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National	96	17	15	13	37	36	0	214
State	83	14	12	44	65	5	8	231
TOTAL	179	31	27	57	102	41	8	445

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PoliticoUSA: 96% of Workers Didn't Get A Pay Raise From Trump's Tax Cuts

April 17, 2019, By Jason Easley

The problem is that there are 157 million workers in the workforce. The White House's own numbers mean that less than four percent of US workers saw a pay raise from the tax cuts.

"Either President Trump and his people don't understand math, or they don't think anyone else does," said Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**. "He's bragging that just 4% of workers got a pay raise from his tax cuts after promising corporations would give a \$4,000 raise to every American family. Maybe he thought no one would notice, but polling shows the American people certainly notice that his tax cuts for the wealthy and big corporations left them out."

TaxProf Blog (Blog): Revenue Options For A Fair Tax System

April 17, 2019, By Paul Caron

Americans for Tax Fairness today released a 70-page report detailing about 40 progressive tax reform and revenue options that would make the tax system much fairer and could raise trillions of dollars for critical needs like protecting and strengthening Medicare and Medicaid, investing in education, expanding affordable housing, rebuilding roads and bridges, protecting the environment and more.

The report, *Fair Taxes Now: Revenue Options for a Fair Tax System*, identifies for the first time the tax breaks for the wealthy and corporations included in the Trump-GOP 2017 tax law that should be amended or repealed. It also offers answers to the question being asked of Democratic presidential candidates and members of Congress proposing bold new policy initiatives: how to pay for them?

Politico: Mark your calendars

April 16, 2019, By Brian Faler

Rep. Pramila Jayapal has some ideas on how to raise taxes on the rich. So does **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

AlterNet: 'No evidence' Trump tax cuts are trickling down to workers

April 16, 2019, By Jake Johnson
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"Trump promised that corporations would use their tax cuts to give working families a \$4,000 pay raise. It's Tax Day 2019... Did you get that \$4,000?" —**Americans for Tax Fairness**

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Truth Out (ATF Op-Ed): Who Really Got a Tax Cut This Year? Corporations and the Wealthy.

April 15, 2019, By Frank Clemente
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Tax Day is here. What's in your return?

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Common Dreams: On Tax Day, Still 'No Evidence' Trump Tax Cuts Are Trickleing Down to Workers

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Washington Examiner: Trump bill benefits 'most US taxpayers,' CNN host says

April 15, 2019, By John Gage

Greg Sargent, an opinion writer for the Washington Post, called the bill a "giveaway to the rich" just days before it became law.

Frank Clemente, the executive director for **Americans for Tax Fairness**, called the plan a "desperate" and "skewed-to-the-rich."

truthdig (ATF Op-Ed): The Tax System Works Against Us All

April 14, 2019, By Frank Clemente
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Associated Press (ATF Op-Ed): Tax Day 2019 finds a tax system skewed to the rich and powerful

April 13, 2019, By Frank Clemente

Tax Day, when we settle our personal accounts with Uncle Sam, is also a good day to take account of our tax system overall. That's especially true this year, when the first tax returns prepared under the new rules of the Trump-GOP tax law are due. We should be asking whether our system is fair, whether it raises the revenue we need, whether it promotes economic growth and equality.

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CounterPunch (ATF Op-Ed): So Who Really Gets a Tax Cut This Year?

April 12, 2019, By Frank Clemente
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PoliticusUSA: Americans Will Take To The Streets With Rally Demanding Trump's Tax Returns On Tax Day

April 12, 2019, By Jason Easley

Americans for Tax Fairness, Tax March, Patriotic Millionaires, Public Citizen, People for the American Way and the Center for American Progress Action Fund will join with other groups at the rally to demand that the IRS comply with federal law and provide six years of Trump's tax returns as requested by House Ways & Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal.

Under 26 U.S. Code § 6103(f), the committee chair has the authority to request the tax returns of any taxpayer. The law states that, upon receipt of such a request, the Treasury Secretary "shall furnish" the returns to the committee. The IRS has always complied with a tax return request from Congress. Mnuchin announced on Wednesday that he would not meet the April 10 deadline to comply with Neal's request.

Inequality.org (ATF Op-Ed): So Who Really Got a Tax Cut This Year?

April 11, 2019, By Frank Clemente
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Yonside (ATF Op-Ed): Who really got a tax cut last year?

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OtherWords (ATF Op-Ed): So Who Really Got A Tax Cut This Year?

April 10, 2019, By Frank Clemente
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Axis of Logic (Blog): [Tax the Rich. It's Just That Simple'](#)

April 10, 2019, By Jake Johnson
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Politico: [Teeing up legislation](#)

April 3, 2019, By Bernie Becker

For whatever it's worth: Tax March and **Americans for Tax Fairness** are out with new polling that finds that around three in four likely voters support higher taxes on the rich.

Common Dreams: Tax the Rich. It's Just That Simple': US Campaign Aims to Make Wealthy Pay Their Fair Share

April 3, 2019, By Jake Johnson

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The Hill: Liberal group launches seven-figure ad campaign to push for tax hike on the rich

April 3, 2019, By Naomi Jagoda

As part of the launch of its campaign, Tax March released polling data that found that about 75 percent of likely 2020 voters support raising taxes on the rich, including 60 percent of Republicans. The poll, which surveyed 1,000 likely voters online from March 15 to March 20, was conducted by ALG Research for Tax March and **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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Common Dreams: Tax March Launches New Seven-Figure "Tax the Rich" Campaign

April 3, 2019, By Ryan Thomas

"This important poll provides a detailed look at how voters feel about taxes and the overwhelming message is that they want the wealthy and corporations to pay their fair share," said Frank Clemente, Executive Director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, on the poll released today. "If we are ever going to address our important national priorities, including health care, infrastructure, education, and climate change, we must raise trillions of new tax dollars from the well off and implement a tax system that works for everyone. That starts by repealing the Trump-GOP tax cuts for the rich and corporations."

