Koch family even wealthier.

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**The Hill: Dems seek to undermine any good PR for tax law**

January 26, 2018, By Naomi Jagoda

Frank Clemente, executive director of the progressive group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, acknowledged concern about the public relations effort from both Republicans and corporations linking bonuses or pay to the tax law.

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**MetroLatinoUSA.com: Informe: Millonarios hermanos ahorrarán hasta 1.400 millones al año por reforma tributaria de Trump**

January 25, 2018, By Ramón Jiménez

En noticias económicas, un nuevo estudio realizado por la agrupación **Americans for Tax Fairness** (“Estadounidenses por la equidad tributaria”, en español) revela que los hermanos Koch y su imperio empresarial podrían llegar a ahorrar hasta 1.400 millones de dólares al año en impuestos a la renta gracias a la reforma tributaria impulsada por el presidente de Estados Unidos, Donald Trump, que fue aprobada en diciembre.

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**Common Dreams: Koch Brothers Could Save Up To \$1 Billion to \$1.4 Billion Each Year From the Trump Tax Law**

January 24, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

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**The Real News Network (Blog): Apple: The Biggest Tax Cheaters in History Repatriate Profits Under Trump's Tax Bill**

January 22, 2018, By Sharmini Peries

Bill, now according to the group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Apple would have paid \$78 billion in taxes under the old repatriation tax of 35 percent. Now it will be paying \$38 billion, or \$40 billion less than it would have had they declared their money and not evaded paying tax in the first place. And it also mentioned that it will invest \$350 billion over the next five years. However, according to many analysts, Apple was planning to do these investments anyway in spite of the tax changes, the new tax bill. What is your reaction to all of this?

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**Yahoo Finance: Wal-Mart's Pay Increases Hide a Dirty Secret**

January 22, 2018, By Jamal Carnette

Wal-Mart (NYSE: WMT) has always been a lightning rod for the debate on living wages. Critics contend the company has built its success on the back of low-wage employees, noting that many of Wal-Mart's employees are dependent upon government assistance. In a 2004 study, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a left-leaning organization, said that Wal-Mart employees cost U.S. taxpayers \$6.2 billion in public assistance; the group equates this to a government handout to the company's shareholders, most notably the Walton family.

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**Public Now (Blog): Advisory: Congressman Johnson Holding Tax Teach In**

January 11, 2018, By Henry C. Johnson

Georgians for a Healthy Future, Not One Penny, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, People For the American Way, MoveOn, Fair Tax; AFL-CIO;

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**Democratic Underground (Blog): Big Pharma is poised to reap huge rewards from the GOP tax bill**

January 9, 2018, By Rebekah Entralgo

Four months after Republicans in Congress passed the largest tax code overhaul in three decades, American corporations have gotten a huge tax cut.

New analysis from **Americans for Tax Fairness**, however, suggests these corporations aren't using their recently freed up cash to help middle class workers like the administration said it would — more than 84 times.

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**Pharmacy Choice: Being ill and poor in the US just got more expensive**

January 9, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

Syndication of ATF Press Release

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**Common Dreams: Trump's HHS Pick Has History Of Price Gouging**

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**Sleuth Journal (Blog): Trump Stands to Gain Big Time on Newly Approved Tax Cuts**

January 5, 2018, By Luis Miranda

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January 3, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

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**US News & World Report: GOP Tax Bill Rewards Real Estate, Oil While Hurting Hospitals**

January 1, 2018, By Andrew Soergel

The preservation of favorable language related to like-kind exchanges, depreciation, interest payment deductions and passive losses allow real estate investors to neatly navigate their tax returns with minimal burden. The progressive **Americans for Tax Fairness** advocacy group issued a recent report that estimated the new tax plan would save Trump between \$11 million and \$22 million each year – largely because of favorable treatment for real estate moguls.

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## **NATIONAL BROADCAST CLIPS**

**Senator Bernie Sanders’ Facebook (Video): Republicans Ran on the Tax Scam and Lost**

November 26, 2018

335K Views

1.4K Shares

The Trump tax scam was a fraud from the start and Republicans are now paying the price.

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**NowThis Politics’ Facebook (Video): Disney Heiress Abigail Disney Says The Wealthy Don't Need Another Tax Break**

October 12, 2018

4.5 Million Views

63K Shares



Rich heiress, Abigail Disney uses **Americans for Tax Fairness** talking points to discuss how wealthy people like her don't need more tax breaks.

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**Senator Bernie Sanders' Facebook (Video): Republicans Sneak Through Another Tax Scam**

October 4, 2018

1.2 Million Views

9.7K Shares

**Americans for Tax Fairness** Executive Director, Frank Clemente breaks down the #TaxScam2 vote.

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**Senator Bernie Sanders' Facebook (Video): Tax Scam: The Sequel**

September 24, 2018

246K Views

2.7K Shares

**Americans for Tax Fairness** Executive Director, Frank Clemente explains how #TaxScam2 is just another tax giveaway to the wealthy.

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**Senator Bernie Sanders' Facebook (Video): Labor Day Update: What Are Trump's Tax Cuts Doing?**

September 3, 2018

309K Views

5.6K Shares

On Labor Day, **Americans for Tax Fairness** Executive Director, Frank Clemente shows how the Trump-GOP tax cuts help corporations -- not workers.

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**The Daily Show with Trevor Noah (Television): Team Trump Plans Another Tax Cut for the Rich**

August 3, 2018

754,000 Online Views

Trevor Noah uses **Americans for Tax Fairness** data to discuss how the Trump-GOP tax cuts have not benefited workers.

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**Senator Bernie Sanders' Facebook (Video): It's Patriotic for Millionaires to Pay Their Fair Share**

July 5, 2018

934K Views

9.9K Shares

**Americans for Tax Fairness** Executive Director, Frank Clemente and coalition allies explain how patriots pay their fair share of taxes.

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**MSNBC (Television): HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS for June 25, 2018**

June 26, 2018

It's the reason why Donald Trump is talking about immigration because a new analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness** found that only 4 percent of workers got a pay raise as a result of the tax bill. Most of that was the one-time bonuses instead of permanent increases.

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**CSPAN-2 (Television): Public Affairs Event**

June 23, 2018

At a Public Affairs Event, speakers use **Americans for Tax Fairness** data on how Big Pharma isn't sharing tax cuts with customers or workers.

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**Senator Bernie Sanders' Facebook (Video): Six Months of Trump's Tax Lies**

June 21, 2018

1.5 Million Views

12.9K Shares

On the six-month anniversary of the Trump-GOP tax plan's passage, **Americans for Tax Fairness** Executive Director, Frank Clemente goes over how corporations have been really spending their tax cuts

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**Fox News (Television): Your World with Neil Cavuto**

June 20, 2018

**Americans for Tax Fairness** Executive Director, Frank Clemente debates Fox News host Neil Cavuto about the effects of the Trump-GOP tax cuts on its six-month anniversary.

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**CSPAN-3 (Television): Kentucky State Legislature**

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## **Senator Bernie Sanders' Facebook (Video): Wells Fargo Got Off Scot-Free**

April 25, 2018

Total Views: 3.9 million

1.9K Shares

Video based on an interview with Frank Clemente

The Trump tax cuts are rewarding Wells Fargo—the bank that defrauded millions of customers last year—with \$3.7 billion. How does that make sense?

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## **MSNBC Live with Velshi and Ruhle (Television)**

April 17, 2018

An analysis of fortune 500 companies by the public advocacy group, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, found only 4.3% of workers will receive a one-time bonus or a wage increase. it also found companies are spending 39 times as much on stock buybacks. that's exactly what we predicted they would do.

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## **HBO: Last Week with John Oliver (Television)**

April 17, 2018

Comedian John Oliver's main segment during last night's show, "Last Week Tonight with John Oliver" on HBO, highlighted the serious problem of offshore corporate tax dodging that all of us have fought long and hard to stop. **ATF** staff provided a lot of advice and background materials to the show's producer to help tell the story, and the segment featured an ITEP report and gave a mention to a CBPP paper.

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## **CSPAN (Television): Tax March Rally**

April 17, 2018

People in this video: Frank Clemente **Americans for Tax Fairness**

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**Player FM: Goldman Sachs, Republicans, & Trump screwed us all. It's time to fight back**

April 17, 2018

While President Donald Trump used Tax Day as an opportunity to declare that ordinary Americans are now “winning” thanks to his deeply unpopular corporate-friendly law, a new report published Tuesday refuted Trump’s rosy depiction of the U.S. economy under his leadership and found that—thanks to the Trump-GOP tax cuts for wealthy—healthcare, education, and other necessary public services face a “grim future. Conducted by **Americans for Tax Fairness** (AFT) in partnership with Health Care for America Now (HCAN), the new analysis shows that Trump and the Republican Party are moving to make up for the nearly \$2 trillion crater their tax law is expected to blow in the federal deficit by pursuing crippling cuts to programs that millions of Americans rely on for survival.

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**USA Today: Money from corporate tax cuts isn't ending up in worker's pockets (Television)**

April 13, 2018

A separate analysis from **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimates that about 125 companies have received about 61 billion which is nine times more than \$6.5 million workers have gotten in bonuses and raises.

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**Senator Bernie Sanders' Facebook: Mick Mulvaney Defends Trump's Immoral Budget**

March 15, 2018

2.2 Million Views

7.8K Shares

Video based on an interview with Frank Clemente

"Let me ask you another question. Mr. Director, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the Koch Brothers, the third wealthiest family in America, worth \$94 billion, and a family dedicated with a few of their billionaire friends to put hundreds of millions of dollars into the coming election, will receive a tax break of up to \$1.4 billion a year from the trump tax plan."

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### **Senator Bernie Sanders' Facebook (Video): Apple's Huge Announcement Just a PR Move**

January 30, 2018

2.4 Million Views

4K Shares

Video based on an interview with Frank Clemente

It turns out Apple's huge announcement to invest \$350 billion into the U.S. economy was just a PR move.

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## **STATE BROADCAST CLIPS**

### **Alabama**

#### **WAAY (Television)**

Huntsville, Alabama

February 17, 2018

Shareholders have about 171 billion dollars worth of stock buyback so far this year. workers have received around 6 billion dollars. frank clemente-- the executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness** said quote 'we predicted that the lion's share of the benefits of this tax cut would go to already- wealthy shareholders and ceos, not to a company's workers.' although a professor says the inequality is due to use of corporate cash.

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### **California**

#### **KCBS-AM (Radio)**

San Francisco, California

October 5, 2018

CBS Affiliate

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Los Angeles, California

April 12, 2018

Tax breaks giving bonuses to some employees the Newsweek says a new analysis of all fortune 500 companies finds only 4.3 % of workers will receive a one-time bonus wage increase tied to the business Tax cuts and **Americans for Tax Fairness** says businesses received 9 times more in cuts than what they passed on to their workers.

