



**MEDIA HITS THROUGH NEWS STORIES AND OPINION PIECES**

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	News	Broadcast	Original Op-Eds	Syndicated Op-Eds	Editorials	Digital & Major Blogs	LTEs*	TOTAL
National	240	27	3	0	4	150	0	424
State	205	50	19	88	90	33	41	526
International	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>957</b>

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by Manuel Madrid

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

by Jake Johnson

May 24, 2018

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

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

by Americans for Tax Fairness  
May 24, 2018

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**Common Dreams: Will Corporations Announce Any Benefits For Workers On This Week's Earnings Calls?**

by Americans for Tax Fairness  
May 15, 2018

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**Freedoms Phoenix Blog: Trump Reneged on Pledge to Lower Drug Prices**

by Stephen Lendman  
May 12, 2018

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the 10 largest US drug companies were "among the biggest winners from the Trump-GOP tax cuts but they are sharing few of the benefits with their employees and are offering no pricing relief to their customers."

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

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**The Hill: Good economic vibes fail to make GOP tax law popular**

by Naomi Jagoda

May 11, 2018

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

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

by Americans for Tax Fairness

May 10, 2018

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

by Matthew Vandum

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**The Hill: Fighting the tax law**

by Naomi Jagoda  
May 8, 2018

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

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

by Americans for Tax Fairness  
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**TD Ameritade: Opinion: Businesses are investing more, but it's not the tax cut**

by Rex Nutting  
May 7, 2018  
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Several companies announced capital-spending plans following the tax cut, but an analysis by the admittedly hostile **Americans for Tax Fairness** found that most of the "new" capex spending by companies such as Apple, Comcast CMCSA, +0.58% and ExxonMobil XOM, -0.47% wasn't new at all, just a continuation of previous trends.

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

by Ted Mclaughlin  
May 6, 2018

That has now been exposed as just another lie. Here is the truth from **Americans for Tax Fairness** -- and that truth sounds just like what Democrats said would happen:

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

by NoAprilFool  
May 4, 2018

So Rep. Roe, if you had wanted to tell the whole truth to your audience, here's what you might have said (information courtesy of **Americans For Tax Fairness**):

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**Postal News Blog: A soaring federal deficit spells danger for letter carriers**

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

by Bernie Becker

May 3, 2018

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

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## **Before It's News Blog: Big Pharma's Tax Cuts Going To Wealthy – Zero To Patients, Little To Workers**

May 3, 2018

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**The Market Oracle Blog: Trumps next target, the great tech tax dodge**

by Richard Mills

May 2, 2018

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**The Commoner Call Blog: Thanks to Trump Tax Cuts, Major Corporations Set to Spend 'Obscene' \$1 Trillion Rewarding Investors Instead of Workers**

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

by Daniel Tay

May 2, 2018

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

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

by Diane Archer

May 2, 2018

A new report by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a coalition of 425 national and state organizations representing tens of millions of people, reveals that the Republican tax cuts will increase pharmaceutical corporation revenues, but they will not drive down drug prices or increase their employee salaries. They will benefit Pharma shareholders and the highest level executives. They are a bust for Americans.

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**Common Dreams: Questions about how Apple's spending its tax savings**

by Americans for Tax Fairness

May 1, 2018

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

by Jason Easley

April 30, 2018

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

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**Loser.com Blog: Big Pharma is poised to reap huge rewards from the GOP tax bill**

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by Rebekah Entralgo

April 30, 2018

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**Other98 Blog: The next time someone tells you the corporate tax rate is too high, just show them Big Pharma.**

By Will Rice, Americans for Tax Fairness

April 29, 2018

Big pharmaceutical companies are about to get a lot richer thanks to the Trump-GOP tax scam that Republicans rammed through Congress in December. But they don't plan to share any of those newfound riches with their sick and often desperate customers by lowering exorbitant drug prices.

They're also sharing almost nothing with their employees, despite their constant claims that corporate tax cuts trickle down to workers.

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

by **Americans for Tax Fairness**

April 26, 2018

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

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

by Collin Foster

April 26, 2018

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

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

by Jessica Corbett

April 25, 2018

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

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

by Mike Dano  
April 24, 2018

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

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

by Roger Bybee  
April 25, 2018

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

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

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

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

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

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

by AFL-CIO  
April 23, 2018

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

by Guardians of Democracy  
April 23, 2018

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**Inforum: Op-Ed: Haglund: There's something fishy about Cramer's tax plan figures**

by Roger Haglund  
April 19, 2018

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

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by By Hamzat Sani  
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## **The Hill: Medicaid is crucial to seniors and awareness is crucial to the program's survival**

by Max Richtman  
April 19, 2018

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

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

by Staff  
April 19, 2018

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**Pay Scale Blog: TAX REFORM HAS YET TO TRICKLE DOWN TO MOST WORKERS' PAYCHECKS**

by Sean Leslie

April 19, 2018

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

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

by Jake Johnson  
April 18, 2018

“America’s working families are, as usual, getting the short end of the stick from the new Trump-GOP tax law,” ATF executive director Frank Clemente said in a statement on Tuesday. “Tax reform should have helped working families get ahead, not tilted the playing field further in favor of the wealthy and well-connected.”

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**Chamber of Commerce Watch Blog: On Tax Day, the U.S. Chamber Pretends the Trump Tax Cut is Not Just for the Very Wealthy**

by Craig Sandler  
April 17, 2018

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

by Americans for Tax Fairness  
April 17, 2018

Syndication of an ATF press release.

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**Raw Story: [Paul Ryan has one last parting gift for the ultra-rich](#)**

by Sophia Tesfaye  
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## **Pharmacy Choice: Trump's daughter, Treasury secretary to visit NH Tuesday**

by Allison DeAngelis  
April 17, 2018

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

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

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

by Rebekah Entralgo  
April 17, 2018

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

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

by Josh Keefe  
April 17, 2018

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

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## **Coalition on Human Needs Blog: TAX DAY PROTESTING**

by Lecia Imbery

April 17, 2018

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

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

by Egberto Willies

April 17, 2018

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

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

by Hoboraiders

April 16, 2018

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

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

by Jake Johnson

April 16, 2018

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

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5. Corporations Are Using the Windfall to Buy Back Stocks: Corporations are spending 37 times as much on stock buybacks, which overwhelmingly benefit the wealthy, as on one-time bonuses and wage increases for workers, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**. 6. Corporations Are Laying Off Workers: **Americans for Tax Fairness** calculates that 183 private-sector businesses have announced 94,296 layoffs since Congress passed the tax bill.

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

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by Stephen Foster

April 12, 2018

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

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## **Truth Examiner Blog: Report Concludes Trump's Tax Cuts Didn't Benefit Workers**

by Cyrus Massoumi

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**Thieves Blog: Action: war in the Middle East, and the "balanced budget amendment."**

by Staff  
April 11, 2018

Meanwhile, earlier this week I argued against the "balanced budget amendment" the House will start considering soon on purely philosophical grounds -- and both Social Security Works and **Americans for Tax Fairness** still help you tell your Congressfolk to reject it -- but these organizations remind me that I didn't do enough to describe exactly what kind of havoc a balanced budget amendment could wreak.

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**MomsRising Blog: Tell your local paper "no tax cuts for wealthy corporations!"**

by Elyssa Koidin Schmier  
April 11, 2018

**Americans for Tax Fairness** found that 129 major companies have been identified as receiving \$60 billion in total tax cuts. The #TrumpTax rigs the tax code even more in favor of the wealthiest, including President Trump and Republican donors.

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**Cable One: Conservatives and business leaders worried about the deficit take aim at Social Security and Medicare**

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

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

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## **Politico: Swift rise for IRS bill**

by Bernie Becker, Michael Stratford  
April 10, 2018

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

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

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April 9, 2018

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

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**Guardians of Democracy Blog: Only 4% Of Workers Receiving Bonuses And/Or Wage Hikes Due To Trump Tax Cuts: ATF**

by Guardians of Democracy Staff

April 9, 2018

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

by Americans for Tax Fairness

April 5, 2018

Syndicated from ATF press release.