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where working people and families get left behind, while the gains go to corporate profits and Wall Street,” said Seth Hanlon, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress. “The first step in correcting this so we can leave the next generation better off is to tax the richest Americans at a fair rate and close the loopholes that leave so many massive corporations paying nothing—the American people already know it, Washington just needs to start listening.”

Center for American Progress: President Trump Cannot Hide His Tax Returns From Congress

April 1, 2019, By Seth Hanlon

William Rice, “The Case for Congress Obtaining Trump’s Tax Returns” (Washington: **Americans for Tax Fairness**, 2018), pp. 7–10

NBC: Factory workers at GM see layoffs, not benefits, after tax cuts

March 22, 2019, By Kathryn Kranhold

Cheryl Jonesco had a plum job installing backup cameras in the Chevrolet Cruze compact car at the storied General Motors plant here. Her work on the assembly line for the last decade provided the financial means to buy a home while raising her now-teenage daughter.

But now, at 40, Jonesco’s life has been upended. On the Monday after Thanksgiving, GM announced it was ending current production at the plant here and at four others in the United States and Canada, largely because of changing customer tastes, which now favor SUVs over compacts. GM idled the plant March 8. Meanwhile Jonesco and hundreds of co-workers have essentially been forced to move south to fill GM openings in Spring Hill, Tennessee — leaving behind their families and homes. For Jonesco, that meant saying good-bye to her daughter, Marisa, who stayed behind with her grandparents to finish high school.

TaxProf Blog (Blog): Tax Policy In The Trump Administration

March 22, 2019, By Paul Caron

Americans For Tax Fairness “Small-Business” Tax Break in Trump-GOP Tax Law Found to Mostly Benefit Wealthy

Pharmacy Choice: Americans for Tax Fairness Issues Statement on Proposed Fiscal 2020 Budget

March 12, 2019, By Staff

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The Hill (ATF Op-Ed): Cohen's charges make getting Trump's taxes even more important

March 8, 2019, By Bill Pascrell

ATF provided the initial draft for this oped

The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, on which I serve, has the power right now to obtain Trump's tax returns, including those of his many businesses and trusts. Under 26 U.S.C. § 6103(f), all it takes is a letter to the Treasury secretary. I'll deliver the letter myself if necessary. That's how eager I am—after more than two years of stonewalling, broken promises, phony excuses, and congressional dereliction under Republicans—to finally get the truth about Donald Trump's taxes.

PoliticsUSA.com: Democrats Just Passed A Bill Requiring Trump To Release His Business Tax Returns

March 8, 2019, By Jason Easley

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness** said in a statement provided to PoliticusUSA, ""For 40 years, candidates for president from both parties routinely released their tax returns to assure voters that they pay their fair share of taxes, and that they intend to act in the best interests of the country, not their own (or another country's) economic interests. President Trump's break with this tradition, and his murky business entanglements in the U.S. and other countries, raises disturbing questions and makes the provision in H.R. 1 requiring candidates to release both their personal and business tax returns absolutely essential. We can't allow future candidates to follow Trump's bad example and slam the door on this vital information from being shared with Congress and voters."

PBS: Why 2020 Democratic candidates are pushing more progressive tax proposals

February 19, 2019, By Gretchen Frazee

But others argued that drilling down on the details will matter, especially explaining to voters how the tax hikes will be paid for — and what programs the tax revenue would fund.

"If [presidential candidates] are going to put out these ambitious spending proposals and investment plans then they have to say how they are going to pay for it," said Frank Clemente, the executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

Center for Public Integrity: Big businesses promised wage hikes from Trump's tax cuts. What actually happened?

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Freedoms Phoenix (Blog): The Great GOP Tax Cut Heist a Year Later

February 12, 2019, 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.

Bloomberg Tax: Tax Increases Go From Taboo to Trendy, Even for Some Republicans

February 8, 2019, By Staff

The increased focus on taxes is driven by a lack of fairness in the tax code, Frank Clemente, executive director of left-leaning **Americans for Tax Fairness**, told Bloomberg Tax.

“The whole theme, the whole narrative, the whole framing that the public has right now is that the system is not working for average people and it is working for the rich and for corporations,” he said.

ShareBlue: Congress takes first step to find out what Trump's hiding in his taxes

February 7, 2019, By Dan Desai Martin

The Washington Post describes the hearing as a “crucial first step” toward the goal of obtaining Trump’s taxes. Proponents of the provisions say the law is necessary for Congress to conduct proper oversight, as required by the constitution.

The leaders of the organization **Americans for Tax Fairness** argue that Trump’s tax returns could show anything from Trump’s using fraud to cheat on his taxes, to undue foreign influence from Russia.

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Washington Post: Happy Hour Roundup

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Buzz in US (Blog): Companies Spent 140 Times More on Stock Buybacks than Wage Increases in 2018 and Americans Should be 'Outraged' Say Bernie Sanders, Chuck Schumer

February 5, 2019, By Nicole Goodkind
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The Intellectualist (Blog): [GOP Senators Make Repealing The Inheritance Tax A Legislative Priority](#)

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According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, repealing the federal estate tax would deal a \$225 billion blow to the federal budget over ten years.