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## **Florida**

#### **WBBH-FTM (Radio)**

Fort Myers, Florida

May 14, 2018

The group called **Americans For Tax Fairness** claims only 385 out of America's 26 million businesses have provided bonuses, thanks to the new tax law. Most of those of one-time bonus is not permanent wage increases. 4% of Americans are getting more money from their workers tied to those tax cuts.

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#### **WMNF (Radio)**

Tampa, Florida

April 18, 2018

"The new report from **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Health Care for America Now! is about how Floridians will be hurt by President Donald Trump's tax cuts and Governor Rick Scott's state budget.

Mona Managat, a physician practicing in Pinellas County who is also a member of Doctors for America, said a quarter of her patients are Medicaid recipients and they'll be devastated by a new Florida law that gets rid of RME, or retroactive Medicaid eligibility."

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## Illinois

### [WBBM-AM \(Radio\)](#)

Chicago, Illinois

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## Indiana

### [WFYI \(Radio\)](#)

Indianapolis, Indiana

April 22, 2018

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## Minnesota

### KNOW-FM (Radio)

Minneapolis, Minnesota

May 29, 2018

There's a group out there called **Americans for Tax Fairness** they found the fortune 500 companies are getting 10 times as much in tax cuts in hazy eric keeping workers and one in and bonuses and their weight site sold not so the big company with these tax breaks.

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## New York

### WCBS-NY (Radio)

New York, New York

October 4, 2018

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### WABC-AM (Radio)

New York, New York

August 26, 2018

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### **95.5 PLJ (Radio)**

New York, New York  
July 29, 2018

A 40-minute interview on national tax policy with Frank Clemente, executive director of ATF, with host Bill Ayers.

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## **Oregon**

### **FM News 101 KXL (Radio)**

Portland, Oregon  
October 4, 2018  
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### **WDEL 101.7 (Radio)**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
October 4, 2018  
CBS Affiliate

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#### **KDKA-AM (Radio)**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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## **Washington**

#### **KIRO-AM (Radio)**

Seattle, Washington

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CBS Affiliate

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## **STATE MEDIA CLIPS**

### **Alabama**

#### **[NBC 15: Sanders' Stop BEZOS Act ends 'welfare' for Amazon, but could hurt low-wage workers](#)**

September 6, 2018, By Leandra Bernstein

Syndicated from Circa

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## Arizona

### [Cable One \(Column\): Consumer Confidential: Trump says drug companies should include prices in TV ads. Good luck with that](#)

October 18, 2018, By David Lazarus  
Syndicated from Los Angeles Times

The tax-policy advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimated in a recent report that five of the biggest drug companies will save a combined \$6.3 billion this year as a result of lower taxes, and 10 of the leading drugmakers will enjoy a \$76-billion tax break on offshore profits. “And contrary to ‘trickle down’ claims that huge tax cuts will benefit the employees of these pharmaceutical giants, evidence so far shows the companies are sharing relatively little with their workers,” the report found.

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### [AZ Central.com \(Column\): Federal workers shafted for Labor Day...and we're next](#)

September 3, 2018, By EJ Montini

Except a study by **Americans for Tax Fairness** found that it didn't quite work out that way. Among Fortune 500 companies the group found that only 4.3 percent of workers would receive a one-time bonus or wage increase tied to the cuts. And the corporations were spending 101 times as much on stock buybacks as on bonuses or wages.

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### [AZ Central \(Column\): Montini: Doug Ducey do-si-dos, again, to the tune of billionaire dark money Koch brothers](#)

January 27, 2018, By EJ Montini

An analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness** says the Kochs and/or their companies could save between \$1 billion and \$1.4 billion combined in income taxes each year from the Trump tax law.

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## Arkansas

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In reality, corporations received 11 times more in tax cuts than they doled out in one-time bonuses or modest wage hikes, according to the advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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[Arkansas Times Blog \(Blog\): Steve Womack's budget is bad news for the old, poor and sick. Also: Tax-cut report card shows straight Fs.](#)

June 20, 2018, By Max Brantley

And speaking of the Trump tax cut for the rich, here's a six-month report card from **Americans for Tax Fairness'** Frank Clemente. Straight Fs.

Although President Trump promised the average worker would see a \$4,000 pay raise due to the tax cuts, only 4% of workers so far are getting a bonus or wage hike.

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[Arkansas Times Blog \(Blog\): Walmart bonuses: The rest of the story](#)

March 9, 2018, By Max Brantley

To see how much Walmart has cost each state in corporate tax welfare, check out **Americans for Tax Fairness** 2014 comprehensive report, How Taxpayers Subsidize America's Biggest Employer and Richest Family.

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## California

[Napa Valley Register \(ATF Op-Ed\): Commentary: Wealthy celebrate tax anniversary while workers pick up tab](#)

December 27, 2018, By Frank Clemente

But that's not happening: so far only 4% of employees have gotten any kind of pay bump tied to the tax law, according an **Americans for Tax Fairness** study. Nationwide, real hourly wages are up less than 1% over the past year.

Those tax-cut-boosted corporate profits are instead going in a more familiar direction: into the pockets of wealthy shareholders and powerful CEOs. Since the day their taxes were slashed by the GOP, corporations have announced more than \$1 trillion in stock buybacks. Buybacks are a Wall Street strategy that inflates share prices, further enriching the already rich.

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### **La Opinión: [Y de la economía ¿Quién habla?](#)**

November 5, 2018, By Ana B. Nieto  
Syndicated from El Diario NY

A finales de junio, **Americans for Tax Fairness** tabularon que desde que se aprobó la reforma tributaria las empresas han dedicado unos \$503,000 millones a recompra de acciones.

Una reciente encuesta de Bankrate revelaba hace unas semanas que el 62% de los americanos dice que su situación financiera no ha mejorado en los dos últimos años.

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[The Desert Sun: Rep. Raul Ruiz, Kimberlin Brown Pelzer used accurate facts at debate, mostly](#)

October 18, 2018, By Samuel Metz

Ruiz's figure comes from an analysis published by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a political advocacy group that opposes the GOP tax cuts, which estimated 6.8 million American workers received bonuses or wage increases after the tax cut's passage, or 4 percent of the 155 million the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates are employed.

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[SFGate: The most recent round of Amazon criticisms reveals how the company has taken Walmart's spot as a symbol for everything wrong with American big business \(AMZN, WMT\)](#)

September 10, 2018, By Kate Taylor  
Syndicated from Business Insider

Sanders' office's press release also mentioned Walmart, citing a 2014 report from the grassroots group **Americans for Tax Fairness** that the retailer costs American tax payers \$6.2 billion a year due to workers' reliance on food stamps, Medicaid, and public housing. At the time when the report came out, Walmart called it "inaccurate and misleading," noting that the percentage of Walmart workers who use government benefits is similar to that of other retailers.

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[LA Times \(Column\): La economía podrá estar en auge, pero casi la mitad de los estadounidenses no llegan a fin de mes](#)

September 2, 2018, By David Lazarus  
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[Los Angeles Times \(Column\): The economy may be booming, but nearly half of Americans can't make ends meet](#)

August 31, 2018, By David Lazarus

In reality, corporations received 11 times more in tax cuts than they doled out in one-time bonuses or modest wage hikes, according to the advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**. Moreover, companies are spending 101 times as much on stock buybacks as they are on bonuses and wages, enriching shareholders at the expense of workers, the group found.

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[City Watch LA: After Trump Tax Cuts, 40% of Americans Can't Afford Basic Necessities](#)

August 30, 2018, By Jake Johnson



"Last quarter, big banks set a new record with \$60 billion in profits—half of it as a result of the GOP tax scam," **Americans for Tax Fairness** wrote in response to the new data. "What did working families get? More empty promises that corporations would use their tax cuts to boost wages. If it sounds unfair, that's because it is."

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**The Santa Clarita Valley Signal (Op-Ed): [Anthony Wright | Tax Cuts Endanger Health Care](#)**

August 23, 2018, By Anthony E. Wright

Five of the major American drug firms will together save over \$6 billion in taxes this year alone, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**. They and five others — the Pharma Big 10 — have been handed a one-time, \$76 billion U.S. tax discount on a half-trillion dollars in profits they've stashed offshore, mostly in tax havens.

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**SoCal Daily Media: [Workers see pay hit after tax bill Congresswoman Mimi Walters backed](#)**

July 13, 2018, By Dan Desai Martin

Workers, meanwhile, are not faring as well. According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, only four percent of Americans have seen a raise or one-time bonus. The data is even worse when it comes to wages.

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**SoCal Daily Media (Blog): [Congressman Knight accepts \\$10k from controversial Koch brothers](#)**

May 30, 2018, By Stephen Lendman

The position of the Koch brothers was no secret. **Americans for Tax Fairness** reports, "The Kochs made securing big tax cuts for themselves and their corporation a key goal for their political network in 2017. The Koch groups spent over \$20 million promoting the tax bill that ultimately became law."

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**YubaNet.com: [\\$407 Billion in Corporate Stock Buybacks: How Businesses in Your State Are Spending Trump Tax Cuts](#)**

May 11, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness  
Syndicated from Common Dreams

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[Merced Sun-Star \(Column\): Conservatives and business leaders worried about the deficit take aim at Social Security and Medicare](#)

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## Colorado

[Colorado Times Recorder \(ATF Op-Ed\): OPINION: The GOP Tax Bill Is Creating Jobs — Just Not in the U.S.](#)

December 13, 2018, By Frank Clemente  
Syndicated from OtherWords

We should have told them to be more specific. When President Trump and his fellow Republicans in Congress called their massive tax overhaul last year the “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act,” most of us assumed the jobs would be in the United States.

Now we know better. Yes, unemployment in this country is low, but there’s no evidence it’s because of last year’s GOP tax cuts. More likely it’s simply a continuation of an eight-year trend of steady job growth that began under President Obama.

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[The Colorado Springs Business Journal \(LTE\): Letter: Nordberg needed to get facts straight](#)

October 19, 2018, By Contributing Writer

Behind a paywall

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[Durango Herald \(LTE\): Good to see neighbors in process](#)

February 17, 2018, By Laurie Roberts

Now AFP's here. **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimate the Koch brothers, the money behind AFP, are saving at least \$1 billion from the recent tax cut.

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[KRDO \(Column\): Tax cut scoreboard: Workers \\$6 billion; Shareholders \\$171 billion](#)

February 16, 2018, By Matt Egan

Syndicated from CNN

"Our worst nightmare is coming true," said Frank Clemente, executive editor of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a group that fights for progressive tax reform. "We predicted that the lion's share of the benefits of this tax cut would go to already-wealthy shareholders and CEOs, not to a company's workers."