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**Common Dreams: Trump to Promote His Tax Plan at Boeing, Company has Rewarded Shareholders -- Not Workers**

by Americans for Tax Fairness

March 14, 2018

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## **Epeak Blog: One-Time Bonuses, Full-Time Con: Trump's Tax Cuts Deliver Worker Layoffs**

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

by Jake Johnson  
February 28, 2018

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

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

by Jake Johnson  
February 28, 2018

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

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

by Michael Cohn  
February 27, 2018

Behind Paywall

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

by Joshua Holland  
February 25, 2018

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

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

by Lenore Palladino  
February 23, 2018

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

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

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

by Jake Johnson  
February 21, 2018

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

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

by Naomi Jagoda  
February 19, 2018

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

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

by Erin Elizabeth  
February 18, 2018

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

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

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

by Stephen Lendman  
February 17, 2018

**Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) executive director Frank Clemente issued a statement, saying:

"As predicted by many of us who opposed the massive Trump tax giveaway, Cisco is showing that the top priority of multinational corporations for their unprecedented tax cut is to shower shareholders with stock buybacks and higher dividends rather than distribute most of the benefits to workers who generate those profits."

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

by Matt Egan  
February 16, 2018

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

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

by Jason Sattler  
February 14, 2018

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

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

by Max Richtman  
February 14, 2018

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

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**Freedom's Phoenix Blog: Trump's Neoliberal War Budget**

by Stephen Lendman  
February 13, 2018

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## **Daily Kos Blog: Op-Ed: Cupid's Undie Run Detroit stays inside this year**

by Alonso del Arte  
February 10, 2018

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

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

by Arthur Delaney  
February 9, 2018

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

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

by Frank Clemente

February 7, 2018

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

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

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

by Sheena Vasani

February 7, 2018

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

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### **Other Words: Op-Ed: No love for working families this Valentine's Day**

by Josh Hoxie

February 7, 2018

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

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

by Mark Frauenfelder

February 5, 2018

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

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

by Jon Queally  
February 4, 2018

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

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

by Annie Linskey  
February 1, 2018

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

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

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

by Stephen Lendman  
February 1, 2018

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

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

by Americans for Tax Fairness  
January 31, 2018

Syndication of ATF Press Release

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

by Megan R. Wilson  
January 31, 2018

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

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## **Fortune: Commentary: Trump's Policies Will Devastate the People He Used as Props for His Speech**

by Sarah Anderson  
January 31, 2018

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

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

by Jason Sattler  
January 30, 2018

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

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

by Joan McCarter  
January 30, 2018

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

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

by John McCormick  
January 29, 2018

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

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

by Naomi Jagoda  
January 26, 2018

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

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**Reader Supported News Blog: Koch Brothers Could Be \$1 Billion Richer Each Year From GOP Tax Bill**

by Alex Kotch  
January 26, 2018

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

January 25, 2018

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

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

by Americans for Tax Fairness  
January 24, 2018

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

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

by Sharmini Peries  
January 22, 2018

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

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**Yahoo Finance: [Wal-Mart's Pay Increases Hide a Dirty Secret](#)**

by Jamal Carnette  
January 22, 2018

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

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

by Henry C. Johnson  
January 11, 2018

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

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

by Americans for Tax Fairness  
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## **All Gov Blog: Trump Gains Millions of Dollars from Republican Tax Law**

by Americans for Tax Fairness  
January 3, 2018

Syndication of ATF Press Release

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

by Andrew Soergel  
January 1, 2018

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

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## **Common Dreams: Trump's Christmas Gift to Himself: Study Details How President Will Profit Off GOP Tax Bill**

By Jake Johnson  
December 23, 2017

President Donald Trump has repeatedly described the Republican tax bill he signed into law on Friday as "an incredible Christmas gift" to low-income and middle class Americans—despite the numerous analyses showing that the legislation will ultimately raise taxes on millions in the middle class.

The president hasn't, however, called the tax bill a massive "check to himself." But a [new study](#) (pdf) published on Friday by **Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF)** demonstrates that this would, in numerous ways, be a more accurate description of the \$1.5 trillion plan.

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## **Freedom's Phoenix Blog: Trump Signs GOP Tax Cut Heist into Law**

By Stephen Lendman  
December 23, 2017

This bill is solely about further enriching America's privileged class - a Christmas present for them, a lump of coal for most others.

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, 83% of the benefits go to the top 1%.  
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A study (pdf) published Friday by **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) found that the president "will undoubtedly be among the very wealthy who will benefit enormously from his tax plan." "Trump's exact tax savings are difficult to estimate since he has refused to release his tax returns unlike every other president over the last 40 years—but it is likely to be at least \$11 million a year and perhaps as much as \$22 million," ATF concluded.

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## **Common Dreams: Trump Likely To Benefit By At Least \$11 Million Per Year From Trump-GOP Tax Bill**

By Americans for Tax Fairness  
December 22, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release regarding Trump's potential tax benefits from the GOP tax bill.

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## **Huffington Post: Op-ed: The GOP Won Its Tax Cut For The 1 Percent, But The Battle To Stop It Will Help Progressives Win The War**

By Robert Creamer  
December 21, 2017

And organizations like Not One Penny and **Americans for Tax Fairness** that spearheaded the campaign against the Republican tax bill plan to run major efforts over the months ahead to drill this frame into the consciousness of the voters.

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## **The Guardian: Trump will personally save up to \$15m under tax bill, analysis finds**

By David Smith  
December 20, 2017

**TJ Helmstetter, communications director of Americans For Tax Fairness**, said: "This is not tax reform, it's a money grab by the ultra-wealthy, including the multimillionaires in Congress and Trump's own cabinet, who will benefit. When all is said and done, over 80% of the tax cuts will wind up in the pockets of the top 1%. Meanwhile, all of this will be paid for by the middle class and families who are struggling to get by."

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**Common Dreams: 'Government for Sale': In Dead of Night, Senate GOP Passes Tax Bill Only Their Donors Can Love**

By Jake Johnson  
December 20, 2017

"Plainly speaking: a vote for this bill is a vote to inflict harm on millions of hardworking families to please corporate campaign donors and the six thousand lobbyists who pushed for it," **Frank Clemente, executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness**, said in a statement following the Senate's vote. "It's a money grab by the richest one percent and the wealthiest corporations, period."

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**Common Dreams: 'We Do Not Forgive...We Do Not Forget': Angry Vows to Oust GOP After Tax Scam Vote**

By Julia Conley  
December 20, 2017

"Americans won't forget," said **Frank Clemente**, executive director of ATF, in a statement. "They'll remember who swindled them to give tax breaks to billionaires and corporations that ship jobs offshore. They'll remember who is taking away healthcare from 13 million people while lowering taxes for Donald Trump and his heirs."

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**Common Dreams: Americans Overwhelmingly Reject the Trump-GOP Tax Plan**

By Americans for Tax Fairness  
December 20, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release detailing public polling on the GOP tax plan.

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## **Supermarket News: Restaurants, retail groups hail passage of tax plan**

By Bret Thorn  
December 20, 2017

However, advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, which advocates for higher taxes on the wealthy and large corporations, called the act a “monstrosity.”

“It’s a money grab by the richest 1 percent and the wealthiest corporations, period,” executive director **Frank Clemente** said in a statement, arguing that the tax cut would be paid for by raising taxes on working families “and raiding Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and other critical services they cherish and depend on.”

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## **Bustle Blog: How Much Will Trump Save On The Tax Bill? A New Study Estimates He'd Save A Staggering \$15 Million**

By Joseph D. Lyons  
December 20, 2017

The GOP have suggested that the bill is for the middle class, but TJ Helmstetter, **Americans For Tax Fairness's** communications director, disagreed. "When all is said and done, over 80% of the tax cuts will wind up in the pockets of the top 1%. Meanwhile, all of this will be paid for by the middle class and families who are struggling to get by," he told The Guardian. Helmstetter called the bill a "money grab by the ultra wealthy," not tax reform.

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## **Common Dreams: As Votes Loom, Opponents Make Final Push to Defeat Deeply Unpopular #GOPTaxScam**

By Julia Conley  
December 19, 2017

**Americans for Tax Fairness** reached similar conclusions in their analysis last month, reporting that 53 percent of the bill's tax cuts go to corporations and the rich, and that those cuts are largely paid for by taking away healthcare from working families.

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## **Common Dreams: While Republicans Try to Ram Their Unpopular Tax Plan Through Congress, Americans Continue to Voice Their Objection...**

By Americans for Tax Fairness  
December 19, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release about constituent calls to Congress generated by ATF and partner groups.