The estate tax is paid by billionaires and millionaires — it is not a tax on the middle class. An estate needs to be worth more than \$5 million before a dime of it gets taxed. Only 1 estate out of every 700 deaths pays any estate tax.

Common Dreams: [A Year After 'One of the Greatest Heists in US History,' Survey Confirms Corporate Tax Cuts Didn't Lead to Hiring and Raises for Workers](#)

January 28, 2019, By Julia Conley

"The corporate tax reform has not caused their firms to change hiring or investment plans," NABE president Kevin Swift said simply of the corporate leaders the group surveyed.

The news came as no surprise to think tanks and advocacy groups like the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP) and **Americans for Tax Fairness**—with some critics pointing to the survey as the latest evidence that "Trickle-down economics doesn't work!"

Tech2.Org: [Warren Bets for 2020 with a Wealth Tax Proposal](#)

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Common Dreams (ATF Op-Ed): The GOP Tax Cut Is Just as Bad As We Feared it Would Be

January 11, 2019, By Frank Clemente

A little more than a year after President Donald Trump and his fellow Republicans enacted their tax cut costing \$1.9 trillion, all of the bad outcomes critics predicted from the law are coming true: Benefits are flowing disproportionately to the wealthy and big corporations while working families are paying the price. But as we unhappily mark the law's first anniversary, a further, unanticipated consequence has emerged that threatens the health care of tens of millions of Americans.

Just as we warned, the so-called Tax Cut and Jobs Act has exploded the deficit, giving the GOP an excuse to slash crucial services like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid to pay for it. Corporations are using their tax-cut windfall to splurge on stock buybacks that only further enrich their CEOs and wealthy shareholders instead of giving their workers a raise or investing in new plants and equipment. And multinational corporations like General Motors and Harley Davidson are responding to the law's perverse incentives by outsourcing jobs.

BioSpace (Blog): M&A May Be the Legacy of the Trump Tax Cuts for Pharma

January 8, 2019, By Alex Keown

Federal corporate tax cuts that were framed as a way to give a boost to employment across the United States have been more beneficial to companies and shareholders than the average worker or consumer, a new report issued by the advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness** shows.

The 2017 cut lowered the corporate tax rate from 25 percent to 21 percent. When the cut was floated by Donald Trump and Republican officials, many pharma executives were decidedly in favor of the plan. Chief executive officers from more than 16 manufacturing companies, including the heads of several pharma companies such as Celgene, Merck & Company and Eli Lilly and Company, penned a letter to Congressional leaders in support of the plan. Dubbing themselves the American Made Coalition, the industry leaders said reforming the nation's "outdated tax code" will spur economic growth. The CEOs decried the tax plan that was in place at the time. The business leaders said that higher rate penalized American workers who make products sold abroad, while favoring international competitors.

NBC: Get Trump's tax returns, progressive group tells House Dems

January 3, 2019, By Ken Dilanian

House Democrats should make it their top priority to obtain Donald Trump's tax returns and release them to the public, a progressive tax group argues in a new report obtained by NBC News.

Americans for Tax Fairness, a left-leaning organization backed by organized labor, says in a 21-page white paper that securing Trump's tax returns "is an important public policy objective and a legitimate exercise of Congress's oversight authority."

AlterNet: Republicans succeeded in making 2018 yet another year the rich got richer

January 2, 2019, By Andrea Germanos

With year two of Republicans' Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) now underway and the party touting the \$1.5 trillion tax plan's supposed successes, critics of the unpopular law are spotlighting the party's broken promises and saying the so-called tax scam merely helped to make 2018 another year of bloated corporate profits and enriching the already wealthy. In fact, the wealthy were "celebrating like it was Christmas all year, which it basically was for them," wrote Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF).

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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.

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.

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

December 22, 2018, By Hannah Levintova
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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.

Market Screener: JP Morgan Chase company : 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.

Raw Story: As Paul Ryan says farewell, progressives say 'good riddance' to a 'coward who sold our economy to highest bidders'

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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'

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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."

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

December 19, 2018, By Negin Owliaei
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AlterNet: Paul Ryan 'handing rich people truckloads of money' while promoting his documentary on tax scam anniversary

December 18, 2018, By Jake Johnson
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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

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.

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

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.

Common Dreams (Other Op-ed): 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.

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."

Common Dreams: Days Before Midterms, Trump's Top Economic Adviser Larry Kudlow Calls Federal Minimum Wage Hike a 'Terrible Idea'

November 1, 2018, By Julia Conley

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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

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?"

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.”

Pharmacy Choice (Column): Should drug companies include prices in TV ads?

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Epeak World News: Midterms 2018: Republicans don’t want to talk about their tax bill

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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?

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.

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

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

October 17, 2018, By Helaine 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.

Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky: Schakowsky and colleagues press Pharma execs on tax dodging, drug pricing, and stock buybacks

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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.

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.

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."

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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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."

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.

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

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OPedNews.com (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%."

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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OurFuture (ATF Op-Ed): Check Your Wallet: Can You Find the \$4k Trump Promised You?

September 3, 2018, By Frank Clemente

It was a promise that couldn't have been clearer: when President Trump sold his tax scam to Congress and the American people, he said the average family would see a \$4,000 pay raise from their employers. "I would expect to see an immediate jump in wage growth," added Kevin Hassett, head of Trump's Council of Economic Advisors.