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## Connecticut

[TheHour \(Column\): Bernie Sanders is tired of inside-the-Beltway liberalism](#)

September 20, 2018, By Helaine Olen

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[HartfordBusiness.com: Amid record U.S. stock buybacks, CT corporates keep focus on M&A](#)

June 18, 2018, By Matt Pilon

For example, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a group that has criticized the tax cuts as more of a corporate handout than a boost for the broader economy, has pegged the annual cost of higher wages and bonuses promised by those seven Connecticut companies at about \$486 million. By comparison those companies are expected to reap more than \$11 billion in annual tax savings, the group estimates.

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[The Norwich Bulletin \(Editorial\): View from the Left: Levies need to be imposed on Wall Street trading](#)

April 21, 2018, By Scott Deshefy

Since corporate taxes dropped from 35 to 21 percent, fewer than 45 of 500 companies in Standard & Poor shared that wealth with employees. Perhaps another 100 to date have talked about it. All tolled 30 percent announced one-time bonuses, 25 percent raises and less than 20 percent retirement or parental leave adjustments. According to **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF), only 6.3 million U.S. workers expect to receive any compensation at all. That's from a total U.S. workforce of 155.2 million. Of 126 companies ATF analyzed, tax cuts added \$60.8 billion in revenue, 10 times more than company workers expect to receive in bonuses or wage increases.

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## Delaware

[Delawareonline.com \(Op-Ed\): The verdict is in: The GOP's tax cut didn't work.](#)

July 6, 2018, By Ted Kaufman

Shockingly low revenue from expatriated funds is just the tip of the disastrous iceberg the tax bill has become. The **Americans for Tax Fairness** released its Six-Month Report Card and found much more: 'Although President Trump promised the average worker would see a \$4,000 pay raise due to the tax cuts, only 4 percent of workers so far are getting a bonus or wage hike,' the report said. 'Only 402 of the nation's six million employers have announced any plans to share their tax cuts with employees through bonuses or wage hikes. The total is estimated at \$7 billion so far.'

The report card continued: 'But that pales in comparison to the \$77 billion in tax cuts that just 156 corporations are getting this year. Corporations are giving huge windfalls to their CEOs and wealthy shareholders in the form of stock buybacks, as they own most stock. Corporations have announced \$484 billion in stock buybacks since the tax law was passed. That's 69 times more than the \$7 billion corporations have promised workers through one-time bonuses and wage hikes.'

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## Florida

[The Apopka Voice: Nuns on the Bus coming to Apopka next week](#)

October 26, 2018, By Reggie Connell

**Americans for Tax Fairness** Action Fund is supporting these events and more — highlighting how the Trump-GOP tax cuts are giving giant handouts to the richest 1% and big corporations, providing tax breaks to outsource jobs, and threatening critical services from health care to Social Security, and education to food stamps.

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[Gatehouse News: Manatee Chamber: Do not wait to consult accountants about new tax law](#)

September 12, 2018, By Dale White

On Wednesday, **Americans for Tax Fairness** issued a differing assessment of the tax reform bill. That organization contends that, though corporate profits are at record highs, just 4 percent of workers have received a bonus or pay raise that can be attributed to the lower corporate rate.

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[Florida Politics \(Blog\): Email insights: Progress Florida says GOP tax cuts 'eaten up' by higher gas prices](#)

July 4, 2018, By Drew Wilson

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[Pharmacy Choice: Floridians Not Benefitting From Trump Tax Law This July 4th](#)

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[Palm Beach Happening: Talk of the Town: Apple's new \\$100 billion stock buyback is 333 times the amount it has promised its employees in a one-time bonus](#)

May 13, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

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[Palm Beach Happening \(Blog\): Talk of the Town: How are corporations spending the Trump Tax Cuts?](#)

May 11, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

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**Palm Beach Happening: [Talk of the Town: New ATF Website Launches on Results of Trump Tax Cuts](#)**

April 22, 2018, By Staff

**Americans for Tax Fairness** recently launched a comprehensive website, “Trump Tax Cut Truths,” detailing what American corporations are doing with their Trump tax cuts. The website includes searchable data on more than 830 corporations and where the data exists or can be estimated covers the size of their 2018 tax cuts, amount of stock buybacks announced since the tax law was enacted, estimates of the total value of workers’ bonuses and wages and the number of workers benefitting, job cuts announced, claimed new investments due to the tax cuts and more.

“Corporations and their CEOs and wealthy investors are seeing massive tax cuts from Trump’s tax plan, but they are not sharing the wealth with hard-working Americans and their families,” said Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**. “Corporations need to be transparent and accountable to their workers, the media and lawmakers, which is why we are launching the ‘Trump Tax Cut Truths’ website detailing what U.S. corporations are doing with their Trump tax cuts.”

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**Cape Coral News-Press: [Republicans, tax law stick it to working families](#)**

April 18, 2018, By Frank Clemente

According to a comprehensive tracking website by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, only 385 out of America’s 26 million businesses have provided any bonuses or wage hikes due to the Trump tax cuts. Most of those are one-time bonuses, not permanent wage increases. Just 6.3 million out of 148 million workers, or 4%, of American workers have gotten one-time bonuses or wage hikes from their employers tied to the tax cuts.

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[Florida Times Union \(LTE\): Tuesday Lead Letter: Tax bill cruelly favors the rich over working Americans](#)

April 17, 2018, By Elder Lee Harris

As millions of Americans file their taxes, it's important to reflect on why we must fight to preserve social programs that feed our kids and keep our communities healthy. A just society will make sure that everyone pays their fair share to protect working families. This bill will make that much more difficult. It punishes people for being poor.

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[Fox 13 Florida: Tax deadline looms as Americans scramble to file](#)

April 17, 2018, By Aaron Mesmer

Activists held more than 100 Tax March demonstrations across the country, protesting the changes which they say will only benefit the wealthy and corporations. "I think it's the same sham that we've been hearing about for years about trickle-down economics. There's actually been also reports that the companies that are getting the tax cuts are not giving that back to the workers," said Debbie King, with Organize Florida, which held an information session.

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[TCPalm \(Column\): State of the Union: One different Trump choice and we'd be talking seven more years](#)

January 30, 2018, By Jason Sattler  
Syndicated from USA Today

Instead, he served up a huge slice of the American economy to the richest people in America, who have never been richer. A new study from **Americans for Tax Fairness** finds that the Koch brothers alone can expect \$1 to 1.4 billion in tax cuts a year — each.

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[Northwest Florida Daily News \(LTE\): Truth requires context](#)

January 18, 2018, By Michael Bennett

Truth always requires context, and to say the author is the executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness** is not enough. He was also the director of the Jesse Jackson presidential campaign in 1988, and campaign director for the Communications Workers of America unions to promote the Affordable Care Act, with over 420 liberal endorsers and funders of "**Americans for Tax Fairness**," including the AFL-CIO, American Federation of Government Workers, American Teachers Federation, Americans for Democratic Action, Gray Panthers, Florida Equality Now, Florida Farmers Now, Brotherhood of Railroad Workers, National Education Association and hundreds more liberal organizations like these.

**Northwest Florida Daily News (Op-Ed): [GOP tax overhaul worst Christmas present ever](#)**

January 7, 2018, By Frank Clemente

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## Georgia

**Atlanta Journal Constitution (Column): [Tax Cuts for the rich, Medicare cuts for you](#)**

October 19, 2018, By Jay Brockman

We are supposedly the richest, most prosperous country on the planet, yet somehow we can't afford health care for our people. We can finance massive tax cuts to benefit corporations and the wealthiest 1 percent, who then fund GOP political campaigns with the crumbs off their tables, but income security for our seniors is 'irresponsible and unnecessary spending.'

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**WGXA.TV: [Sanders' Stop BEZOS Act ends 'welfare' for Amazon, but could hurt low-wage workers](#)**

September 6, 2018, By Leandra Bernstein

Syndicated from Circa

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## Hawaii

**LahainaNews.com (ATF Op-Ed): [Trump, GOP get failing grades on new tax law](#)**

July 5, 2018, By Frank Clemente

This is the time of year for final report cards, so it's a good time to grade President Trump and Congressional Republicans on their massive tax cuts mostly benefitting the wealthy and corporations. Six months after enactment, their new tax law is seriously underperforming, failing to achieve passing marks in one important subject after another.

Tax Fairness: Once the law is fully phased in, 83 percent of the benefits will go to the wealthiest 1 percent. Those one-percenters will get an average tax cut of over \$50,000 this year. Folks making under \$86,000 - the bottom three-fifths of the income scale - will get only about a dollar a day.

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[Lahaina News \(LTE\): LETTERS for January 4 issue](#)

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## Illinois

[Chicago Sun-Times \(LTE\): GOP tax cut didn't 'pay for itself,' just made the rich even richer](#)

October 23, 2018, By Richard Barsanti

After running up a large deficit with the big Republican tax cut that went mainly to corporations and the wealthy, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell now has the gall to call for reducing deficits by cutting Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

Republicans have a long-standing practice of railing against deficits when it comes to programs that benefit ordinary people, but blithely ignoring deficits when giving tax cuts to corporations and the wealthy, many of whom just happen to be big Republican donors.

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**Rockford Register Star (Op-Ed): [Tax cuts for the rich, health care cuts for everyone else](#)**

October 14, 2018, By Sara Dady and Michael Rothman

House Republicans are already using the deficit that they themselves created as an excuse to make massive cuts to programs that millions of Americans rely on. But don't take our word for it, look at what they themselves have proposed. Earlier this year the Republican House budget proposal, their vision for what government spending "should" look like, included over \$500 billion in cuts to Medicare and \$1.5 trillion in cuts to Medicaid and other health programs, all in the name of fiscal responsibility.

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**Chicago Sun-Times (Editorial): [Tax Reform 2.0 is just another GOP scam to benefit the wealthy](#)**

September 24, 2018, By Sun-Times Editorial Board

Republicans in Washington want to double down on a bad bet with more deficit-ballooning, wealth gap-widening tax cuts. House GOP leaders want to vote by Oct. 1 on "Tax Reform 2.0," another scheme to make the richest Americans even richer while tossing crumbs to John and Jane Q. Public. Just in time for the mid-terms, too. A vote before November would give the GOP ammunition to claim they tried to help the middle class and make last year's individual tax cuts, set to expire in 2025, permanent.

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**The Chicago Crusader (ATF Op-Ed): [Labor Day Over, Time to Start Combatting GOP War on Workers](#)**

September 4, 2018, By Rev. Jesse Jackson

Meanwhile, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, just 4% of American workers has seen any bonuses or raises connected to the Republican tax law—and the total payout is less than 1% of what investors got from those stock buybacks. Average wages, adjusted for inflation, have actually gone down over the past year.