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**The Nation: Op-ed: How to Make Lawmakers Rue the Day They Voted for This Scam of a Tax Bill**

By Sarah Anderson and Chuck Collins  
December 19, 2017

As **Frank Clemente, executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness**, puts it, "We may not have won in Washington, but at least we won in the rest of the country."

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**Common Dreams: Reaction To Final Passage Of GOP Tax Scam: Americans Won't Forget**

By Americans for Tax Fairness  
December 19, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release on the final House passage of the GOP tax bill.

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**Morning Consult: Exclusive: GOP Engages Political Ground Game to Defend Tax Overhaul in 2018**

By Ryan Rainey  
December 19, 2017

Tim Hogan, a spokesman for Not One Penny, said Monday that the coalition's supporters have placed 1.2 million phone calls since Oct. 1, and that the campaign against the GOP tax agenda will not subside if the bill becomes law. Not One Penny is a group supported by numerous left-leaning advocacy groups, including MoveOn.org, Indivisible, **Americans for Tax Fairness** and unions such as the Communications Workers of America.

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**Common Dreams: Here Are the 227 GOP House Members Who Just Voted to Raise Taxes on 90 Million Working Families to Give Tax Breaks to Millionaires and Corporations**

By Jessica Corbett  
December 19, 2017



"These are the 227 GOP House members who voted for the #GOPTaxScam. They voted to raise taxes on over 90M working families, while giving massive tax breaks to millionaires and corporations that will be paid for by cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and education. SHAME!" **Americans for Tax Fairness** tweeted after the vote, accompanied by what they called a "list of shame."

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### **thepeoplesvoice.org Blog: GOP Tax Cut Heist Heads Toward Enactment**

By Stephen Lendman  
December 18, 2017

Following deficit hawk Bob Corker's about face, **Americans for Tax Fairness** issued the following statement:

"Hypocrisy rules in Washington. With Bob Corker's reversal, the myth of the deficit hawk is now dead."

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### **Common Dreams: Deficit Hawk Myth Dead as GOP Unite Over Morally and Economically 'Obscene' Tax Bill**

By Jon Queally  
December 16, 2017

"Hypocrisy rules in Washington."

So said **Frank Clemente, executive director for Americans for Tax Fairness**, in the wake of the release by the Republican conference committee of the party's final tax plan on Friday and news that both Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Sen. Mark Rubio (R-Fl.) had ended their so-called "principled" opposition to the bill and would vote 'Yes.'

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### **The Intercept: A Year in the Ohio River Valley - Hard Times in Trump Country**

By Stacy Kranitz and Alice Speri  
December 16, 2017

In 2014, in response to the Affordable Care Act, Walmart announced it would stop offering insurance to 30,000 part-time employees. According to an estimate the same year by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Walmart and its founder, the Walton family, received \$62.1 million in subsidies and tax breaks in West Virginia, including \$52.8 million in public assistance for its employees.

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**POLITICO: Jones' win adds urgency to GOP tax push**

By Bernie Becker  
December 13, 2017

“Republicans in the House and Senate should take heed and re-evaluate their support for the monstrous tax bill that will rip healthcare away from millions while raising taxes on middle class families and blowing up the deficit, just so millionaires and corporations can get a tax break,” said Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, in a statement shortly after Jones was declared the winner.

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**Common Dreams: As Final Tax Vote Looms, Progressives Demand McConnell Seat Doug Jones "Immediately"**

By Jake Johnson  
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**The Wealth Advisor Blog: Here's How Many Billions America's Richest Would Save On Estate Tax Repeal**

By Mary Papenfuss  
December 11, 2017  
Syndicated from Huffington Post

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**Freedom's Phoenix [Blog: GOP Tax Cut a Bonanza for Big Pharma](#)**

By Stephen Lendman  
December 9, 2017

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF), "(t)he Pharma Big 10 owe an estimated \$133 billion on their \$506 billion in offshore profits if they are repatriated to the US at the 35% rate (virtually no US corporate giants pay) less credit for foreign taxes paid." House and Senate bills on these profits would cut their tax liability "to 14% in the House and to 14.5% in the Senate (rates...based on cash assets...much lower if based on non-cash assets such as plants and equipment)," said ATF.

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**Daily Kos Blog: [The 15 richest families could reap \\$300 billion from Republican tax cuts](#)**

By Joan McCarter  
December 8, 2017

Mother Jones spoke with **Americans for Tax Fairness**, an advocacy group focused on progressive tax reform, about how these changes to the estate tax will benefit the ultra-wealthy, specifically the top 15 richest Americans, as ranked and reported by Forbes. If the exemptions are doubled, each estate would save \$4.4 million for a couple, or \$2.2 million for a single person. And if the tax is repealed, that's where things get interesting: According to numbers crunched by Americans for Tax Fairness, in that scenario, the people who inherit money from this tiny group of people could potentially save more than a whopping \$300 billion combined.

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**Pharmacy Choice: Americans for Tax Fairness: Bernie Sanders, Lloyd Doggett Demand Drug Companies to Stop Dodging Taxes Following Release of New Report**

December 8, 2017

A new report released today by **Americans for Tax Fairness** exposes just how much the pharmaceutical industry stands to gain if the Trump-GOP tax plan becomes law. The report examines the profits, taxes, and drug prices of the 10 biggest U.S. pharmaceutical companies, the "Pharma Big 10": Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, Merck & Co., Gilead Sciences, AbbVie, Amgen, Eli Lilly & Co., Bristol-Myers Squibb, Biogen and Celgene.

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**Reader Supported News Blog: The Impending Destruction Of Medicaid By GOP Tax Cuts: Cruel And Un-American**

By Jgeyman  
December 8, 2017

According to a just-released analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness** of the latest iteration of the Senate GOP tax bill, two-thirds of families earning \$55,000 to \$93,000 a year will see a tax increase, 53 percent of the tax cuts will go to corporations and businesses, and 62 percent of tax cuts will go to the richest 1 percent in 2027, up from 18 percent in 2019.

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**Common Dreams: Brave Flight Passenger Confronts Jeff Flake**

December 8, 2017

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**Mother Jones: This Is How Many Billions of Dollars Each of the 15 Richest Families in America Will Save If We Repeal the Estate Tax**

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**POLITICO Morning Tax: Double twos?**

December 7, 2017

**Americans for Tax Fairness:** New report finds that 10 biggest pharmaceutical companies have a combined half trillion dollars offshore.

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**Daily Kos Blog: Resistance in Maine is strong! Susan Collins forced by irate constituents to walk back tax bill lie**

By Joan McCarter  
December 7, 2017

Nearly two hundred people chanted "bullshit" outside the Portland office of Senator Susan Collins Wednesday afternoon, one day after the Republican attempted to walk back claims that the widely unpopular GOP tax bill would pay for itself. It's actually projected to create at least a trillion dollar deficit, threatening bedrock government programs including Medicare and Social Security.

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**Truthout Blog: The Fight Isn't Over: Organizers Call for Sustained Momentum Against Tax Bill**

By Negin Owliaei  
December 6, 2017  
Syndicated from Inequality.org

The weeks preceding the Senate vote saw a flurry of protests and rallies aimed at stopping the tax bill in its tracks. Groups like **Americans For Tax Fairness** have been publishing nonstop updates and fact sheets to educate the public.

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## **VICE Impact: Op-ed: Billionaires Convinced the GOP Congress to Vote for a Bill That Will Cost Us All a Lot of Money**

By Jasper Craven  
December 6, 2017

While Blackstone and other corporate heavyweights have, for years, reduced their tax bills through fancy footwork, they apparently still believe they are forking over too much money to the feds. In truth, corporate taxes contribute substantially less to the U.S. Treasury than they used to. Sixty years ago, America's largest companies contributed one-third of all federal tax revenue. Today, just one-tenth of federal revenues come from corporations, according to **Americans For Tax Fairness**.

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## **Rewire Blog: Advocates: GOP Tax Bill 'Devastating' for Marginalized Groups**

By Auditi Guha  
December 5, 2017

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## **Think Progress Blog: Hundreds of protesters fight the GOP tax bill on Capitol Hill**

By Rebekah Entralgo  
December 5, 2017

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Nearly 300 protesters stormed the Cannon Office Building at the House of Representatives Tuesday afternoon, flooding the halls with chants of “Kill this bill, don’t kill us.”