That was last October. The tax bill passed in December, and it's now Labor Day, a good time to review how if at all the Trump-GOP tax scam is actually serving working people.

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.

Vid Mid: The sorry state of labor in 2018

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

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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.

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."

The New York Times (Op-Ed): 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.

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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Bloomberg: Here's What May Happen to Your Taxes if Democrats Win the House

August 23, 2018, By Laura Davison

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Newsmax: Overhauling the Tax Overhaul: Here's What Democrats Are Planning

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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.

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.

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.

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**)

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.

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

August 12, 2018

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.

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.

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

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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.

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.

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

Americans for Tax Fairness explained the following: Corporate tax revenues plummeted to the lowest amount in modern times. GDP growth since last year's GOP tax cut heist "has been unremarkable...as measured by real GDP," not inflated or manipulated numbers.

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

July 29, 2018, By Leo Gerard
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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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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.

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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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.

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."

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?

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.”

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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MarketWatch: Trump Today: President blasts NATO allies, Pfizer and China ahead of Supreme Court decision

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July 5, 2018, By Julia Conley
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The Hill (ATF 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.

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

July 3, 2018, By Robert Kuttner

According to the latest tabulation by **Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF)**, the total value of share buybacks has been \$503 billion since the tax act was passed last December. Corporations have spent 72 times on share buybacks what they have spent on one-time worker bonuses and raises. About 40 percent of all stocks are held by the top one percent, and most of the rest by the wealthiest ten percent, so this is a pure gift for the rich.

The Huffington Post (Column): Op-Ed: Trump's Tax Cut Snake Oil Should Be The Story Of The Midterms

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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.

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.

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.

Epeak World News (Column): The Democrats' Response

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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.

Pharmacy Choice: 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

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

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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?

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Free Speech TV (Video): [Democrats Finally Demand Trump’s Tax Returns](#)

April 5, 2019

Trump has scrambled to respond saying that because he is under audit he cannot turn over his tax returns, and also saying that the Attorney General would respond. Mr. Neal's request is to the IRS, not to Trump or the Attorney General.

Sonali speaks with Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness** to unpack the legal precedent for the request and whether or not it will result in Trump's tax returns being made public.

CSPAN (Television): [Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request](#)

March 14, 2019

Rep. Moore enters into the record an overview of media stories about the TCJA compiled by **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

Senator Bernie Sanders’ Facebook (Video): [Trump's Kids Don't Need a Tax Break](#)

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Americans for Tax Fairness Executive Director, Frank Clemente lays out a case for an expanded progressive estate tax.

America's Work Force Radio (Radio): In Depth Look at a Progressive Tax Reform on America's Work Force

February 5, 2019

On Feb. 5, Dennis Bailey, Director of Communications with **Americans for Tax Fairness** discussed a progressive tax reform proposal.

Bailey spoke about Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY 14th district) tax reform proposal that would essentially be a 70 percent marginal tax rate for an income of 10 million dollars and above. Bailey feels that the current tax system is rigged and unfair against the poor and is designed to help out the rich. Bailey believes that trickle-down economics is not helping anybody and is not creating new jobs like politicians claimed it would. He also mentioned how Trump's GOP tax cuts are not helping the economy like he had said that they would.

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

November 26, 2018

335K Views

1.4K Shares

Americans for Tax Fairness Executive Director, Frank Clemente explains how the TCJA negatively impacted congressional republicans in the 2018 elections.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

CSPAN-3 (Television): Kentucky State Legislature

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STATE BROADCAST CLIPS

California

[KZYX \(Radio\)](#)

Philo, California
March 22, 2019

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

San Francisco, California
October 5, 2018
CBS Affiliate

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Illinois

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New York

WCBS-NY (Radio)

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New York, New York

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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.

Oregon

[FM News 101 KXL \(Radio\)](#)

Portland, Oregon

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Pennsylvania

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Washington

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STATE MEDIA CLIPS

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

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Arizona

Arizona Mirror: [Wage hikes promised by McSally, GOP, haven't materialized, but stock buybacks have boomed](#)

April 2, 2019, By Dan Neumann and Jim Small

The total amount of announced buybacks since the tax law went into effect officially crossed the \$1 trillion threshold last week, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, which advocates for progressive tax reform. In 2018, announced stock buybacks reached \$910 billion, a huge increase over the previous record of \$589 billion in 2007.

Stock buybacks are when a corporation purchases its own stock to inflate the value of each share, buoying the portfolio of investors. Half of U.S. households do not own any stock at all, and some economists say stock buybacks contribute to wage stagnation.

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
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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.

Arkansas

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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.

California

[Chico News Review \(ATF Op-Ed\): Tax system skewed to the rich, powerful](#)

April 18, 2019, By Frank Clemente
Syndicated from Associated Press

This year, we should be asking whether our tax system is fair, whether it raises the revenue we need, and whether it promotes economic growth and equality.

The answer to all three questions is, unfortunately, no. The tax code, already full of loopholes for the wealthy and corporations, was laden with even more by the new tax law. That law also will add nearly \$2 trillion to the national debt, endangering services like Medicare, Medicaid and education, as well as vital new initiatives like lowering health care costs and improving roads and bridges.

[CityWatch LA \(ATF Op-Ed\): So, Who Really Got a Tax Cut This Year?](#)

April 15, 2019, By Frank Clemente
Syndicated from OtherWords

According to a new poll, only 17 percent of Americans say they're paying less in taxes this year, despite the GOP's promises that the huge tax cuts they passed were for the middle class. Tax returns due April 15 are the first to be filed under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), which passed Congress and was signed by President Trump about 16 months ago.