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**Daily Herald (LTE): [Trump, GOP are harming families](#)**

July 23, 2018, By Reid McCollum

As of last month, only 14 of the state's quarter million employers announced any employee payout tied to the tax law -- and nothing close to the \$4,000 worker raises promised by Republicans, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**. Fewer than 1 percent of the 6 million Illinois workers have seen a pay increase from their employers connected to the tax law.

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**Kendall County Now (LTE): [Letter: Enjoying your tax cut?](#)**

July 2, 2018, By Ed Washak

According to the group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, over \$500 billion has gone to corporations buying back their own stocks. The bonuses reportedly paid this year total about \$8 billion. They said the top 10 percent of Americans own about 95 percent of all stock. So the 2017 Tax Act provided the working class with droplets and created a tsunami of value for the very wealthy. That must be the new definition of trickle down.

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**Chicago Sun-Times (Editorial): [Why so few workers got that pay bump from Trump's corporate tax cut](#)**

June 29, 2018, By Sun-Times Editorial Board

An April analysis of all Fortune 500 companies, by the advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, found that only 4.3 percent of workers will receive a one-time bonus or wage increase as a result of the corporate tax cut.

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**The Edwardsville Intelligencer (Editorial): [It's tax time, Mr. Trump](#)**

April 14, 2018, By Jeff Boyer

Further, despite a few well-hyped instances of companies sharing their windfalls with employees, the group **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimates that only 4 percent of workers have gotten raises or bonuses, and only a few hundred businesses have given them.

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## Indiana

**NWI.com (Op-Ed): [GUEST COMMENTARY: Wealthy celebrate tax law anniversary while workers pick up the tab](#)**

December 28, 2018, By Frank Clemente

But that's not happening: so far only 4% of employees have gotten any kind of pay bump tied to the tax law, according to an **Americans for Tax Fairness** study. Nationwide, real hourly wages are up less than 1% over the past year.

Those tax-cut-boosted corporate profits are instead going in a more familiar direction: into the pockets of wealthy shareholders and powerful CEOs. Since the day their taxes were slashed by the GOP, corporations have announced more than \$1 trillion in stock buybacks. Buybacks are a Wall Street strategy that inflates share prices, further enriching the already rich.

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[Hamilton County Reporter \(LTE\): Dee Thornton responds to Rep. Brooks' support for tax cuts](#)

July 5, 2018, By Dee Thornton

There are too many disingenuous claims that the Trump and Republican tax cuts for corporations will trickle down to the middle class," said Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**. "President Trump and Republicans gave huge tax cuts to big drug companies, big oil and other corporations, but corporations are giving back little – if anything – to working families," said Clemente. "In fact, this [analysis shows] that 433 corporations out of the Fortune 500 have announced no plans to share their tax cuts with employees.

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[Indiana Public Radio: Without Individual Mandate, Report Predicts Many Hoosiers Will Opt Out Of Insurance](#)

April 19, 2018, By Jill Sheridan

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## Iowa

**Des Moines Register (Editorial): [Reps. Blum, King and Young voted for budget-buster 2.0](#)**

October 2, 2018, By Register's Editorial Board

While Americans were captivated by a U.S. Senate committee and Supreme Court nominee last week, the GOP-controlled U.S. House was busy acting to further starve the federal government and increase the country’s deficit and debt. Republicans sped through a three-bill package they dubbed “Tax Reform 2.0.” A more fitting name would be Budget Buster 2.0. The legislation, among other things, makes permanent tax cuts pushed through by Republicans last year and signed into law by President Donald Trump. After accounting for economic growth, the 2017 tax overhaul is projected to cost the government \$1.9 trillion, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

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**The Storm Lake Times (ATF Op-Ed): [Scoring Trump's tax cuts so far: \\$280k for rich lawmakers, pennies for working people](#)**

August 24, 2018, By Kayla Kitson  
Syndicated from the American Prospect

Tracking by **Americans for Tax Fairness** shows that only about 400 out of America's 5.9 million employers have announced any wage increases or one-time bonuses related to the tax cuts. That's about 0.007%. In fact, real wages have actually declined since last year after accounting for higher gas prices, prescription drug prices and other rising costs.

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**Newton Daily News (Other Op-Ed): [No love for working families this Valentine's Day](#)**

February 14, 2018, By Josh Hoxie  
Syndicated from Inequality.org

Ryan didn't explain why he quickly deleted his tweet shortly after posting it. I suspect it had something to do with the Twitter users who pointed out that the billionaire Koch brothers stand to gain as much as \$1.4 billion annually, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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## **Kansas**

**Wyandotte Daily! News: [Fact-checking the leading candidates for U.S. House, 3rd District](#)**

October 30, 2018, By Celisa Calacal

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**Wichita Business Journal: [Group targets Koch with Wichita billboards pitching tax bill repeal](#)**

March 23, 2018, By Daniel McCoy

Behind Paywall

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## Maine

### [Bangor Daily News \(Op-Ed\): Tax cuts for the wealthy won't address Maine's health care needs](#)

October 31, 2018, By Erin Oberson

Here's how the tax cuts versus health cuts tradeoff breaks down in our state. Under the GOP tax law, fewer than 7,000 Mainers make up the richest 1 percent. Their average income is almost \$1.3 million per year; they will each get an average tax cut of roughly \$32,000 every year.

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### [Bangor Daily News \(Op-Ed\): Op-Ed: More tax cuts for the wealthy don't help small-business owners like me](#)

October 25, 2018, By Gale White

The nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that, by 2024, 61 percent of the tax benefits from this "pass-through" business income tax cut will go the wealthiest 1 percent of business owners, while just 4 percent will go to the bottom two-thirds. That's because pass-through business income is highly concentrated in the hands of just a few tycoons — people like Donald Trump, for instance, whose business empire consists of 500 such businesses.

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### [Maine Beacon \(ATF Op-Ed\): Under cover of Kavanaugh fight, Poliquin voted to permanently install GOP tax plan](#)

October 11, 2018, By Frank Clemente

In an analysis of how much money has flowed back to Maine workers six months after the GOP tax overhaul took effect, **Americans for Tax Fairness** found that out of 33,622 Maine businesses surveyed, only two provided "quantifiable one-time bonuses or wage hikes due to the tax cuts," while just one of those firms announced new job creation investments resulting from the tax cuts. The report also found 917 out of 682,100 Maine workers have been promised extra money resulting from the tax bill. "Very few Maine corporations are giving their workers a pay hike through one-time bonuses or wage increases due to the tax cuts," ATF stated.

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**Bangor Daily News (Editorial): [Tax cuts, not federal raises, are ballooning the deficit](#)**

September 4, 2018, By Editorial Board

President Donald Trump has cancelled scheduled pay increases for federal employees because, he says, the country can't afford them.

"We must maintain efforts to put our Nation on a fiscally sustainable course, and Federal agency budgets cannot sustain such increases," Trump wrote in a letter to House and Senate leaders.

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**Bangor Daily News (ATF Op-Ed): [The Republican tax cuts have not been a boon for Maine's working families](#)**

September 2, 2018, By Nick Paquet

No one I know has gotten a sudden \$4,000 raise because of the corporate tax cut — certainly no one in my union of electrical workers. Work and wages have been growing, but that's part of a long trend that began after the Great Recession ended almost 10 years ago. I haven't seen any improvement in the Maine economy linked to the tax law, and national statistics bear that out.

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**Journal Tribune (ATF Op-Ed): [Frank Clemente: As Medicare and Medicaid turn 53, Trump, GOP target vital health services for cuts](#)**

August 15, 2018, By Frank Clemente

**Americans for Tax Fairness** and allied organizations have released individual state reports marking the programs' anniversaries, one of which details the impact the GOP's proposed cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would have on Maine residents.

The report also explains how the new tax law mostly benefits the wealthy and corporations in Maine, creating a cruel tradeoff of tax cuts that mostly enrich the already wealthy leading to budget cuts that harm working families.

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**Journal Tribune (Op-Ed): [Frank Clemente: Trump's capital gains proposal another tax giveaway to very, very rich](#)**

August 7, 2018, By Frank Clemente

After signing into law massive tax cuts costing nearly \$2 trillion that mostly benefit the wealthy and big corporations, President Trump wants to give the very rich another tax break — this time without approval from Congress.

It would cost between \$100 and \$200 billion over 10 years. Both Trump (net worth: \$3.7 billion) and

Treasury Secretary Mnuchin (net worth: \$385 million) would personally benefit significantly.

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**Bangor Daily News (Editorial): [Experts were right: Tax cuts and repeal of the individual mandate won't help most Americans](#)**

May 3, 2018

As if to bolster this point, Apple on Tuesday announced \$100 billion in stock buybacks, a move to raise stock prices, which benefits the company's executives and shareholders. Corporations are spending 58 times more on stock buybacks than they are spending on employee bonuses and wage increases, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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**Maine Beacon (Editorial): [As Mainers file their taxes, a reminder that corporations got a huge new break](#)**

April 18, 2018, By Beacon Staff

According to a new report just released by **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Health Care for America Now, Maine's richest 1% will receive an average of \$31,900 a year while 50,000 fewer Mainers are projected to have health coverage by 2025 under the new tax plan.

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**Biddeford Journal Tribune (ATF Op-Ed): [GOP's tax plan overhaul worst Christmas gift ever](#)**

January 16, 2018, By Frank Clemente

Syndicated by American Forum for ATF.

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## **Maryland**

**The Crux: [The best thing Trump has done for the economy](#)**

November 1, 2018, By Steve Goldstein

Syndicated from MarketWatch

To anyone paying attention, it's clear the spending bill has added as much to the economy as the more publicized tax cuts. The Congressional Budget Office, for instance, has long estimated the economic impact to be the same.

But maybe the spending increases have benefited more. Companies quite clearly have spent tax cut savings predominantly on stock buybacks — \$786 billion, according to a new tally released Wednesday by the **Americans for Tax Fairness**—which at some point will filter back into the economy, but slowly

(and some will leak out to foreign shareholders).

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**[Boston Globe \(Editorial\): Larry Kudlow's specious supply-side tax cut claim](#)**

September 3, 2018

IF EVER ANYONE needed further proof that supply-side-ism is more theology than economics, and that the truth is not the Trump White House's specialty, he or she need only consider the recent pronouncement of Larry Kudlow, President Donald Trump's director of the National Economic Council. To wit: The Trump tax cuts are paying for themselves. Sorry, Larry, but the fiscal facts say otherwise.

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**[Gloucester Times: Trump's daughter, Treasury secretary to visit NH Tuesday](#)**

April 17, 2018, By Allison DeAngelis

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**Boston Globe:** [Kochs rally donors to spend more to protect business gains](#)

January 29, 2018, By Annie Linskey

Voters have been skeptical of the tax law in part because much of the benefit is focused on businesses like those run by the Kochs and their allies. The tax cuts directly benefit Koch Industries by \$1 billion to \$1.4 billion a year, according to a recent analysis from **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal advocacy group.