The protesters focused on the offices of Congress members who voted yes on the GOP tax package and are vulnerable in the 2018 midterm elections. Among them: Reps. Ryan Costello (R-PA), Barbara Comstock (R-VA), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Carlos Curbelo (R-FL), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Charles Dent (R-PA), John Katko (R-NY), David Reichert (R-WA), David Joyce (R-OH), and Ed Royce (R-CA).

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## **Freedom's Phoenix Blog: The Colossal GOP Tax Cut Scam Boosted by Overnight Senate Passage**

By Stephen Lendman  
December 2, 2017

**Americans for Tax Fairness** said the following about passage of the Senate tax cut bill: "All but one Republican in the Senate just voted to raise taxes on 87 million middle-class families, add a trillion dollars to the deficit, and trigger automatic cuts to Medicare. All so that their corporate campaign donors and billionaire benefactors can get massive tax cuts."

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### **Mic: In Maine, Susan Collins' "yes" vote on tax plan brings devastation**

By Will Drabold  
December 2, 2017

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) famously delivered a thumbs-down early on a July morning to kill legislation to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. But it was Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) whose opposition had long made it difficult to kill the health care law known as Obamacare.

Collins was given credit, even by her opponents, for meeting with constituents to hear their concerns about repealing the ACA. She consistently said she was worried about the number of Americans who would lose health insurance coverage.

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### **Vox: "Lots of outrageous things in the bill aren't getting the kind of attention they ought to"**

By Ella Nilsen  
December 1, 2017

With the stakes so high, liberal activists are pressing ahead, in hopes they can derail the GOP effort. There's certainly no lack of action. As the sun set and senators started debating the tax bill on Thursday, progressive groups including Not One Penny, MoveOn, and **Americans for Tax Fairness** gathered outside for a "people's filibuster protest," and were joined by lawmakers including Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN). Activists stayed there for the rest of the night and into the morning.

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## **The Nation: Steve Bannon and Members of Trump’s Inner Circle Stash Investments in Offshore Tax Havens**

By Joshua Holland  
December 1, 2017

In 2015, **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimated that American companies were holding \$2.1 trillion in profits in various tax havens around the world, and under current law, they don’t have to pay taxes on them until they “repatriate” those dollars.

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## **Common Dreams: Voters Urged to "Melt the Phone Lines" to Stop Senate From Passing #GOPTaxScam**

By Julia Conley  
November 30, 2017

The Progressive Change Campaign Committee, with other resistance groups, began a 24-hour "People's Filibuster" at 3:00pm on Thursday, ahead of the Senate vote on the Republican tax bill, expected by Friday.

Organizations including Not One Penny, the Center for American Progress Action Fund, and **Americans for Tax Fairness** all planned to participate in the all-night rally at the U.S. Capitol.

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## **Mic: From phone campaigns to screaming street protests, Republicans are “under siege” over their tax plan**

By Will Drabold  
November 30, 2017

“[Groups] have understood all along that the tax fight is a health care fight,” TJ Helmstetter said. Helmstetter is a spokesman for **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a coalition of groups opposed to tax cuts for wealthy Americans.

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## **Newsweek: Op-ed: Trump's Tax Plan Is Seriously Bad For Our Health**

By Kyle Ragins  
November 29, 2017

The bill would force cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, and other programs that help everyday Americans to pay for massive tax cuts for the very wealthy and big corporations. Congressional Republicans may try to pass off repeal of this portion of the ACA as a cost-saving measure for working families, but it would actually increase health care costs for millions of families, and the rest of the tax bill makes it clear that they're focused on reducing taxes for the very wealthy and corporations – not with Americans struggling to afford visits to the doctor.

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## **Common Dreams: New Tax Fight Radio Ads In Tennessee And Arizona**

By Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund  
November 29, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release.

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## **Common Dreams: Corporations Admit Investors, Not Workers, Will Reap Rewards of #GOPTaxScam**

By Julia Conley  
November 29, 2017

Groups including **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the Tax Policy Center, and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, have all found that the notion of long-term, meaningful benefits for the middle- and lower-classes is indeed just a story.

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## **Common Dreams: Here Are the Four Biggest Lies Trump Told in His Final Tax Scam Sales Pitch**

By Jake Johnson  
November 29, 2017

Trump claimed that the Republican tax bill would prevent corporations from sending jobs and profits overseas to boost their bottom-lines.

The opposite is the case, noted **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) and others. The GOP plan would actually "encourage" outsourcing, according to a number of independent analyses.

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**POLITICO Morning Tax: Momentum's back**

By Bernie Becker  
November 29, 2017

Turning to the radio waves, **Americans for Tax Fairness** has new spots in Arizona and Tennessee calling on Corker, McCain and Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) to oppose the tax plan.

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**POLITICO Morning Score: McSally embraces Trump ahead of Arizona Senate run**

By Maggie Severns  
November 29, 2017

**Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund** is up with 60-second radio ads both in Arizona, targeting Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake, and in Tennessee, targeting retiring Sen. Bob Corker.

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**The Washington Post: Democrats once seen as potential yes votes on tax cuts appear to walk away**

By David Weigel  
November 28, 2017

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## **Common Dreams: 'Kill the Bill, Don't Kill Us': Protesters Arrested as GOP Pushes Senate Tax Bill Forward**

By Julia Conley  
November 28, 2017

In addition to the impact the bill would have on health coverage, analyses by groups including the Tax Policy Center, the Joint Committee on Taxation, the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, and **Americans for Tax Fairness** have all found that while middle class households may see tax cuts initially under the Republican plan, by 2027 most of the benefits of the proposal would be going to the wealthiest Americans.

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## **NASDAQ: The Zacks Analyst Blog Highlights: IDEXX Laboratories, Luminex, Masimo, Align Technology and Cooper Companies**

By Zacks Equity Research  
November 28, 2017

While the bill claims to primarily focus on the easing of tax woes for middle-class Americans, the massive cut in corporate taxes tells a different story altogether. In fact, a research report by CNBC reveals that Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, slammed the new tax code as a "a big giveaway to millionaires and corporations," neglecting the ones who are in real need of it.

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November 27, 2017

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## **Freedom's Phoenix Blog: What's Wrong with the GOP Tax Cut Plan? Everything for Ordinary Americans**

By Stephen Lendman  
November 26, 2017

**Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) published "13 terrible things about the Senate GOP tax plan:  
1. America's top 1% benefits greatly.  
2. By 2027, 87 million middle class households will pay higher taxes than today.

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## **Common Dreams: Dozens of #TrumpTaxScam Sit-Ins and Rallies Planned for Final Resistance Push**

By Julia Conley  
November 24, 2017

Members of the Trump resistance are expected to assemble at the offices of so-called "moderate" Republicans to demand that the elected officials listen to their concerns about the tax bill, which groups including **Americans for Tax Fairness** and the Tax Policy Center say would eventually raise taxes for middle-income Americans, after giving them temporary, meager tax cuts.

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## **Common Dreams: 3 Steps to Take Before Thanksgiving to Stop the #TrumpTaxScam**

By Andrea Germanos  
November 22, 2017

An analysis out this week by **Americans for Tax Fairness** outlined "13 terrible things" about the Senate proposal, including that it gives most of the tax cuts to the richest 1 percent and effectively makes seniors pay for tax breaks for corporations and the wealthy.

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## **Conscious Life News Blog: New Report Details '13 Terrible Things' About Senate GOP Tax Plan**

By Common Dreams Staff  
November 22, 2017  
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**Newsmax: Poll: Arizona, Tennessee, Maine Voters Oppose GOP Tax Plan**

By Solange Reyner  
November 22, 2017

The poll was conducted by Democratic pollster Hart Research Associates and provided to USA Today by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal advocacy group.