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[Herald News \(ATF Op-Ed\): Tax Day 2019 finds a tax system skewed to the rich and powerful](#)

April 15, 2019, By Frank Clemente
Syndicated from Associated Press

Tax Day (April 15), when we settle our personal accounts with Uncle Sam, is also a good day to take account of our tax system overall.

That's especially true this year, when the first tax returns prepared under the new rules of the Trump-GOP tax law are due.

Yubanet.com (ATF Op-Ed): [Frank Clemente: So Who Really Got a Tax Cut This Year?](#)

April 11, 2019, By Frank Clemente
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Naples Daily News (ATF Op-Ed): [Donald Trump's tax returns would answer 4 serious questions about his fitness and our laws](#)

February 7, 2019, By Frank Clemente and William Rice

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LA Watts Times: [Rep. Maxine Waters \(D-CA\) Statement at Hearing on National Debt](#)

January 3, 2019, By Staff

The shameless GOP tax scam contains massive giveaways for the nation's largest banks. According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the country's six largest Wall Street banks will collectively save an estimated \$14 billion in 2018 alone.

And it's not just banks - the tax scam includes a 20 percent deduction for pass-through businesses, which is a huge giveaway to hedge funds and other Wall Street firms.

The Bulletin (ATF Op-Ed): [Wealthy Celebrate Tax Law Anniversary While Workers Pick Up the Tab](#)

January 2, 2019, By Frank Clemente

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

December 27, 2018, By Frank Clemente

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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.

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

October 18, 2018, By David Lazarus
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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.

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

August 30, 2018, By Jake Johnson
Syndicated from Common Dreams

"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."

[The Santa Clarita Valley Signal \(ATF Op-Ed\): 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.

[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.

Colorado

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[Valley Courier \(Op-Ed\): Movin' On with Nellie: 'Only the Lonely' know the way I feel](#)

March 17, 2019, By Nelda Curtiss

The abandonment and subsequent depression felt by seniors is then compounded by abusive policies that allowed revenue imbalances to explode so that only the top 1 percent of the nation's people own MOST of the wealth. The other 99 percent of the people are struggling with buying bread, broccoli, beef and basin supplies versus utility bills or medicine. Recently, **Americans for Tax Fairness** published: "In the 1950s and 1960s, when the economy was booming, the wealthiest Americans paid a top income tax rate of 91 percent. Today, the top rate is 43.4 percent." (americansfortaxfairness.org)

Nothing about this situation mirrors democracy or Christianity as it neither is guided by the wishes of the citizens or by the morals claimed by Christianity (or other religions), i.e. love one another, honor your parents. John 13:34-35 says "A new command I give you: . . .As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

[Colorado Times Recorder \(ATF Op-Ed\): 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.

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

October 19, 2018, By Contributing Writer

Behind a paywall

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.

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.'

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.

[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.

[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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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.'

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

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Hawaii

[Thegardenisland.com \(ATF Op-Ed\): So, tax cuts didn't happen for too many](#)

April 13, 2019, By Frank Clemente
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[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 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.

Idaho

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September 4, 2018, By David Lazarus
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Illinois

[RiverBender.com: Duckworth Helps Re-Introduce Legislation to Make Tax Preparation and Filing Simpler, More Affordable](#)

April 15, 2019, By Staff

The bill is endorsed by the National Consumer Law Center (on behalf of its low-income clients), the Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Economic Security Project Action, the Hispanic Federation, Americans for Financial Reform, and Public Citizen.

[Joliet Times Weekly \(ATF Op-Ed\): So who really got a tax cut this year](#)

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[Jacksonville Journal-Courier \(ATF Op-Ed\): Commentary: Workers left picking up tax tab](#)

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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.

Rockford Register Star (ATF 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.

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

September 24, 2018

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.

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.

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.

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

June 29, 2018

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.

Indiana

NWI.com (ATF 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.

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[The Times of Northwest Indiana \(Column\): Consumer Confidential: The economy may be booming, but nearly half of Americans can't make ends meet](#)

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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.

Iowa

[Newton Daily News \(ATF Op-Ed\): So who really got a tax cut this year?](#)

April 11, 2019, By Frank Clemente
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It was their signature achievement, a tax cut package costing nearly \$2 trillion that was supposed to rev up the economy, produce jobs and investment, and give every family a \$4,000 raise.

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

October 2, 2018

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.

KGAN-TV CBS 2 Iowa: [Sanders' Stop BEZOS Act ends 'welfare' for Amazon, but could hurt low-wage workers](#)

September 6, 2018, By Leandra Bernstein
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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 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%. In fact, real wages have actually declined since last year after accounting for higher gas prices, prescription drug prices and other rising costs.

Kansas

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

October 30, 2018, By Celisa Calacal

According to analysis from **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the Republican Party's tax bill resulted in businesses receiving nine times more tax cuts than what they passed on to their employees. In contrast, only 4.3 percent of workers will receive a bonus or wage increase as a result of the tax cuts. The tax bill also reduced the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent.

Louisiana

[Houmatoday.com \(ATF Op-Ed\): Opinion: Wealthy celebrate tax law anniversary](#)

January 2, 2019, By Frank Clemente

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Maine

[Maine Beacon: Collins promised wage hikes after tax vote, stock buybacks soared instead](#)

March 26, 2019, By Dan Neumann

Rather than invest in their workforce through new hiring and raising wages, a new report shows that U.S. corporations have bought back a record \$1 trillion of their own stock in the 15 months since Senator Susan Collins cast a decisive vote for the GOP's tax plan.