“They stand to benefit by massive amounts more than what they’ve spent,” said TJ Helmstetter, a spokesman for **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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## Michigan

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**Detroit Lakes Online (Op-Ed):** [Tax cuts: Rich get richer, rest of us get a dollar a day](#)

July 3, 2018, By Frank Clemente

This is the time of year for final report cards, so it's a good time to grade President Trump and Congressional Republicans on their massive tax cuts mostly benefiting the wealthy and corporations. Six months after enactment, their new tax law is seriously underperforming, failing to achieve passing marks in one important subject after another.

Tax Fairness: Once the law is fully phased in, 83 percent of the benefits will go to the wealthiest 1 percent. Those one-percenters will get an average tax cut of over \$50,000 this year. Folks making under \$86,000 — the bottom three-fifths of the income scale — will get only about a dollar a day.

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## Minnesota

**PostBulletin.com (Column):** [Consumer Confidential: Trump says drug companies should include prices in TV ads. Good luck with that](#)

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**Duluth News Tribune (Op-Ed): [Trump’s tax bill bad for Minnesota](#)**

June 19, 2018, By Dan O’Neill

The Republican tax bill primarily benefits the wealthiest Americans and corporations while greatly harming many Minnesotans. While hard-working families struggle to afford basic necessities like health care, the wealthiest and corporations hit the jackpot. This year alone, nine Minnesota companies will receive \$3.4 billion in tax breaks. This is 15 times more than the \$230 million Minnesota employees have been promised in bonuses and wage hikes from the tax cuts.

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**Post Bulletin (Column): [Conservatives and business leaders worried about the deficit take aim at Social Security and Medicare](#)**

April 10, 2018, By Michael Hiltzik  
Syndicated from the Los Angeles Times

According to a study by the progressive group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Fortune 500 corporations will pocket a total annual tax cut of more than \$57 billion a year. Those companies have announced wage increases and employee bonuses totaling about \$5.7 billion, and stock buybacks of nearly \$201 billion.

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## Mississippi

**Clarion Ledger (ATF Op-Ed): [Wealthy celebrate tax law anniversary while you pick up the tab](#)**

December 27, 2018, By Frank Clemente

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### [St. Louis Post Dispatch \(Editorial\): Predictably, Republicans hint that tax-plan deficit justifies entitlement cuts.](#)

October 21, 2018

So it begins. As congressional Republicans ushered in last year's big tax cuts, saying they would pay for themselves with economic growth, analysts predicted they would instead spike the deficit, giving Republicans an excuse to cut Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. Now that the deficit has in fact spiked, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell is testing the waters for entitlement cuts.

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**Kansas City Star (Editorial): [Is Charles Koch joking about funding Democratic candidate](#)**

September 30, 2018

If the Kochs do support Trump after all, it won't be because Steve Bannon says they should 'shut up and get with the program.' There are billions of other reasons they're likely to come around: **Americans for Tax Fairness**, which opposed the Trump cuts, estimated that 'Charles Koch and David Koch and/or Koch Industries could save between \$1 billion and \$1.4 billion combined in income taxes each year from the Trump tax law — and that doesn't even count how much the brothers might save in taxes on offshore profits or how much their heirs will benefit from weakening the estate tax.

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**Joplin Globe (LTE): [Your View: Letters to the editor](#)**

April 8, 2018, By Jim Hight

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Charles and David Koch and Koch Industries will save one to \$1.4 billion in taxes. And they need it, because each brother is worth approximately \$47.6 billion apiece.

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**Fox 2 Now: [Tax cut scoreboard: Workers \\$6 billion; Shareholders \\$171 billion](#)**

February 16, 2018, By Matt Egan  
Syndicated from CNN

"Our worst nightmare is coming true," said Frank Clemente, executive editor of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a group that fights for progressive tax reform. "We predicted that the lion's share of the benefits of this tax cut would go to already-wealthy shareholders and CEOs, not to a company's workers."

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## Montana

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**The Western News (Op-Ed): [Bits N' Pieces From East, West And Beyond](#)**

July 6, 2018, By Lorraine H. Marie

Research from **Americans for Tax Fairness** says the Republican-approved tax breaks will amount to an average of \$400 or less this year – and \$51,000 for the top one percent. But the \$400 gain is offset by a 22 percent hike in the price of gas, which will cost taxpayers over \$400 annually. As well, the Congressional Budget Office had warned that removing part of the Affordable Care Act would result in premium hikes costing families \$2000 a year.

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**[Char Koosta News \(ATF Op-Ed\): With gas prices and health care costs rising, most Montanans will see no benefit from Trump-GOP tax cuts](#)**

July 5, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

Montana’s working families who have been waiting to see the benefits of the Trump-GOP tax cuts will be waiting awhile longer: their promised tax cuts will likely be eaten up by higher gas prices just as they hit the road for the Fourth of July holiday and by higher health insurance and prescription drug costs.

Americans for Tax Fairness estimates that increases in regular gas prices since January 2017 are costing Montanans about \$515 more a year, on average—far above the tax cut a typical working family will receive.

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## **Nebraska**

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[JournalStar.com \(Op-Ed\): Local View: Doubling down on tax cuts would hurt Nebraskans](#)

July 19, 2018, By Jane Kleeb

But according to **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF), after six months under the new tax regime, only 4 percent of workers have received any kind of pay hike tied to the corporate tax cut. Most are one-time bonuses, not permanent raises, and very few come anywhere close to \$4,000. Ninety-six percent of workers are still waiting.

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[Omaha World Herald \(LTE\): The Public Pulse: Tax reform ... really?](#)

April 26, 2018, By Barbara Wagner

Stop listening to politicians who passed the bill and start looking at the facts as stated by the Congressional Budget Office, **Americans for Tax Fairness** or any accountant. Corporations and the top 1 percent of the wealthy are set to eventually receive over 80 percent of the tax benefits. The other 99 percent of Americans and small businesses will receive the remaining 20 percent. There's no fairness in that.

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## Nevada

[Reno Gazette Journal \(ATF Op-Ed\): Wealthy celebrate tax law anniversary while workers pick up the tab](#)

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**Nevada Current: [On the anniversary of benefits, groups worry about fate of Medicare, Medicaid](#)**

July 30, 2018, By Michael Lyle

The press conference came on the heels of **Americans for Tax Fairness** releasing its findings about the need for Medicare and Medicaid in Nevada. The report also attacked Congressional Republicans' proposal to balance the budget by cutting entitlement programs such as Medicare.

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**Nevada Current: [Tax Day: New Report Reveals How Trump's Tax Giveaway Impacts Nevada](#)**

April 17, 2018, By Will Pregman

A new report from **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Health Care for America Now that shows the tax bill isn't just unfair and skewed to benefit Wall Street corporations and the richest 1% way more than the rest of us, but the cost of these giveaways will be shifted to us in new ways.

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## **New Hampshire**

**Manchester Ink Link: [Progressives respond to federal tax reform session in Derry](#)**

April 19, 2018, By Laura Aronson

CONCORD, NH – While First Daughter Ivanka Trump and Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin were in Derry April 17 promoting the new federal tax law, Granite State Progress hosted a press conference in Concord to counter the Trump Administration's message, and the tax law that Gov. Chris Sununu praised as a "net positive."

Those attending the Concord event released a report from **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Health Care for America Now, specifying the potential impact of the tax law for families in New Hampshire, and comparing it with the benefits that wealthy corporations, especially health insurance companies and prescription drug manufacturers, receive under the same law.

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**NH Labor News: [New Tax Law Benefits Corporations and Wealthy While Putting Health Care and Public Services at Risk According To New Report](#)**

April 17, 2018, By Granite State Progress

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**[New Hampshire Union Leader: Ivanka Trump, Steve Mnuchin tell Granite Staters that Tax Day will be less painful in 2019](#)**

April 17, 2018, By Kimberly Houghton

According to a release from the Granite State Progress Education Fund, the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act provides about \$1.5 trillion in tax breaks to individuals and corporations, with about two-thirds going to the richest 20 percent of households this year and nearly 83 percent of tax benefits going to the richest 1 percent by 2027 when the law is fully implemented.

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**[Concord Monitor: Ivanka Trump, Treasury Secretary Mnuchin praise tax cuts during stop in N.H.](#)**

April 17, 2018, By Paul Steinhauser

On the eve of the town hall, a report by the progressive groups **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Health Care for America Now highlighted that “the richest 1 percent of New Hampshire taxpayers – people with an average income of at least \$1,720,400 – will receive 23 percent of the state’s total tax cut.”

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## **New Jersey**

**[NJ.com \(Editorial\): Republican elder fraud and how to stop it on Nov. 6](#)**

November 1, 2018

Their party's giant tax cuts, which favor the uber-rich and corporations, have exploded our federal deficit, and now, they are using this as an excuse to cut programs that older people rely on, and paid for throughout their working lives.

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**[Star Ledger \(Op-Ed\): By supporting Trump’s tax cuts, GOP candidates threaten Jersey’s way of life](#)**

October 25, 2018, By Eric Schoenberg

The Trump-GOP tax law takes the opposite approach. Its benefits slant heavily toward big corporations and wealthy people like me. This year over a fifth of the tax cuts will go to those of us in the top 1 percent. If certain parts of the law are allowed to expire as they're currently scheduled to, by 2027 One Percenters like me will rake in no less than 83 percent of the cuts.

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**The Press of Atlantic City (Column): [Consumer Confidential: The economy may be booming, but nearly half of Americans can't make ends meet](#)**

September 4, 2018, By David Lazarus  
Syndicated from the Los Angeles Times

In reality, corporations received 11 times more in tax cuts than they doled out in one-time bonuses or modest wage hikes, according to the advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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**NJ.com (Editorial): [All that winning \(cont.\): Trump's tax-cut "miracle" is great. For Trump](#)**

July 9, 2018, By Star-Ledger

The massive tax cut that Donald Trump gifted to corporations was supposed to unleash a torrent of business investment at home, in the form of more hires, new factories, upgraded equipment, and higher salaries.

Predictably, after six months, slashing the corporate rate from 35 percent to 21 has produced neither a torrent nor even much of a trickle-down.

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**NJBIZ: [Tax group: Benefits of GOP tax cuts nil for NJ private sector](#)**

June 20, 2018, By Vince Calio

Data compiled by **Americans For Tax Fairness** showed that eight private employers in the state out of 193,960 have provided wage hikes or one-time bonuses as a direct result of the corporate tax cuts that resulted from the new law. And less than 3 percent of New Jersey private sector workers – including those employed by companies that are headquartered out of state – were promised one-time bonuses or wage hikes directly due to the tax cuts.