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**Vox: “We have to kill it in the Senate”: how liberal activists think they can kill the tax bill**

By Ella Nilsen  
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## **Common Dreams: All Evidence Shows #GOPTaxScam Is Horrible. Only Question: Can It Be Stopped?**

By Jon Qually  
November 18, 2017

While **Americans for Tax Fairness** has put out this "13 Terrible Things About the House Republican Tax Plan" (pdf), the Senate this week voted out of a committee their version of a tax bill that also hammers the working class and sets the stage for eviscerating safety net programs in the name of giving corporations a permanent tax cut. According to this breakdown by the ATF, Senate plan offers clear and present inequities between what it would cut from the budget over the next decade versus what it gives in tax cuts to corporations and the wealthy:

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## **Freedom's Phoenix Blog: The Great American Tax Cut Swindle**

By Stephen Lendman  
November 17, 2017

Following Thursday's House vote, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) issued the following statement, saying:

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## **Common Dreams: Reaction to House GOP Vote to Raise Taxes on Middle Class Families**

November 16, 2017

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## **Coyote Prime Blog: "Welfare for the Wealthy': 227 House Republicans Pass \$1.5 Trillion Tax Cut for Corporations and the Rich"**

November 16, 2017

"With this bill, the House GOP is moving to rig the system further for the powerful and elite against everyday Americans," Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said in a statement following Thursday's vote. "It's immoral that many hardworking families will pay a higher tax bill or lose access to critical services like healthcare so that some CEO can get a bigger bonus and buy a bigger yacht. Millions of Americans in the middle and at the bottom will be the losers from this tax plan, while the wealthiest will benefit."

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**Common Dreams: Leaders Schumer and Pelosi Join Members of Congress and Patriotic Millionaires for Rally Against GOP Tax Plans**

November 14, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release.

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**The Daily Beast: Can the Democrats Stop This Tax 'Reform' Scam?**

Michael Tomasky  
November 14, 2017

**Americans for Tax Fairness** is emphasizing the unpopular cuts for corporations and the wealthy, the possible elimination of state and local deductions, and the fact that these tax cuts will be paid for by things like \$1 trillion in Medicaid cuts.

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**The Washington Post: Column: Republican tax bills would be paradise for plutocrats**

By Katrina vanden Heuvel  
November 14, 2017

Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, has sensibly called on Congress to investigate before it legislates. Reform should start by exposing the various scams and dodges, rousing public ire to counter the lobbying weight of big business. Legislation could focus on shutting down the loopholes and cracking down on tax havens abroad. The first step would be to end "deferral" of taxes on profits reported abroad.

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## **Real Clear Politics: Roskam at the Center of Political Fight Over Taxes**

By James Arkin  
November 13, 2017

Roskam is also at the center of the political debate over taxes as Democrats vilify the plan and Republicans search for a legislative victory to run on next year.

... But Democrats there are energized and expect to rally support against the measure. A variety of grassroots organizations have popped up to protest Roskam and lay the groundwork for a campaign against him, many falling under the umbrella group Coalition for a Better Illinois 6th. On Friday, protesters gathered outside the congressman's district office, handing out postcards to deliver to him listing reasons to oppose the bill — a play on the GOP's promise to simplify the tax code so anyone can file their return on a postcard-size form. This Thursday, protesters will rally outside a local Republican organization where Roskam is headlining its annual Reagan Day Dinner.

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## **The Wall Street Journal: Groups Spend Tens of Millions to Sell Tax Bill to Middle Class**

By Julie Bykowicz  
November 9, 2017

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## **Resilience.org Blog: Opinion: There Can Be No Genuine Tax Reform Without Addressing Hidden Wealth**

By Chuck Collins  
November 9, 2017  
Syndicated from Institute for Policy Studies



Groups working to oppose the current tax bill, including **Americans for Tax Fairness** and the Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency (FACT) coalition, have been advocating to close offshore tax havens. They are pressing for such transparency reforms as disclosure of “beneficial ownership” of shell corporations and entities. “The Incorporation Transparency and Law Enforcement Assistance Act” would require virtually all U.S. companies to disclose who really owns or controls them when they are formed and to keep that information updated.

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**Common Dreams: [Americans for Tax Fairness Reaction to Election Results](#)**

November 8, 2017

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**Truthout [Blog: Nine Reasons to Stop the GOP's Giant Tax Gift Bucket](#)**

By Isaiah Poole

November 7, 2017

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**Inequality.org [Blog: Trouble in the Offshore Paradise](#)**

By Chuck Collins

November 6, 2017

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**Reader Supported News Blog: Opinion: Paradise Papers Expose Rich and Famous Using Tax Havens**

By Robert W. Wood  
November 6, 2017  
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**Common Dreams: Blog: Call Congress Now to Stop Trump’s Giant Tax Giveaway**

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**The Western Journal: Top Democrats Speak Out Against GOP Tax ‘Abomination’**

By Jason Hopkins  
November 3, 2017

The protest was the result of coordination by several progressive groups. like the Center for American Progress, the Progressive Change Campaign Committee and **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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**Common Dreams: 'The Cut Cut Cut Act': Americans for Tax Fairness Statement on House GOP Tax Bill**

November 2, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF’s press release.

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**Common Dreams: 3 Ways GOP Tax Plan Would Save Trump Family Millions Annually and Billions Overall**

November 2, 2017  
By Julia Conley

The elimination of the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) would have saved Trump \$30 million in 2005, according to analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**. The AMT was introduced nearly 50 years ago to keep wealthy Americans from avoiding income taxes using deductions and credits. The Tax Policy Center says the vast majority of taxpayers liable for the AMT make over \$200,000 per year, while 0.3 percent have a yearly income of less than \$100,000.

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**Common Dreams: New Poll Shows Just 25 Percent Think GOP Tax Plan Is a Good Idea**

November 1, 2017

By Andrea Germanos

A call-to-action for the event, organized by groups including **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Public Citizen, and Progressive Change Campaign Committee, states, "Join us to help make sure our response to this bill is loud and clear: NOT ONE PENNY in tax cuts for the rich!"

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**Common Dreams: As GOP Releases Tax Plan, Patriotic Millionaires Issue Dire Warning to the Middle Class**

October 31, 2017

By Patriotic Millionaires

The Taxpayer Action Center was designed and implemented with contributions from think tanks and grassroots organizations including the Institute for Policy Studies, the Economic Policy Institute, FACT Coalition, Public Citizen, Hedge Clippers, Prosperity Now, Center for American Progress, Indivisible, Not One Penny, NETWORK, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Take On Wall Street, the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, and Citizens for Tax Justice.

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**Common Dreams: Call Congress Now, Say Progressives, To Stop GOP "Billionaire First" Budget**

October 26, 2017

By Common Dreams Staff

Backing the #NotOnePenny campaign, a coalition effort led by **Americans for Tax Fairness** and public interest groups, Democratic members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus released the following video deploring the GOP's budget which they call "a rigged plan that lowers taxes for the billionaires and wealthy corporations on the backs of the middle class":

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**Common Dreams: House Budget Vote Immoral Calamity**

October 26, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's statement on the House budget vote.

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## **Intrepid Report Blog: Senate passes deplorable budget bill**

By Stephen Lendman  
October 23, 2017

**Americans for Tax Fairness** spokesman TJ Helmstetter said the following about Thursday's vote: "Fifty-one Republican Senators just voted to cut Medicaid by \$1 trillion and Medicare by \$500 billion so that millionaires and corporations can get a tax cut. It's immoral and despicable."

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## **Common Dreams: 'The Next Big Fight Begins': Groups Mobilize to Stop 'Grotesque' GOP Tax Cuts**

By Jake Johnson  
October 20, 2017

The group's letter highlights two coalitions that will be key players in the fight ahead: Not One Penny and **Americans for Tax Fairness**. Together, these organizations plan to "partner on days of action, coordinate floods of calls to Congress, and use creative ways to channel and dramatize the public's opposition to a bill that would make an already-rigged economy much more rigged in favor of the already best-off."

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## **Truthout Blog: 51 GOP Senators Just Voted To Cut \$1.5 Trillion from Medicare and Medicaid To Give Super-Rich and Corporations a Tax Cut**

October 19, 2017  
By John Queally  
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**USA Today: What Donald Trump is not telling you about his tax overhaul plan: Some will pay more taxes**

By Herb Jackson  
October 11, 2017

If Congress relies on a projected surge of economic growth to pay for tax cuts and that surge does not happen, Congress will look for places to cut spending when deficits start to grow in the future, said Frank Clemente, director of the liberal group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

"The reality is, the way the Republicans structured their plans, people at \$50,000 a year are going to get maybe a buck a day, not enough to buy a cup of coffee," Clemente said. "Is it worth getting that extra money if ... it's going to jeopardize retirement security, health care, help to send their kids to college, the roads and bridges everybody agrees we need?"