The total amount of announced buybacks since the tax law went into effect officially crossed the \$1 trillion threshold last week, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**. In 2018, announced stock buybacks reached \$910 billion, a huge increase over the previous record of \$589 billion in 2007.

[Bangor Daily News \(ATF Op-Ed\): 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.

Bangor Daily News (ATF 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.

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

October 11, 2018, By Frank Clemente
Syndicated from OtherWords

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

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.

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.

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.

Journal Tribune (ATF 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.

Maryland

[Kent County News \(ATF Op-Ed\): Who really got a tax break this year?](#)

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[Herald Mail \(ATF Op-Ed\): Donald Trump's tax returns would answer 4 serious questions about his fitness and our laws](#)

February 7, 2019, By Frank Clemente and William Rice

This power has for good reason been exercised sparingly. It helped Congress unravel the Watergate scandal of the 1970s and was used as recently as 2014 by Republican lawmakers.

Congress should act with urgency because it's likely Trump will resist its efforts. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who would ultimately decide on whether to honor a request for Trump's taxes, has been noncommittal, saying only that he "will review any request with the Treasury general counsel for legality." That could set up a legal challenge that might last months if not years, perhaps even past the 2020 election.

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

November 1, 2018, By Steve Goldstein

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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Massachusetts

[Daily Hampshire Gazette \(Column\): In wake of tax cuts, elections offer a chance we shouldn't blow](#)

February 23, 2019, By Clare Higgins

Bezos is not the only one; the list includes people like Mark Zuckerberg and the Koch Brothers. Facebook likes the stock-based compensation route to lower its US taxes (\$4.152 billion in 2017). The Koch brothers spent \$20 million to convince voters that the Trump tax bill was a good thing and it was - for the Koch brothers. **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimate 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."

[Bay State Banner \(ATF Op-Ed\): Wealthy celebrate tax law anniversary while workers pick up the tab](#)

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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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Michigan

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[Detroit Lakes Online \(ATF Op-Ed\): 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.

Minnesota

[St. Cloud Times \(ATF Op-Ed\): Tax Day 2019 finds a tax system skewed to the rich and powerful](#)

April 12, 2019, By Frank Clemente
Syndicated from Associated Press

Tax Day, when we settle our personal accounts with Uncle Sam, is also a good day to take account of our tax system overall. That's especially true this year, when the first tax returns prepared under the new rules of the Trump-GOP tax law are due. We should be asking whether our system is fair, whether it raises the revenue we need, whether it promotes economic growth and equality.

The answer to all three questions is, unfortunately, no. The tax code, already full of loopholes for the wealthy and corporations, was laden with even more by the new tax law. That law will also add nearly \$2 trillion to the national debt, endangering services like Medicare, Medicaid and education, as well as vital new initiatives like lowering healthcare costs and improving road and bridges.

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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.

Mississippi

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

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Missouri

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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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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.

Char Koosta News: [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**

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Nebraska

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

July 19, 2018, By Jane Kleebe

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.

Nevada

[Las Vegas Sun \(LTE\): US has become a plutocracy](#)

March 17, 2019, By Dave Starr

The average salary for the middle class went up 2.9 percent last year. The corporate tax cut was 40 percent.

Corporations are picking the pockets of their workers. **Americans for Tax Fairness** quoted the tax savings for some corporations in billions of dollars — Apple, \$6 billion; AT&T \$2.9 billion, Bank of America \$3.2 billion, Verizon \$2.4 billion and Walmart \$2.1 billion.

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

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[Nevada Current: On 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.

New Hampshire

[WNTK News Talk 99.7: Shaheen Introduces Legislation to Simplify and Decrease the Costs of Tax Preparation and Filing](#)

April 16, 2019, By Staff

First introduced in 2016 and reintroduced in 2017, this approach to tax filing has been endorsed by tax scholars and a bipartisan set of policymakers. The bill is endorsed by the National Consumer Law Center (on behalf of its low-income clients), the Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Economic Security Project Action, the Hispanic Federation, Americans for Financial Reform, and Public Citizen.

Senator Shaheen has supported measures to simplify the current tax system and ease the tax burden on working middle class families. Last week, she introduced the Working Families Tax Relief Act, which would expand the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) – two of the most effective tools we have to put money back in the pockets of working people and help pull children out of poverty.

New Jersey

[Insider NJ: Pascrell, Baldwin Introduce ‘Carried Interest Fairness Act’ to Close Tax Loophole](#)

March 13, 2019, By Tammy Baldwin

The Pascrell-Baldwin Carried Fairness Act is supported by AFL-CIO, The Agenda Project, American Family Voices, American Federation of Government Employees, American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees, American Federation of Teachers, American Postal Workers Union, Americans for Financial Reform, Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good, Center for Popular Democracy Action, Communications Workers of America, Consumer Action, Courage Campaign, Credo, Democracy for America, Economic Policy Institute, Franciscan Action Network, Friends of the Earth, Hedge Clippers, Institute for Policy Studies, Media Voices for Children, MoveOn.org, National Education Association, NETWORK, The Other 98%, Patriotic Millionaires, People’s Action Institute, Presente.org, Public Citizen, Service Employees International Union, Strong Economy for All Coalition, The Rootstrikers at Demand Progress, UNITE-HERE, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, United Auto Workers, Working America, the Working Families Party and **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

[The Asbury Park Press \(ATF Op-Ed\): Donald Trump's tax returns would answer 4 serious questions about his fitness and our laws](#)

February 7, 2019, By Frank Clemente and William Rice

This power has for good reason been exercised sparingly. It helped Congress unravel the Watergate scandal of the 1970s and was used as recently as 2014 by Republican lawmakers.