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**The Press of Atlantic City: [Wal-Mart has \\$76 billion in overseas tax havens, report says](#)**

June 13, 2018, By Jesse Drucker, Renee Dudley

The study, researched by the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union and published Wednesday in a report by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, found 90 percent of Wal-Mart's overseas assets are owned by subsidiaries in Luxembourg and the Netherlands, two of the most popular corporate tax havens.

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**[Insider NJ: FORGET HUGE TRUMP/GOP CORPORATE TAX CUT WANT TO REALLY GROW AMERICA? FORGIVE ALL COLLEGE DEBT](#)**

June 10, 2018, By Bob Hennelly

Last month, Frank Clemente, with **Americans For Tax Fairness**, testified before Congress with the benefit of having three more months of data on the consequences of the Trump/GOP tax cut.

“Total tax cuts for 107 Fortune 500 corporations in 2018 is estimated at \$72 billion so far,” he said. “Fortune 500 corporations are getting 12 times more in tax cuts than workers are getting in pay-hikes (\$6 billion). Corporations are mostly sharing their huge tax cuts with wealthy CEOs and stockholders.

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**[Insider NJ: Americans’ Health Care And Public Services At Risk From Trump Tax & Budget Cuts, New Report Warns](#)**

April 17, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

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April 16, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

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## **New Mexico**

**[KRWG: Tax Law Backfires; Republicans Running Scared](#)**

May 9, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

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[KRWG NM State NPR \(ATF Op-Ed\): Trump/GOP Tax Law Threatens Funding For Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security And More](#)

April 16, 2018, By **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Healthcare for America Now

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## New York

[\(Albany\) Times Union \(Editorial\): Amazon deal not the worst we've done](#)

November 16, 2018, By Rex Smith

Take, for example, the federal tax cuts Congress enacted last year at the prodding of the Trump administration with the promise that ordinary Americans would be the beneficiaries. That has set the stage for trillion-dollar-a-year federal deficits, meaning our grandchildren will wind up paying for the economic boom we're now enjoying. And the benefits aren't showing up where they were supposedly aimed: Businesses are getting nine times more in benefits than they are passing on to their workers, according to an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, and spending 11 times more on stock buybacks than on bonuses and increased wages.

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[El Diario NY: Y de la economía ¿Quién habla?](#)

November 5, 2018, By Ana B. Nieto

A finales de junio, **Americans for Tax Fairness** tabularon que desde que se aprobó la reforma tributaria las empresas han dedicado unos \$503,000 millones a recompra de acciones.

Una reciente encuesta de Bankrate revelaba hace unas semanas que el 62% de los americanos dice que su situación financiera no ha mejorado en los dos últimos años.

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[\(Albany\) Times Union \(Editorial\): The tax cut bill comes due](#)

October 17, 2018

What's worsening the deficit are the Republican tax cuts that are throwing more debt onto the generations of Americans who will have to pay all this money back. As for signs that the cuts have helped boost the economy, well, sure, throwing hundreds of billions of dollars into the economy will provide a short-term boost. And while there was a case for tax cuts to encourage corporations to repatriate billions they've hoarded overseas, all this package looks likely to achieve is to make the rich richer, at the expense of everyone else who has to pay. And now Mr. McConnell has shown just who he wants to foot the bill: the elderly, the poor, and the sick.

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**Newsday (Editorial): [Social programs on the block to pay for big tax cuts?](#)**

September 19, 2018

Trump and his advisers are crowing about a booming economy and crying poverty when it comes to caring for the nation. They have cut taxes, benefiting mostly the very wealthy, at a cost of \$1.5 trillion over 10 years, and now say they must cut the social safety net, which mostly benefits the nation's children and elderly, to pay for it.

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**(Albany) Times Union: [The most recent round of Amazon criticisms reveals how the company has taken Walmart's spot as a symbol for everything wrong with American big business \(AMZN, WMT\)](#)**

September 10, 2018, By Kate Taylor  
Syndicated from Business Insider

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**13Wham: [Sanders' Stop BEZOS Act ends 'welfare' for Amazon, but could hurt low-wage workers](#)**

September 6, 2018, By Leandra Bernstein  
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**ThinkAdvisor: [Here's What May Happen to Your Taxes if Democrats Win the House](#)**

August 29, 2018, By Laura Davison  
Syndicated from Bloomberg News

The math is complicated if Democrats want to fully fund the government, plug the revenue lost by the tax law and create new programs, said Frank Clemente, executive director at **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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August 15, 2018, By Steve Buchiere  
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**Finger Lakes Times: [Tax cut debate comes to Geneva](#)**

August 14, 2018, By Steve Buchiere

She points to statistics compiled by the liberal group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

On its website, the organization claims that only 4.3 percent of workers are receiving bonuses and/or wage increases related to the tax cuts, and that corporations are spending 98 times as much on stock buybacks than they are on wage increases and bonuses.

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**Observer: [So How Are Trump’s Tax Cuts Actually Working Out for the Economy?](#)**

August 2, 2018, By Cybele Mayes-Osterman

On Monday, Caterpillar, Inc. announced a plan to spend \$1.25 billion on its own stock. Just two days before, Walgreens stated it would “repurchase \$10 billion worth of stock from shareholders.” According to a study from **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the Walgreens announcement pushed the value of buyback stock since the passage of the Trump tax bill to a staggering \$500 billion, double that of the same period of time last year.

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**Syracuse.com: [Syracuse won't buy from Walmart because Walmart doesn't pay people enough](#)**

May 21, 2018, By Chris Baker

A 2014 report from **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a collection of progressive groups, estimated Walmart employees receive \$6.2 billion a year in federal assistance. In a report from Forbes, a Walmart spokesman said that figure was inaccurate.

Walmart this year raised its starting wage from \$10 an hour to \$11 an hour. The company employs more than 1.5 million people in the United States.

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**ValueWalk: [Walmart, Home Depot, Cisco To Hold Earnings Call This Week](#)**

May 15, 2018, By **Americans for Tax Fairness**

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[\(Albany\) Times Union \(Editorial\): It's time to tax Trump](#)

April 18, 2018

Why this matters especially now is that Mr. Trump signed off on a tax bill that he claimed would hurt him financially, an assertion that probably should be added to the more than 2,400 lies and misstatements that The Washington Post had counted from this president as of March 1. It's widely acknowledged wealthy individuals like him, along with corporations, were in fact the prime beneficiaries of his tax cuts. Further, despite a few well-hyped instances of companies sharing their windfalls with employees, the group **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimates that only 4 percent of workers have gotten raises or bonuses, and only a few hundred businesses have given them.

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[Next Star Broadcasting Binghamton NY : Members of 'Indivisible Binghamton' rally outside Congresswoman Tenney's office](#)

April 17, 2018, By Staff

Members of Indivisible Binghamton held a rally outside of Congresswoman Claudia Tenney's MetroCenter Office in Downtown Binghamton.

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[Ithaca Journal: Fix democracy with that \\$1.50-a-week tax cut](#)

February 16, 2018, By Jason Sattler  
Syndicated from USA Today

Of course, \$13,461,538.50 is on the high end of Charles' estimated tax cut, which **Americans for Tax Fairness** projects will fall between \$1 billion and \$1.4 billion a year. He and his brother David could be getting as little as \$9,615,384.62 a week apiece. Or 6,410,256 times what that secretary in Lancaster can expect.

[Ithaca Journal \(Column\): State of the Union: One different Trump choice and we'd be talking seven more years](#)

February 9, 2018, By John McCormick  
Syndicated from USA Today

Instead, he served up a huge slice of the American economy to the richest people in America, who have never been richer. A new study from **Americans for Tax Fairness** finds that the Koch brothers alone can expect \$1 to 1.4 billion in tax cuts a year — each.

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## North Carolina

[The Charlotte Observer: Wells Fargo shifts many jobs overseas following layoffs in the US, documents show](#)

December 20, 2018, By Deon Roberts

In recent months, Wells Fargo has drawn more scrutiny for sending jobs out of the U.S. than some of its peers, in large part because of how much it is benefiting from the tax cuts.

Among major U.S. banks, Wells Fargo's estimated annual tax cut of \$3.7 billion is the biggest, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a left-leaning Washington, D.C.-based group.

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[The Urban News \(Op-Ed\): Under Cover of Kavanaugh, Republicans Passed Huge Tax Cuts for the Wealthy](#)

October 11, 2018, By Frank Clemente

While Americans were transfixed by Senate hearings over Brett Kavanaugh's alleged sexual assaults, House Republicans quietly passed another enormous tax handout for the wealthiest Americans.

Round one of this giveaway cost \$2 trillion. Round two is even bigger — it would explode the deficit by more than \$3 trillion. And once again, it's largely a giveaway to the wealthiest Americans — and could mean devastating service cuts for ordinary people.

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[Smoky Mountain news \(Column\): The American worker is not getting their due](#)

September 5, 2018, By Scott McLeod

What about the recent tax cut? There's no evidence it's helping workers, as noted by the stagnant wage growth. And those much-ballyhooed bonuses many companies were touting? An analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, an advocacy group dedicated to tax reform, noted that at Fortune 500 companies only 4 percent of workers got a bonus or raise as a result of the tax bill.

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[The Winston-Salem Chronicle \(Other Op-Ed\): Commentary: New report shows GOP tax giveaway is turning out to be a disaster](#)

April 19, 2018, By Kevin Rogers  
Syndicated from The Mountaineer

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**Blue Ridge (Column): [Conservatives and business leaders worried about the deficit take aim at Social Security and Medicare](#)**

April 10, 2018, By Michael Hiltzik  
Syndicated from the Los Angeles Times

According to a study by the progressive group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Fortune 500 corporations will pocket a total annual tax cut of more than \$57 billion a year. Those companies have announced wage increases and employee bonuses totaling about \$5.7 billion, and stock buybacks of nearly \$201 billion.

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**Allegheny News (Op-Ed): [Tax overhaul: worst Christmas present](#)**

January 3, 2018, By Frank Clemente

Syndicated by American Forum for ATF

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## Ohio

**WSMH.com: [Sanders' Stop BEZOS Act ends 'welfare' for Amazon, but could hurt low-wage workers](#)**

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**[Vindy.com \(ATF Op-Ed\): Tax cuts a boon for the wealthy](#)**

August 24, 2018, By Kayla Kitson  
Syndicated from Otherwords

Tracking by **Americans for Tax Fairness** shows that only about 400 out of America's 5.9 million employers have announced any wage increases or one-time bonuses related to the tax cuts. That's about 0.007 percent. In fact, real wages have actually declined since last year after accounting for higher gas prices, prescription drug prices, and other rising costs.