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**CNN: Exclusive: Priorities USA to go back on TV with \$250K tax reform ad buy**

By Ashley Killough  
October 10, 2017

Priorities is the latest group to inject a messaging campaign into the tax reform debate. Other progressive groups like MoveOn.org, Indivisible, and a coalition of liberal groups known as **Americans for Tax Fairness** have also been active in opposition to the tax reform plan.

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**Intrepid Report Blog: House passes draconian budget**

By Stephen Lendman  
October 10, 2017

**Americans for Tax Fairness** executive director Frank Clemente issued a statement saying, “This budget resolution is the first step toward an immoral tax scheme that will hand trillions of dollars to millionaires and corporations at the expense of millions of America’s working families, many of whom will actually see a tax increase.”

“These tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations will ultimately be paid for by cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, education, disability services, and other national priorities, while the expansion of the deficit will further threaten Social Security. The Republicans who voted to advance this plan owe their constituents an explanation.”

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**Conscious Life News Blog: House GOP Passes Budget That ‘Should Not Be Allowed in a Humane Society’**

By Jake Johnson

October 6, 2017

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### **Junior College Blog: Gillibrand: Trump tax reform plan 'cruel joke'**

By Adam Carter  
October 3, 2017

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### **Law360: 100 Groups Urge Opposition To GOP Territorial Tax System**

By Phillip Rosenstein  
October 3, 2017

One-hundred groups, including the AFL-CIO and **Americans for Tax Fairness**, urged Congress Monday to oppose the "incredibly bad idea" of adopting a territorial tax system as part of the GOP's tax reform framework, saying such a system would allow multinational corporations to repatriate foreign profits largely tax-free.

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### **Common Dreams: 100 Groups Urge Opposition To GOP Territorial Tax System**

October 2, 2017

Common Dreams published the AFL-CIO's press release, which included the following quote. "This scheme is a massive tax cut for wealthy corporations, that puts Main Street businesses and domestic companies at a terrible disadvantage," said Frank Clemente, executive director, **Americans for Tax Fairness**. "We must continue to fully tax the profits U.S. corporations make offshore. If they pay less U.S. taxes on offshore profits than they pay now, or if they pay no taxes, they will have even more incentive to send jobs offshore and shift profits to tax havens to avoid paying their fair share."

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October 2, 2017

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ATF estimates his proposed unpaid-for tax cuts may total from "\$6.7 to \$8.3 trillion.

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## **The Hill: 100 organizations urge Congress to oppose 'incredibly bad idea' in GOP tax plan**

By Naomi Jagoda

October 2, 2017

"It is an incredibly bad idea," wrote the groups, which include the AFL-CIO, **Americans for Tax Fairness** and the Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency Coalition.

"Ending taxation of offshore profits would give multinational corporations an incentive to send jobs offshore, thereby lowering U.S. wages," they wrote. "It would also be a giant loophole for corporations to use accounting gimmicks to move their profits to tax havens, resulting in the loss of billions of dollars in tax revenue for the United States."

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## **The Hill: Overnight Finance: Congress gets ball rolling on tax reform | Chamber pushes lawmakers to back GOP budget | Rand Paul criticizes tax plan | SEC hack exposed personal data**

By Sylvan Lane

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## **U.S. News: Op-ed: So Much Winning**

By Robert Schlesinger  
September 29, 2017

"It's a huge tax giveaway to the wealthy and corporations, and few people will benefit more than Donald Trump," **Americans for Tax Fairness'** Frank Clemente wrote on this site on Thursday.

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## **U.S. News: Would a Trump Tax Cut Boost Economic Growth?**

By Andrew Soergel  
September 29, 2017

"The idea that this plan would help average Americans instead of the wealthy and big corporations has been a hoax all along," Frank Clemente, the executive director of the progressive tax-focused think tank **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said in a statement Wednesday. "This plan will not lead to robust job creation or economic growth, but its eye-popping cost will lead to deep cuts in Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, and public education that will leave working families in the cold."

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## **VICE: Trump's Tax Fight Could Look a Lot Like the War Over Healthcare**

By Mark Hay  
September 29, 2017

Still, taxes should be easier to sort out than healthcare, as there are so many chips to bargain with to win votes. It helps that lives are not literally at stake, and, as Frank Clemente of **Americans for Tax Fairness** of Republicans put it of Republicans, "This is the Holy Grail for them, and if they can't deliver, basically, it's game over."

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## **Yahoo News: Big winner under Trump's tax plan for 'everyday Americans': Donald J Trump**

By Dominic Rushe  
September 29, 2017  
Syndicated from the Guardian

"Trump is carving out a special loophole for his own businesses and calling it a small-business tax cut," said TJ Helmstetter of the group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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**Common Dreams: Surprise! Non-Partisan Analysis Finds Trump Tax Plan Primarily Rewards Top 1%**

By Jake Johnson  
September 29, 2017

"It is absolutely outrageous that Donald Trump and Paul Ryan would seek to increase taxes on middle class families while lowering them for millionaires and billionaires," Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, concluded in a statement on Friday. "It's doubly outrageous that while they're doling out extra yachts and private jets to the elite, their budgets make cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, and public education, further lowering the standard of living for working families. That's no tax plan, that's a tax scam."

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**Common Dreams: Reaction to GOP Tax Increases on Middle Class**

September 29, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release about the middle-class tax increases in the GOP tax plan.

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**True Viral News Blog: Republicans To Pay For Massive Tax Cuts For The Rich By Cutting Social Security/Medicare**

September 29, 2017

An analysis from the **Americans for Tax Fairness** revealed, "As President Trump and Republican leaders in Congress prepare to unveil their tax plan on Wednesday, Sept. 27, Americans for Tax Fairness has prepared an analysis that shows Trump's tax cuts could total \$6.7 to \$8.3 trillion, \$3 to \$5 trillion of which may not be paid for by closing other tax loopholes and/or by limiting tax deductions. The resulting jump in the deficit threatens funding of Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, public education and other vital services."

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**Junior College Blog: Paul Ryan to talk taxes at Delco factory Thursday**

By Bill Blare  
September 29, 2017

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**Reuters: Wealthy financiers could gain from Trump's proposed tax cut for small businesses (Syndicated in 5 additional outlets)**

By Amanda Becker  
September 28, 2017

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**Inc.com: Trump's Tax Plan Is Meant to Benefit Small Businesses, But Would Aid the Wealthy Instead**

By Emily Canal  
September 28, 2017

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**U.S. News: Op-ed: The Biggest Losers**

By Frank Clemente  
September 28, 2017

"It's not good for me, believe me." That's what President Donald Trump said Wednesday in Indiana about the new Republican tax plan, and you shouldn't believe him. It's a huge tax giveaway to the wealthy and corporations, and few people will benefit more than Donald Trump.

Since Trump refuses to release his tax returns, in defiance of 40 years of precedent, we can't know exactly how much he'll gain from the proposed GOP tax plan. But we know enough to highlight the biggest examples of self-dealing by the president.

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**Newsmax: CNBC's Ron Insana: Trump May Benefit From Own Tax Cuts in Many Ways**

September 28, 2017

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**Moyers & Company: Daily Reads: Russian Trolls Helped Fuel NFL Controversy; Trump Wants to Slash His Own Taxes**

**September 28, 2017**

But according to an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the plan would cut between \$6.7 and \$8.3 trillion over the next 10 years, and those cuts would “largely benefit the richest Americans and biggest corporations.” What’s more, as much as \$3 to \$5 trillion wouldn’t be offset by closing loopholes and eliminating deductions, and “the resulting jump in the deficit threatens funding of Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, public education and other vital services.”

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**Common Dreams: Worst Features Of The Trump-Ryan Tax Plan**

September 28, 2017

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**USANewsGuide.com: Trump: ‘Pro-growth’ tax plan to double standard deduction, kill estate tax**

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**Freedom’s Phoenix Blog: [Trump's Deplorable Tax Cut Scheme](#)**

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September 28, 2017

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**Steelers Lounge Blog: [Trump and GOP Roll Out Tax Plan](#)**

By Norman Tucker  
September 28, 2017

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**The Fiscal Times: [Trump’s Tax Plan: 12 Reactions You Need to Read](#)**

By Michael Rainey  
September 27, 2017

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**PoliticusUSA: Trump Threatens A Democratic Senator If He Votes Against Cutting His Taxes**

By Jason Easley  
September 27, 2017

According to the **Americans for Tax Fairness**, here is who benefits from Trump's tax cuts:

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**Common Dreams: 'A Cruel Joke' and 'Morally Repugnant': Critics Blast Trump's Tax Plan for the Rich**

By Andrea Germanos  
September 27, 2017

According to an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the cuts do not even "come close to being paid for by closing tax loopholes, which will likely result in deep cuts now or next year to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, public education, and many other priorities working families depend on."