Congress should act with urgency because it's likely Trump will resist its efforts. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who would ultimately decide on whether to honor a request for Trump's taxes, has been noncommittal, saying only that he "will review any request with the Treasury general counsel for legality." That could set up a legal challenge that might last months if not years, perhaps even past the 2020 election.

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.

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

July 9, 2018

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.

[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.

[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.

[Insider NJ: Forget Huge Trump/Gop Corporate Tax Cut Want To Really Grow America? Forgive All College Debt - Insider Nj](#)

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.”

New Mexico

[Daily Post Los Alamos: Marking Tax Day, Udall, Warren Reintroduce Bill To Simplify, Decrease Costs Of Tax Preparation And Filing](#)

April 15, 2019, By Carol A. Clark

U.S. Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M) joined U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) in reintroducing the Tax Filing Simplification Act to simplify and decrease the costs of the tax filing process for millions of American taxpayers.

Last tax season, taxpayers spent an average of 11 hours and around \$200 preparing their tax returns – a cost equal to almost 10 percent of the average federal tax refund in New Mexico.

[Grant County News: Marking Tax Day, Udall Reintroduces Legislation to Simplify and Decrease the Costs of Tax Preparation](#)

April 15, 2019, By Staff

Originally introduced in 2016 and reintroduced in 2017, this legislation has been endorsed by over 50 tax law professors and economists and a bipartisan set of policymakers, along with the National Consumer Law Center (on behalf of its low-income clients), the Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Economic Security Project Action, the Hispanic Federation, Americans for Financial Reform, and Public Citizen.

The bill was led by Warren and in addition to Udall, was cosponsored by U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.), Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.), and Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.).

New York

[\(Albany\) Times Union \(ATF Op-Ed\): Commentary: The GOP tax cut is just as bad as we feared it would be](#)

January 9, 2019, By Frank Clemente

A little more than a year after President Donald Trump and his fellow Republicans enacted their tax cut costing \$1.9 trillion, all of the bad outcomes critics predicted from the law are coming true: Benefits are flowing disproportionately to the wealthy and big corporations while working families are paying the price. But as we unhappily mark the law's first anniversary, a further, unanticipated consequence has emerged that threatens the health care of tens of millions of Americans.

Just as we warned, the so-called Tax Cut and Jobs Act has exploded the deficit, giving the GOP an excuse to slash crucial services like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid to pay for it. Corporations are using their tax-cut windfall to splurge on stock buybacks that only further enrich their CEOs and wealthy shareholders instead of giving their workers a raise or investing in new plants and equipment. And multinational corporations like General Motors and Harley Davidson are responding to the law's perverse incentives by outsourcing jobs.

[\(Albany\) 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.

[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.

[\(Albany\) 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.

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

September 19, 2018

Syndicated from OtherWords

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.

[\(Albany\) 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

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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[ThinkAdvisor: Here's What May Happen to Your Taxes if Democrats Win the House](#)

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[InvestmentNews: Here's what could happen to your taxes if Democrats regain control of Congress](#)

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[Olean Times Herald: The great tax cut debate plays out at Tom Reed's office](#)

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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 the **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.

[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.

North Carolina

[Progressive Charleston: Tax Day 2019 Finds A Tax System Skewed to the Rich and Powerful](#)

April 15, 2019, By Frank Clemente
Syndicated from OtherWords

Nearly a year-and-a-half later, according to a tally by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, only 4% of employees have seen any increase in their compensation tied to the tax cuts, and the great majority of those payouts have been one-time bonuses, not permanent raises.

Corporations aren't spending their tax savings in any significant way on increased investment, either. Where the dollars are really going, predictably, is into the bank accounts of powerful CEOs and wealthy shareholders. Corporations have announced over \$1 trillion in stock buybacks since the Republican plan was signed into law. These boost the price of stocks, and most stock is owned by the wealthy.

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

December 20, 2018, By Deon Roberts

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

October 11, 2018, By Frank Clemente
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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.

Ohio

[The Vindicator \(ATF Op-Ed\): So who really got a tax cut?](#)

April 12, 2019, By Frank Clemente
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Tax Day is here. What's in your return?

According to a new poll, only 17 percent of Americans say they're paying less in taxes this year, despite the GOP's promises that the huge tax cuts they passed were for the middle class. Tax returns due April 15 are the first to be filed under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), which passed Congress and was signed by President Trump about 16 months ago.

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August 24, 2018, By Kayla Kitson
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Oregon

[Oregon Business Report: DeFazio: New .1% Wall Street Tax Plan](#)

March 18, 2019, By Peter DeFazio

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Pennsylvania

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[Philadelphia Inquirer \(Editorial\): Pennsylvania lawmakers should calculate the high cost of low wages](#)

January 27, 2019

That echoes a larger and more shocking calculation that made news a few years ago, when the group **Americans for Tax Fairness** claimed that Walmart's low wages cost taxpayers \$6.2 billion in social service costs, such as food stamps, housing support, and health care that its low paid workers needed to survive.