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**[Progress Ohio \(Blog\): New Tax Law Benefits Corporations and Wealthy While Putting Health Care and Public Services at Risk According To New Report](#)**

April 17, 2018, By Healthcare for America Now

Advocates at the event released a new report from **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Health Care for America Now that shows the specific impact of the tax cut package for families in Ohio and compares that impact with tax benefits that health insurance companies and prescription drug manufacturers receive under the same law.

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**[Cincinnati Enquirer: Tax cut savings flow to company stockholders, trickle to hourly workers](#)**

April 14, 2018, By Adam Shell  
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## Pennsylvania

[PennWatch.org \(Blog\): Opinion: One Year Later, the Tax Cut and \(Con\) Jobs Act](#)

December 26, 2018, By Diana Polson

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**The Inquirer (Editorial): [Why it's an unhappy Labor Day for many workers](#)**

September 3, 2018

President Trump's \$1.5 trillion tax cut – like previous massive tax cuts – has failed to trickle down to average workers in a meaningful way, and many of his policies are hurting American workers. Just 4 percent of workers at Fortune 500 companies received a bonus or wage increase as a result of the tax cut, according to an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, an advocacy group dedicated to tax reform.

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**Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: [Rothfus draws both praise and protest for tax cut vote](#)**

August 21, 2018, By Julian Routh

But protesters have shown up at several stops on the tour, and this time, they brought signs that exclaimed phrases like, "Tax the greedy, not the needy."

Pastor Ken Love, a retired Presbyterian minister from Plum Borough, said politicians like Mr. Rothfus are no longer behind working or poor people. He alleged the wealth isn't trickling down, as intended, and that corporations aren't passing their gains along to employees and community members.

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**YourErie.com: [Rep Mike Kelly honored by Job Creators Network](#)**

August 20, 2018, By Tiarra Braddock

While Representative Kelly was met with support from the Job Creators Network, he was also met protesters saying they want affordable wage jobs.

"There probably are more jobs than people but they're minimum wage jobs and families can't live on minimum wage," said Terri Hulahan with Keystone Progress. "You look for example here and these are mostly high school kids at seasonal employment. are there a lot of jobs, yes, but they are not going to last."

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**[Penn Live \(Column\): Offbeat The Rust Belt is done with Donald Trump's gold-plated populism](#)**

August 8, 2018, By Jason Sattler  
Syndicated from USA Today

Under his tax law, businesses received nine times more in cuts than what they gave their workers and spent 37 times more on stock buybacks than on bonuses since the reforms became law, according to an April analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**. Now Trump's Treasury Secretary has suggested that the administration may serve up another \$100 billion in tax cuts that will go just to the richest of the richest, who just happen include much of Trump's cabinet, family and big donors.

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**[Penn Live \(ATF Op-Ed\): Republicans are trying to rig the game for the wealthy. Don't let them](#)**

August 4, 2018, By Marc Stier

By favoring the wealthy and corporations over working families, Washington's recent tax and budget decisions follow Harrisburg's bad example.

The newly enacted Trump-GOP tax law, for instance, gives most of the benefits to the rich while driving up federal debt, threatening funding for vital public services like Medicare and Medicaid. It's time for fairer fiscal policies at both the state and national levels.

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**[The Lu Lac Political Letter \(LTE\): The LuLac Edition #3846, July 31st, 2018](#)**

July 31, 2018, By David Yonki

**Americans for Tax Fairness** and allied organizations have released state reports marking the programs' anniversaries, one of which details the impact the GOP's proposed cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would have on Pennsylvania residents. The report also explains how the new tax law mostly benefits the wealthy and corporations in Pennsylvania, creating a cruel tradeoff of tax cuts that mostly enrich the already wealthy leading to budget cuts that harm working families.

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**[The Intelligencer: Protesters send Fitzpatrick message about tax cut bill](#)**

June 19, 2018, By James Boyle

More than a dozen protesters marched through the parking lot and into the lobby of Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick's 8th district office in Middletown on Tuesday to spotlight the billions in stock buybacks corporations showered on their shareholders. Major companies like Apple, eBay and Visa used the revenue gained by the corporate tax rate drop from 35 percent to 21 percent to fund the purchase of \$387 billion in shares from stockholders, according to lobbying group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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[OpEdNews.com: Where's that \\$4,000 Raise the GOP Promised Workers?](#)

June 19, 2018, By Leo Gerard  
Syndicated from AlterNet

Some workers got one-time bonuses and an even smaller number received raises. But not many. The group **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimates it's 4.3 percent of all U.S. workers.

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[Pittsburgh Tribune Review: Joseph Sabino Mistick: Misplaced trust](#)

June 2, 2018, By Joseph Sabino Mistick

Our worst nightmare is coming true. We predicted that the lion's share of the benefits of this tax cut would go to already wealthy shareholders and CEOs, not to a company's workers," according to Frank Clemente of **Americans for Tax Fairness**. Workers across the country have heard that Harley-Davidson will close a Kansas City plant and eliminate 350 jobs overall. The company has also been planning to open a factory in Thailand, shipping their jobs overseas, as one machinist realized. Trust again has been misplaced.

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[The Press & Journal \(ATF Op-Ed\): Opinion: Corporate tax cuts not trickling down to workers: Frank Clemente](#)

May 23, 2018, By Frank Clemente

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[Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Letter to the Editor: The tax cuts burden the nation but bless the rich](#)

May 20, 2018, By Kara O'Kline

How are the tax cut funds being distributed? According to a recent statement by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, U.S. corporations plan to use \$407 billion for stock buybacks, which prop up the value of their stock. Since the richest 1 percent own 40 percent of all stock, and the richest 10 percent own 84 percent, most of this \$407 billion directly benefits the rich.

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**[Bucks County Courier Times: Bucks County residents called on to help save Medicaid](#)**

April 17, 2018, By Joan Hellyer

Payne joined with other area residents, the Bucks County NAACP and the Pennsylvania Health Access Network during the forum at Parx Casino to sound a rallying cry to prevent any potential cuts to the Medicaid funding provided by the federal government and administered by the state. Speakers expressed fear that the U.S. Congress might make cuts to Medicaid to help reduce the impact of the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act enacted in 2017.

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**[Mercersburg Journal \(Op-Ed\): The GOP's Tax Overhaul: Worst Christmas Present Ever](#)**

January 3, 2018, By Frank Clemente

Syndicated by American Forum for ATF.

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**[Observer-Reporter \(Editorial\): New federal tax bill doesn't treat Washington and Greene property taxpayers equally](#)**

January 2, 2018

In the rush to produce sweeping changes to the federal tax code before Christmas, the Republican-controlled Congress has inadvertently caused confusion here at home with 2018's arrival. ... So that means the new tax bill is treating payers of property taxes in two neighboring counties differently. If you live in Washington County, enjoy your 2017 tax return! If you're a Greene Countian to the south, well, tough luck on the deductions. ... The premise behind the Republican-passed Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was that it would be more equitable for all taxpayers. But it eliminates many popular middle-class deductions, and herds the vast majority of taxpayers into standard filing, where they can't use charitable donations or property-tax payments as deductions. That penalizes many middle-class homeowners. ... Even before it went into effect this week, the tax overhaul began offering different incentives depending on which side of the county line you live on. What other surprises might it bring in 2018?

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## Rhode Island

[The Providence American: New Report: Dan McKee and the Right-Wing Billionaires Who Back Him](#)

September 15, 2018, By The Providence American

Wal-Mart treats Rhode Islanders terribly—in 2014, **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimated that Wal-Mart pay for its Rhode Island workers was so low that employees were forced to rely on \$11 MILLION in public assistance—but the Walton family couldn't love Dan McKee more.

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## South Carolina

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December 20, 2018, By Deon Roberts  
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[Bartlett Express \(ATF Op-Ed\): Scoring Trump's tax cuts so far: \\$280K for rich lawmakers, pennies for working people](#)

September 5, 2018, By Kayla Kitson  
Syndicated from Otherwords

The Trump-GOP tax law was sold as a boon for the middle class. But many months after its passage, there are no signs that working Americans are getting the pay raise they were promised.

The Trump administration claimed the corporate tax cuts would eventually lead to wage increases of up to \$9,000 a year for ordinary workers. But so far, workers' wages remain stagnant.

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## Texas

[The Bay City Tribune \(Op-Ed\): Wealthy celebrate Tax Law Anniversary while workers pick up the tab](#)

December 31, 2018, By Frank Clemente

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**[The Comanche Chief: STATEMENT: BRADY TAX BILL AN \\$80 BILLION CORPORATE GIVEAWAY, UNDERMINES AFFORDABLE CARE ACT](#)**

December 17, 2018, By Americans For Tax Fairness  
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May 14, 2018, By Frank Clemente

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[Big Bend Now: We are all going to get rich!](#)

May 3, 2018, By George Covington

Concerning bonuses, the **Americans for Tax Fairness** points out that corporations so far are estimated to be getting 9 times as much in tax breaks in 2018 (\$61 billion) as they are paying out in one-time bonuses or wage hikes to workers (\$6.5 billion); just 4%, or 6.3 million, of the nation's 148 million working people have been promised bonuses or wage hikes; just 383 businesses out of 26 million nationwide have reported giving bonuses or wage hikes.

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[My San Antonio \(Other Op-Ed\): Editorial: It's tax time, Mr. Trump](#)

April 14, 2018, By Jeff Boyer

Further, despite a few well-hyped instances of companies sharing their windfalls with employees, the group **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimates that only 4 percent of workers have gotten raises or bonuses, and only a few hundred businesses have given them.

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## Utah

[The Spectrum.com: Opinion: Clemente: Corporate tax cuts not trickling down to workers](#)

May 27, 2018, By Frank Clemente

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## Vermont

[VTDigger \(Blog\): Fact-check: Sanders digs up old figure in fresh attack on Walmart's wages](#)

November 16, 2018, By Colin Meyn

The \$6.2 billion figure first appeared in a report from the advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness** that came out on tax day in 2014.

"Walmart receives an estimated \$6.2 billion annually in mostly federal taxpayer subsidies," the report said. "The reason: Walmart pays its employees so little that many of them rely on food stamps, health care and other taxpayer-funded programs."

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[Brattleboro Reformer \(Editorial\): The Trump Tax Plan Report Card](#)

June 18, 2018

The most notable outcome of the tax law is one that few Republicans talk about: Companies are buying back their own stock — a lot of it. Stock buybacks are expected to reach a record \$1 trillion this year. Since Congress reduced the top federal corporate tax rate to 21 percent from 35 percent, businesses are flush with cash. Lawmakers also let companies repatriate foreign earnings that they had been amassing at a rate of 15.5 percent for cash and 8 percent for other assets. "Share buybacks have an understandable appeal to executives, many of whom are compensated with stock, and to investors. But buybacks do little for workers, most of whom own little or no stock. It is not even clear that buybacks are in the long-term interest of companies since that money could be used to expand into new markets or invest in technology.

