

**TALKING POINTS: TRUMP-GOP TAX CUTS SIX-MONTHS ANNIVERSARY**

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**WHEN IT COMES TO…**

**… TAX FAIRNESS: The Trump-GOP tax plan gets a Failing grade**

* **The vast majority of the Trump-GOP tax cuts will go to the wealthy and big corporations not working families.**
* That’s why **83% of the tax cuts are** [**going to the richest 1%**](http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/sites/default/files/publication/150816/2001641_distributional_analysis_of_the_conference_agreement_for_the_tax_cuts_and_jobs_act.pdf) once the law is fully implemented.[Tax Policy Center (TPC)]
* In the U.S., the average tax cut for the top 1% is $51,000 this year; the bottom 60% of taxpayers will get [about a dollar day](https://americansfortaxfairness.org/wp-content/uploads/ATF-Tax-Cuts-for-Bottom-60-of-Taxpayers-2018.xlsx). [TPC] *[Get state facts from these* [*reports*](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UQZuevM2kXD-byuM0Fi6lW6lrVcf3vwK)*]*

**… INCREASING WORKER PAY: The Trump-GOP tax plan gets a Failing grade**

* **Trump promised that his corporate tax cuts would give the typical American household a** [**$4,000 pay raise**](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2017/10/16/the-average-american-family-will-get-4000-from-tax-cuts-trump-team-claims/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.c035310e81e9)**, lead corporations to “**[**shower their workers with bonuses,”**](http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/366145-trump-businesses-are-showering-their-workers-with-bonuses-after-tax) **produce “**[**massive investments**](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-administration-officials-fan-out-to-sell-tax-overhaul/)**” and stop corporations from outsourcing jobs and shifting profits offshore.**
* But after six months, an analysis by Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF) found that:
* Only [**4% of workers**](https://americansfortaxfairness.org/all-corporate-data/)so far are getting a bonus or wage hike due to the tax cuts.
* [**400**](https://americansfortaxfairness.org/all-corporate-data/) **out of** [**6 million**](https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/susb/tables/2015/us_state_totals_2015.xlsx)employers have announced bonuses or wage hikes due to tax cuts.
* **Corporations are giving huge windfalls to their CEOs and wealthy shareholders in the form of stock buybacks.** [Most corporate stock](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2017/12/18/for-roughly-half-of-americans-the-stock-markets-record-highs-dont-help-at-all/?utm_term=.ef6e0fb83072) is owned by the wealthy.
* Corporations have announced nearly [**$500 billion in stock buybacks**](https://americansfortaxfairness.org/stock-buybacks/) since the tax law was passed. That’s [**68 times more than the $7 billion**](https://americansfortaxfairness.org/all-corporate-data/) corporations have promised workers through bonuses and wage hikes.

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* The government just reported last week that **in the last year average hourly wages for 4 out of 5 workers in the private sector have *gone down* after inflation**. [[Washington Post](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2018/06/15/for-the-biggest-group-of-american-workers-wages-arent-just-flat-theyre-falling/?utm_term=.1c6119619f0b)]
* Corporations will still be [**shifting offshore hundreds of billions of dollars of profits**](http://thehill.com/opinion/finance/383593-a-taxing-headache-from-congress) where they will be taxed lightly if at all, and they now have more incentives to [**outsource jobs**](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-tax-abbvie/how-u-s-tax-reform-rewards-companies-that-shift-profit-to-tax-havens-idUSKBN1JE12Q).

**… $1.9 TRILLION COST OF TAX CUTS: Trump-GOP tax plan gets a Failing grade**

* **The Trump-GOP tax cuts are greatly increasing the national debt. This is giving conservatives an excuse to demand deep cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security disability, education, nutrition programs and more to pay for the tax cuts.**
* The **cost of the Trump-GOP tax cuts** [**has ballooned from $1.5 trillion $1.9 trillion now.**](http://thehill.com/policy/finance/382309-budget-deficit-to-hit-804b-after-tax-cuts-spending-hikes) [Congressional Budget Office, CBO]
* **Trump essentially proposed to pay for this increase in the debt by slashing** [**$1.7 trillion**](https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-02-12/trump-to-urge-wall-opioid-spending-as-congress-sets-own-course) from Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security disability programs, SNAP and other vital public services. Trump’s budget cuts that hurt working families would essentially help pay for the tax cuts that mostly benefit the wealthy and corporations.