While some criticized the report because those figures were based on a single state's experience, the point is that the minimum wage doesn't just impact individual families -- but all of us.

Maybe Pennsylvanians, struggling with poverty wages, can pin their hopes on the outcome of a meeting this week of Raise the Wage PA, a coalition of advocates from labor, religious, women's, and public policy groups, who will be developing a strategy to raise the wage. But the advocates, governor, and minority party legislators can't do this alone. Pennsylvanians should ramp up the pressure on Harrisburg representatives to recognize the high cost of low wages.

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

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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.

[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.

[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."

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

August 8, 2018, By Jason Sattler
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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.

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.

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.

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**.

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

June 19, 2018, By Leo Gerard
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They said corporations, which got the biggest, fattest tax cuts of all, would use that extra money to increase wages. 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.

Most of the money went to stock buybacks, which enrich corporate executives and wealthy stockholders because they have the effect of raising stock values.

[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.

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.

South Carolina

[SC Times \(ATF Op-ed\): Tax Day 2019 finds a tax system skewed to the rich and powerful](#)

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September 5, 2018, By Kayla Kitson
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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.

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Texas

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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.

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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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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."

Washington

[Inlander: How Democrats stopped worrying and learned to love taxing the rich](#)

April 11, 2019, By Daniel Walters

Left-leaning groups were outgunned by anti-tax activists like Grover Norquist, who demanded that Republicans and moderate Democrats sign pledges never to raise taxes.

"It put the fear of God in them," says Dennis Bailey, spokesman for **Americans for Tax Fairness**. "There was a lot of pressure on Congress to capitulate."

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

October 3, 2018, By Dave Ross
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“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.

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

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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.

[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.

West Virginia

[Wayne County News \(ATF Op-Ed\): Tax Day 2019 finds a tax system skewed to the rich and powerful](#)

April 17, 2019, By Frank Clemente
Syndicated from Associated Press

Tax Day, when we settle our personal accounts with Uncle Sam, is also a good day to take account of our tax system overall. That's especially true this year, when the first tax returns prepared under the new rules of the Trump-GOP tax law are due. We should be asking whether our system is fair, whether it raises the revenue we need, whether it promotes economic growth and equality.

The answer to all three questions is, unfortunately, no. The tax code, already full of loopholes for the wealthy and corporations, was laden with even more by the new tax law. That law will also add nearly \$2 trillion to the national debt, endangering services like Medicare, Medicaid and education, as well as vital new initiatives like lowering healthcare costs and improving road and bridges.

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Wisconsin

[WISPolitics.com: U.S. Sen. Baldwin: Helps reintroduce legislation to simplify and decrease the costs of tax preparation and filing](#)

April 12, 2019, By Staff

First introduced in 2016 and reintroduced in 2017, this approach to tax filing has been endorsed by tax scholars and a bipartisan set of policymakers. The bill is endorsed by the National Consumer Law Center (on behalf of its low-income clients), the Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Economic Security Project Action, the Hispanic Federation, Americans for Financial Reform, and Public Citizen.

Senators Baldwin and Warren are joined by Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Ed Markey (D-MA), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Tom Udall (D-NM), and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) in reintroducing this legislation.

[WISPolitics: U.S. Sen. Baldwin: Joins U.S. Rep. Pascrell to reintroduce tax reform to close tax loophole for millionaires and billionaires on Wall Street](#)

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[Wisconsin State Farmer \(ATF Op-Ed\): Donald Trump's tax returns would answer 4 serious questions about his fitness and our laws](#)

February 7, 2019, By Frank Clemente and William Rice

This power has for good reason been exercised sparingly. It helped Congress unravel the Watergate scandal of the 1970s and was used as recently as 2014 by Republican lawmakers.

Congress should act with urgency because it's likely Trump will resist its efforts. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who would ultimately decide on whether to honor a request for Trump's taxes, has been noncommittal, saying only that he “will review any request with the Treasury general counsel for legality.” That could set up a legal challenge that might last months if not years, perhaps even past the 2020 election.

[Urban Milwaukee: 10 Reasons To Obtain Trump's Tax Returns](#)

January 4, 2019, By Americans for Tax Fairness

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

December 28, 2018, By Negin Owliaei
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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.

Look at the so-called “opportunity zones” embedded in that same tax bill, which Ryan calls a critical part of his “poverty fighting agenda.” Ryan said he'd spent years trying to enact these tax breaks for developers building in low-income communities. But it's a recipe for increased gentrification that could displace the very low-income people Ryan promises they'll help. Goldman Sachs is already reaping the benefits.

[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

A recent analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a political advocacy group devoted to tax reform, found:

- *Only 67 of the Fortune 500 corporations have announced plans to share their tax cuts with employees;
 - *Only 4.3 percent of workers will receive a one-time bonus or wage increase tied to the business tax cuts;
 - *Businesses spent 37 times as much on stock buybacks than on bonuses or increased wages for workers;
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INTERNATIONAL MEDIA CLIPS

World News Network: [Tax organization calls for new Congress to give priority to Trump tax filings](#)

January 4, 2019, By Yan Ruru

The tax organization "**Americans for Tax Fairness**" issued a statement stating that the new Democratic Party members of the new Congress should make the announcement of President Trump's tax filings a priority and disclose Trump tax documents to the world. .

The National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) reported that "the American people fight for equal taxation" wrote in a 21-page policy white paper that for the new Congress, obtaining Trump's tax filings is a very important public policy goal and a legitimate exercise of supervision by Congress. Permissions.

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