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## Virginia

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[Augusta Free Press: Report: Rising gas prices, healthcare costs mitigate impact of Trump tax cuts](#)

July 4, 2018, By Americans for Tax Fairness

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**The Northern Virginia Daily (Column): [Tax cuts delivering little economic bang](#)**

June 27, 2018, By Froma Harrop

“Before last year’s big tax cuts, the economy was improving nicely. After the tax cuts, the economy is doing the same – for now, anyway. What’s different is the \$1.9 trillion the tax cuts have tacked onto deficits.”

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**Martinsville Bulletin (LTE): [Letters to the Editor for April 17](#)**

April 17, 2018, By Don Johnson

Four percent of workers are getting bonuses or wage increases. A total of 385 out of 26 million companies are giving bonus or wage increases. Corporations are getting 9 times in tax cuts over what they are giving out in bonuses and wage increases. Corporations are spending 37 times as much buying back stock than they are giving out bonuses and wages, according to figures from Americans For Tax Fairness.

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**Bristol Herald Courier (Column): [Conservatives and business leaders worried about the deficit take aim at Social Security and Medicare](#)**

April 10, 2018, By Michael Hiltzik  
Syndicated from the Los Angeles Times

According to a study by the progressive group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Fortune 500 corporations will pocket a total annual tax cut of more than \$57 billion a year. Those companies have announced wage increases and employee bonuses totaling about \$5.7 billion, and stock buybacks of nearly \$201 billion.

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## Washington

[Sky Valley Chronicle \(Op-Ed\): The Old Carny Shell Game:As Americans sat transfixed by Kavanaugh hearing, Republicans quietly passed another huge tax cut for the wealthy](#)

October 3, 2018, By Frank Clemente

While Americans were transfixed by Senate hearings over Brett Kavanaugh’s alleged sexual assaults, House Republicans quietly passed another enormous tax handout for the wealthiest Americans.

Round one of this giveaway cost \$2 trillion. Round two is even bigger — it would explode the deficit by more than \$3 trillion. And once again, it’s largely a giveaway to the wealthiest Americans — and could mean devastating service cuts for ordinary people.

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[MyNorthwest.com: Ross: One solution for the \\$400 billion American tax gap](#)

October 3, 2018, By Dave Ross

“It’s \$400 billion a year,” says Frank Clemente, who runs **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

He thinks President Trump’s tax cuts gave way too much to the rich, but what he considers really unfair is how many wealthy people still won’t pay what they owe.

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[The Columbian \(Editorial\): In Our View: Debt Debacle Candidates Herrera Beutler, Long aim to resolve deficit, provide prosperous future](#)

August 24, 2018, By Staff

[Carolyn] Long noted that much of the corporate tax cuts have been used for stock buybacks. An analysis of Fortune 500 companies by **Americans for Tax Fairness** found that companies spent 37 times more on buybacks than they did on bonuses or increased wages for employees. Herrera Beutler said much of that goes into 401(k) accounts that benefits workers.

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### [The Grand Coulee \(ATF Op-Ed\): Trump, GOP get failing grades on new tax law](#)

June 24, 2018, By Frank Clemente

This is the time of year for final report cards, so it's a good time to grade President Trump and congressional Republicans on their massive tax cuts mostly benefiting the wealthy and corporations. Six months after enactment, their new tax law is seriously underperforming, failing to achieve passing marks in one important subject after another.

Tax Fairness: Once the law is fully phased in, 83 percent of the benefits will go to the wealthiest 1 percent. Those one-percenters will get an average tax cut of over \$50,000 this year. Folks making under \$86,000 — the bottom three-fifths of the income scale — will get only about a dollar a day.

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### [The Stand: Upside-down Seattle | Teachers go 'big' | Why Trump is panicking](#)

April 12, 2018, By Nicole Goodkind  
Syndicated from Newsweek

A new analysis of all Fortune 500 companies found only 4.3 percent of workers will receive a one-time bonus or wage increase tied to the business tax cuts, while businesses received nine times more in cuts than what they passed on to their workers, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a political advocacy group devoted to tax reform. The analysis also found that companies spent 37 times as much on stock buybacks than they did on bonuses and increased wages for workers.

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## West Virginia

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[West Virginia Common Group : New 'Tax Day' Study Reports on How Tax Law Enriches Corporations, Wealthy While Putting Health Care, Public Services at Risk](#)

April 17, 2018, By Staff

Today, WV Citizen Action released a new West Virginia report by **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Health Care for America Now detailing the effects of the tax cut package on families in West Virginia and compares that with the tax benefits that health insurance companies and prescription drug manufacturers receive under the same law.

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[WTAP NBC West Virginia: Wood County Indivisible holds Tax Day Protest in Parkersburg](#)

April 17, 2018, By Todd Baucher

With just 12 hours before Tuesday's deadline for filing federal, state and local income taxes, Wood County Indivisible marked the day demonstrating in front of the Parkersburg office of U.S. Representative David McKinley.

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## Wisconsin

[GazetteXtra \(Op-Ed\): Other Views: Ryan cared only about the rich](#)

December 28, 2018, By Negin Owliaei  
Syndicated from Inequality.org

Take those tax cuts. Just months after they passed, Ryan tried his hand at selling the hugely unpopular legislation to the American public by tweeting about a Pennsylvania secretary receiving an extra \$1.50 a week in her paycheck.

How much do, say, the Koch brothers stand to gain from that bill? \$1.4 billion a year, as **Americans for Tax Fairness** pointed out.

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**GazetteXtra (ATF Op-Ed): [Other Views: The GOP tax bill is creating jobs—just not in the US](#)**

December 16, 2018, By Frank Clemente  
Syndicated from OtherWords

We should have told them to be more specific. When President Trump and his fellow Republicans in Congress called their massive tax overhaul last year the “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act,” most of us assumed the jobs would be in the United States.

Now we know better. Yes, unemployment in this country is low, but there’s no evidence it’s because of last year’s GOP tax cuts. More likely it’s simply a continuation of an eight-year trend of steady job growth that began under President Obama.

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**Superior Telegram (LTE): [GOP entrenches wealthy class](#)**

June 1, 2018, By Jeanne Larson  
Syndicated from Green Bay Press

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**[Wisconsin Gazette: Americans for Tax Fairness launches site to track what corporations are doing with tax cuts](#)**

April 17, 2018, By Staff

**Americans for Tax Fairness** recently launched a comprehensive website, “Trump Tax Cut Truths,” detailing what American corporations are doing with their Trump tax cuts. The website includes searchable data on more than 830 corporations and where the data exists or can be estimated covers the size of their 2018 tax cuts, amount of stock buybacks announced since the tax law was enacted, estimates of the total value of workers’ bonuses and wages and the number of workers benefitting, job cuts announced, claimed new investments due to the tax cuts and more.

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## Wyoming

**Wyoming AFL-CIO (Blog): [12 Things We've Learned About the GOP Tax Bill](#)**

April 18, 2018, By AFL-CIO

Few Workers Are Benefiting: Only 4.3% of workers are getting a one-time bonus or wage increase this year, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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## INTERNATIONAL MEDIA CLIPS

**Eurasia Review (Op-Ed): [Under Cover Of Kavanaugh, Republicans Passed Huge Tax Cuts For The Wealthy – OpEd](#)**

October 4, 2018, By Frank Clemente  
Syndicated from OtherWords.org

While Americans were transfixed by Senate hearings over Brett Kavanaugh’s alleged sexual assaults, House Republicans quietly passed another enormous tax handout for the wealthiest Americans.

Round one of this giveaway cost \$2 trillion. Round two is even bigger — it would explode the deficit by more than \$3 trillion. And once again, it’s largely a giveaway to the wealthiest Americans — and could mean devastating service cuts for ordinary people.

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**Levante: [Walmart tiene una sociedad de 298 millones en València para ahorrar impuestos en Argentina](#)**

April 29, 2018, By Ramón Ferrando

Según un informe publicado en 2015 por American for Tax Fairness, una organización que aboga por una reforma fiscal progresiva en Estados Unidos, Walmart posee 76.000 millones de dólares (62.561 millones de euros) en 78 filiales que ha creado en todo el mundo para pagar menos impuestos. En el resto del mundo están ubicadas en paraísos fiscales como las Islas Caimán, Luxemburgo o Curazao y en España utiliza una figura legal impulsada por el Gobierno para captar inversión extranjera.

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**IB Times: Goldman Sachs Enjoys 26pc Surge In Profits Thanks To Lower Tax And Buoyant Trading**

April 17, 2018, By Associated Press

A new analysis of all Fortune 500 companies revealed that less than 1-in-20 workers will receive a bonus or wage increase tied to the business tax cuts, while businesses received nine times more in cuts than what they passed on to their workers, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a political advocacy group devoted to tax reform. The analysis also found that companies spent 37 times as much on stock buybacks than they did on bonuses and increased wages for workers.

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**IBTimes: The Trump dividend: JPMorgan hits record quarterly profit, helped by lower taxes**

April 13, 2018, By The Associated Press

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**Canada Fact Check: Is a Basic Income Guarantee the Right Choice for Ontario?**

April 11, 2018, By Ethan Phillips

First, according to a report prepared by the **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the annual bill that States and the U.S. government foot through means-tested programs for American working families making poverty-level wages is \$153 billion – with \$6.2 billion of that going to Walmart alone. In many states, Walmart employees are the largest group of Medicaid and food stamp recipients!

**IBTimes: Koch Brothers Could Be \$1 Billion Richer Each Year From GOP Tax Bill**

January 24, 2018, By Alex Kotch

**Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) is a liberal coalition of 425 groups including the AFL-CIO, the Center on Budget & Policy Priorities, the Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights and the NAACP that share “the belief that the country needs comprehensive, progressive tax reform that results in greater revenue to meet our growing needs.” It released its analysis Wednesday, the first to estimate how much the industrialist Koch brothers will benefit from the recent tax legislation. This rough estimate pertains only to income tax breaks; other provisions that offer tax savings on offshore profits and modify the estate tax will make the Koch family even wealthier.

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**Shanghai Daily News (ATF Op-Ed): Being ill and poor in the US just got more expensive**

January 8, 2018, By Frank Clemente

THE biggest losers from the GOP tax plans would be the 87 million middle class families facing higher taxes, plus the 13 million people who would lose their healthcare. The biggest winners? Millionaires and corporations, of course.

Chief among those corporations: America’s top drug makers. Pharmaceutical firms will get tens of billions of dollars in tax cuts on their offshore profits alone, while continuing to gouge consumers with ever-higher prices.