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## **Freedom's Phoenix Blog: Trump's Tax Plan for the Rich**

By Stephen Lendman  
September 27, 2017

On Wednesday, **Americans for Tax Fairness** executive director Frank Clemente said the following:

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## **Inquisitr Blog: What New Trump Tax 'Reform' Plan Means for You: Latest GOP Tax Cuts Include Big Break for Wealthiest**

By Jonathan Vankin  
September 27, 2017

The plan has already come under fire from economists and political analysts for failing to include any details on how the cost of the new tax cuts and changes, which are estimated to tally well into the multiple-trillion dollar range, will be paid for, according to an analysis by Politico. A study by the conservative group Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget put the total cost of the Trump tax cuts at \$2.2 trillion, while analysis by the liberal **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) organization put the cost at more than \$5 trillion.

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## **Inman Blog: Trump's 'Big Six' unveil tax proposal: What's at stake for real estate?**

By Jotham Sederstrom  
September 27, 2017

Additionally, tax credits for low-income housing would be taken off the table. "The idea that this plan would help average Americans instead of the wealthy and big corporations has been a hoax all along," Frank Clemente of **Americans for Tax Fairness** told CNBC, echoing many real estate lobbying groups and Democrats who overwhelmingly panned the proposal.

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## **Down With Tyranny Blog: The Trump-Ryan Tax Scam**

September 27, 2017

Our friends at **Americans for Tax Fairness** have even worse news about Trump's tax plan, namely that the cuts could hit the budget with a \$3-5 TRILLION deficit, endangering spending on programs Republicans don't care much about—Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and education! What Trump and Ryan are both aiming for is providing massive tax cuts that largely benefit the richest Americans and biggest corporations through direct tax cuts and indirectly through big cuts in corporate taxes. And there's no revenue to make up for most of it.

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### **CNBC: Trump's tax reform plan would dramatically lower rates for businesses, some individuals**

By Ylan Mui  
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By Christina Wilkie  
September 27, 2017

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## **National Review: Corporate Tax Cuts Would Benefit Ordinary Americans**

By Ryan Bourne

September 27, 2017

How can this be? Progressive groups like "**Americans for Tax Fairness**" paint corporate tax cuts as a giveaway to wealthy corporations and their shareholders, which will reduce government revenues and, in time, lead to fewer government services for the poor. This messaging seems to resonate with the public. Yesterday, a WSJ/NBC poll found that 55 percent of Americans wanted to increase taxes on corporations and another 25 percent wanted to keep such taxes as they are.

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## **Common Dreams: New Analysis: Trump's Unpaid-for Tax Cuts May Total \$5 Trillion**

September 26, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release on the cost of Trump's tax cuts.

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## **Common Dreams: Trump Tax "Hoax" Would Blow \$5 Trillion Hole In Budget Over Next Decade: Analysis**

By Jon Queally

September 26, 2017

"The idea that this plan would help average Americans instead of the wealthy and big corporations has been a hoax all along," said Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF), which on Tuesday released an analysis showing that Trump's plan would likely leave a \$5 trillion hole in the federal budget over the next ten years.

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**Truth-Out Blog: The Necessity of a Living Wage: When Corporations Don't Pay, the Public Does**

By Marilyn Katz  
September 26, 2017

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Walmart's increase to \$9 or \$10 an hour is inadequate: Workers who earn \$9 an hour take home incomes so low that a single worker qualifies for three of five public benefit programs, and a worker with a family qualifies for all eight.

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**NBC News: Democratic Groups Come Out Swinging Against Trump's Tax Push**

By Alex Seitz-Wald  
September 25, 2017

The ad is produced by Not One Penny, a broad coalition that includes groups like Indivisible, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, and several labor unions. It follows the coalition's earlier seven-figure ad campaign targeting eight House Republicans, including Blum, which also struck a populist tone that could be repeated in future ads.

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**Business Insider: The new Amazon headquarters will be better deal for Amazon than the city who wins the bidding war**

By Joe Fassler  
September 22, 2017

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**Muslim Community Report Blog: LEGISLATION TO CURTAIL EXCESSIVE CEO PAY**

By mcr2  
September 22, 2017

“The CEO pay loophole is one of the worst tax breaks in our special-interest rigged tax code,” said Frank Clemente, Executive Director, **Americans for Tax Fairness**. “This tax deduction for bonus pay makes regular taxpayers subsidize the income of wealthy CEOs, who get paid 300 times more than the average worker takes home. And many of the big corporations these CEOs lead pay tax rates below what the middle-class pays, if they pay taxes at all. This tax loophole is a scam, and it must end!”

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### **The Weekly Options Trader Blog: Common Sense: Tax Reform For The Rich: Reduce The Rates But Lose The Breaks**

By Admin  
September 21, 2017

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## **Moyers & Company: How Corporate Capitalism Looted Democracy**

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September 18, 2017

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## **Care2 Blog: Weekly Resistance: 5 Ways to Take Action September 18-24**

By S.E. Smith  
September 18, 2017

Support: **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Citizens for Tax Justice advocate sensible, evidence-based tax reform.

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## **In These Times: Low Wages in Illinois: When Corporations Don't Pay, the Public Does**

By Marilyn Kantz  
September 15, 2017

Even when some of these employers announce their wage increases, with great fanfare, Illinois taxpayers are still on the hook. According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Walmart's increase to \$9 or \$10 an hour is inadequate: Workers who earn \$9 an hour take home incomes so low that a single worker qualifies for three of five public benefit programs, and a worker with a family qualifies for all eight.

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## **Equality 365 Blog: Heather Booth Discusses "Heather Booth: Changing the World" & Social Activism**

By Earle Dutton  
September 12, 2017

You know, I feel like that about just about everything I have ever worked on. I probably have three different answers for you here. One is, whatever I am working on at the moment is consuming, dynamic and meaningful. Right now, I am the Field Director for **Americans for Tax Fairness**, which is fighting against the tax cuts that will only benefit the top one percent and richest people in the country. If there are those cuts it will mean that they are paid for with cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, education and so many other services that help people live a full life in this country. We have to stop those cuts. I also think in some ways that the origin of my own work started in the civil rights movement. That is also one of the most impactful areas that I have been working.

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## **The Royal Purple Blog: Walmart corporation takes advantage of taxpayers**

By Kolton Hegstrom  
September 12, 2017

According to a new report by the **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Walmart cost American taxpayers an estimated \$6.2 billion in Medicare, food stamps and housing subsidies per year. The study was based on a coalition of 400 progressive groups who went over numbers from 2013. According to the study, the average Supercenter cost taxpayers between \$904,542 and \$1.75 million per year, or between \$3,015 and \$5,815 on average for each of 300 workers.

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## **Bloomberg: Progressives Prepare to Stop Tax Cuts Amid GOP Infighting**

By Laura Davison  
September 6, 2017

"We really see this as a continuation of the health care fight," T.J. Helmstetter, communications director for **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said. "We are reaching out to the players who were critical to preventing the AHCA from passing," he said, referring to the GOP's American Health Care Act (H.R. 1628) that underwent several revisions before dying on the Senate floor in late July.

That bill failed after three Republicans—Sens. Susan Collins (Maine), John McCain (Ariz.), and Lisa Murkowski (Alaska)—defected from the ranks. **Americans for Tax Fairness** hopes this group, or others, could do the same on a tax bill. **Americans for Tax Fairness** members include a wide range of left-leaning organizations, including the AFL-CIO, MoveOn.org, and the Center for American Progress.

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## **Morning Consult: Cohn's Pitch Tying Corporate Tax Cut to Pension Fund Benefits Divides Experts**

By Ryan Rainey  
September 6, 2017

TJ Helmstetter, a spokesman for the **Americans for Tax Fairness**, which is also affiliated with unions, pointed to Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center research showing that less than 15 percent of the benefit from a corporate tax cut would flow to the bottom 60 percent of the income distribution, compared to 70 percent that would benefit high-income earners.