**WHEN IT COMES TO…**

**… PROTECTING HEALTH CARE: The Trump-GOP tax plan gets a Failing grade**

* **The Trump-GOP tax plan repeals a key part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to pay for tax cuts that mostly benefit the wealthy and corporations.** **It is greatly increasing health care premiums and will leave many millions of people without health care coverage.**
* The tax law repeals the requirement for healthy individuals to buy health coverage if they can afford it. That [saves $314 billion](https://www.jct.gov/publications.html?func=startdown&id=5053)—money being used to partially pay for tax cuts mostly benefitting the wealthy. [Joint Committee on Taxation ]
* By repealing this critical part of the Affordable Care Act, the tax law will cause:
* 13 million Americans to lose health care coverage by 2025 [[CBO](https://www.cbo.gov/system/files/115th-congress-2017-2018/reports/53300-individualmandate.pdf)]
* ACA insurance premiums to spike by 10%, on average, *most years for the next decade*

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**… SHARING THE WEALTH: The Trump-GOP tax plan gets a Failing grade**

* **Special interests like drug companies, health insurers and Wall Street banks are getting huge tax breaks. But they are not sharing the wealth by increasing worker pay or lowering consumer costs.**
* Under the Trump-GOP tax plan the **ten biggest U.S. drug companies could save** [**$75 billion**](https://americansfortaxfairness.org/gop-tax-cuts-enriching-drug-companies-leaving-workers-patients-behind/) **in taxes** on the profits that they spent years stashing offshore to avoid taxes.
* Only two of these companies have announced they will share any of the tax cuts with workers. No drug company has said it will cut sky-high drug prices to help patients. [ATF]
* The nation’s **six biggest Wall Street banks will** [**save a total of $14 billion in taxes**](https://americansfortaxfairness.org/bank-heist-wall-street-banks-get-huge-trump-gop-tax-cuts-enriching-shareholders-sharing-little-workers/) this year from the Trump-GOP tax cuts. That’s the cost of a $4,000 pay raise each year to the nation’s [3.2 million teachers](https://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=372). [ATF]
* The Koch brothers and their conglomerate, Koch Industries, look to be getting a tax cut of between [**$1 billion and $1.4 billion**](https://americansfortaxfairness.org/analysis-koch-brothers-get-1-billion-tax-cut-law-helped-pass/) each year. [ATF]
* More than [**7,000 lobbyists**](https://www.citizenvox.org/2018/01/30/swamped-tax-revised/) helped pass the Trump-GOP tax cuts last year—over 60% of all registered lobbyists. [Public Citizen]

**… LEARNING FROM MISTAKES: The Trump-GOP tax plan gets a Failing grade**

* **Trump and House GOP leaders are planning a Round 2 of tax cuts later this year that will give even more to the wealthy and force even deeper cuts to health care, education and other critical services.**
* America cannot afford the first round of the Trump-GOP tax cuts that mostly benefit the rich and corporations. And we sure can’t afford a Round 2 that puts the interests of the wealthy over everyone else.
* Congress must oppose any more tax cuts benefitting the wealthy and big corporations (see letter [signed by 130 national groups](https://americansfortaxfairness.org/130-national-organizations-urge-congress-oppose-round-2-trump-gop-tax-cuts/)). It’s time they paid their fair share, so we have the revenue needed to protect Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, and to invest in our families and communities—by strengthening public education, rebuilding infrastructure, making healthcare more affordable, and providing a secure retirement with dignity.