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**True Viral News Blog: [When Labor Day Meant Something](#)**

September 4, 2017

Shoppers this weekend could hardly be blamed for going to Walmart for the latest feather-light flatscreen television from China or Mexico—I’ll admit I’m dazzled by the low prices and pixel counts too. Or, better, people could go to Costco, where workers make about twice the Walmart wage, and don’t have to rely on federal benefits like food stamps and Medicaid (which, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, cost taxpayers \$6.2 billion a year). In addition, Costco lets its workers unionize while Walmart instructs managers to report union activity or grumblings about wages to the company’s “Labor Relations Hotline.”

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**Common Dreams: [The Coming Tax Fight — and Why We Need You!](#)**

By Chuck Collins

September 3, 2017

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## **Down With Tyranny Blog: Trump Tax Cuts For Multi-millionaires Will Be Paid For By Painful Cuts To Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Education**

August 31, 2017

The next day, Trump was in Springfield, Missouri promoting his tax plan-- with one lie after another-- at a closed-to-the-public event behind the closed doors of one of his rich campaign donors. Just before Trump spoke, Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, warned the media to “Make no mistake; what Trump and Republican leaders in Congress are proposing is not tax reform. They simply want massive tax cuts for millionaires, billionaires, and big corporations, at the expense of everyone else. And those tax giveaways will be paid for by cuts to Social Security, healthcare, education and other programs that maintain living standards for working families. It’s Trumpcare all over again, and it must be blocked.”

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August 31, 2017

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**Common Dreams: As Trump Begins Tax Reform Push, Critics Rip Plan as Fact-Free, Trickle-Down 'Scam'**

By Jake Johnson  
August 30, 2017

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**Economic Policy Journal Blog: Trump Adviser Gary Cohn: 'Only morons pay the estate tax'**

By RW  
August 30, 2017

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the estate tax raised \$8.5 billion in 2012.

The estate tax is only paid on assets greater than \$5.3 million per individual. One out of every 700 deaths results in paying the federal estate tax today.

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**Polizette Blog: Trump Ramps Up Tax Pressure on Vulnerable Democrat in Missouri**

By Brendan Kirby  
August 30, 2017

But a liberal interest group, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, depicted Trump's proposal as a giveaway to the wealthy.

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**Tax Analysts: Amid August Tax Reform Barnstorming, an Empty Bully Pulpit**

By Jonathan Curry  
August 24, 2017

On the progressive side, Frank Clemente of **Americans for Tax Fairness** dismissed the idea that having Trump sell tax reform would be beneficial. "He's a terrible salesperson for this, and I don't think that's going to help their cause," Clemente said.

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**The Washington Post: Column: Democrats are starting a fierce internal debate. Finally.**

By Katrina Vanden Heuvel  
August 22, 2017

Of course, Trump and Republicans still set the national agenda, with tax cuts and infrastructure being two possibilities. A broad coalition of more than 400 groups called **Americans for Tax Fairness** champions progressive tax reform that helps make the rich and corporations pay their fair share — a stance that enjoys overwhelming public approval. Similarly, activists will challenge Trump’s infrastructure plan, which appears to feature the worst forms of crony capitalism: “public private partnerships” that privatize highways and bridges and impose tolls on users; tax giveaways to companies stowing profits abroad.

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**Common Dreams: Progressive Armies Mobilize Against GOP Tax Cuts for Corporations and Wealthy**

By Jon Queally  
August 21, 2017

"We can't afford tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations that are paid for by cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, public education, and other services that working families rely on," warns Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF)**. "Side-by-side, there's no denying it: Trump's draconian cuts to services that will harm working families are intended to pay for his massive tax giveaways to big corporations and the wealthy. Helping the American people understand what's at stake is how we will win the tax fight."

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**The Hill: GOP chairman: Tax reform could increase deficit**

By Niv Elis  
August 16, 2017

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**Law 360: Liberal Coalition Declares War On Trump Tax Cuts**

By Jimmy Hoover  
August 16, 2017

Behind Paywall.

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**Common Dreams: ATF Launches New Campaign Showing The True Costs Of Trump's Tax Cuts For The Wealthy And Corporations**

August 16, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release on the launch of StopTrumpTaxCuts.org.

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**Morning Consult: Finance Brief: Democrats Hoping Trump Takes Their Lead in NAFTA Talks**

By Ryan Rainey & Anna Gronewold  
August 16, 2017

The liberal **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) group will roll out a website on Wednesday to make the case that President Trump's proposed tax cuts for wealthy people and corporations would hurt working families. The website, [stoptrumtaxcuts.org](http://stoptrumtaxcuts.org), compares the cost of various aspects of the tax plan the White House released in April to similarly sized proposed cuts in Trump's fiscal 2018 budget proposal.

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**Politico Morning Tax: Can temporary be permanent?**

By Bernie Becker  
August 16, 2017

THE OPPOSITION IS FORMING: The progressive group **Americans for Tax Fairness** is out this morning with a new campaign — [www.StopTrumpTaxCuts.org](http://www.StopTrumpTaxCuts.org) — to battle GOP tax efforts they say will benefit the wealthy and corporations at the expense of the safety net. "Side-by-side, there's no denying it: Trump's draconian cuts to services that will harm working families are intended to pay for his massive tax giveaways to big corporations and the wealthy. Helping the American people understand what's at stake is how we will win the tax fight," said **Frank Clemente**, the group's executive director.

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**Newsline: Liberal Group Launches Website in Effort to Block Tax Cuts**

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### **Tax Notes: Stakeholders Anxiously Await New White House Tax Reform Details**

By Jonathan Curry  
August 15, 2017

For Frank Clemente of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the Republican tax reform effort is shaping up to be a tax cut for wealthy individuals and corporations, and so the release of yet another tax reform framework, as opposed to legislative text, would be “yet another stall tactic while they figure out how to sell such an unpopular idea to the public.”

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### **Law 360: GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News Of The Week**

By Sam Reisman  
August 10, 2017

Behind paywall.

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### **Mic: Only 13% of Republicans will hold August town halls, and grassroots groups aren’t standing for it**

By Will Drabold  
August 10, 2017

“We need to recreate, to keep the momentum going from the health care win,” TJ Helmstetter, spokesperson for **Americans for Tax Fairness**, said in an interview. Helmstetter’s group is building a coalition of progressive organizations to oppose the planned Republican pivot to tax reform coming in September.

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### **Law 360: IRS More Likely To Change Than Ax Debt-Equity Regs**

By Vidya Kauri  
August 9, 2017

Behind paywall.

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### **Mashable: A few ways Walmart could spend \$18 million instead of corporate propaganda**

By Jason Abbruzzese  
August 9, 2017

Walmart's low wages have a serious impact on the communities in which their stores operate. The company's employees who don't make enough money to meet their needs end up using public assistance programs that cost an estimated \$6.2 billion.

That comes out to between \$900,000 and \$1.75 million per year, according to a study by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, which is a collective of progressive groups.

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### **Common Dreams: 42 Groups and 64,000 Americans Send Messages to Treasury Department Against Repeal of "Earnings Stripping" Rule**

August 8, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release on the Repeal of "Earnings Stripping" Rule.

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### **Politico Morning Tax: So, about being bipartisan**

By Bernie Becker & Toby Eckert  
August 8, 2017

TRICKLING, TRICKLING IN: Business groups have answered the Trump administration's call for feedback on tax regulations issued under former President Barack Obama, The Hill's Naomi Jagoda reports. The Treasury Department has asked for input on eight rules it finds too burdensome, including the Section 385 regulations on earnings stripping that had lots of companies up in arms in 2016. Outside groups had until Monday to comment on the rules, and among the groups pushing to repeal Section 385 are The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers. Groups on the left, meanwhile, are fighting to keep them. (**Americans for Tax Fairness** and Daily Kos are leading a campaign that's led to more than 63,000 comments calling for corporations to pay their fair share.)

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**The Hill: Groups weigh in on Obama-era tax rules targeted for changes**

By Naomi Jagoda  
August 4, 2017

The FACT Coalition also joined a number of liberal groups — including **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Daily Kos, Credo and Public Citizen — in sending another letter recommending that Treasury keep the debt-equity rule “in its entirety.”

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**PR Week: Why the coming fight over tax policy will have an ‘80s beat**

By Chris Daniels  
August 4, 2017

"Really the way we're going to win this is the same way that we've so far won the healthcare fight, which is by getting everyday people who have not seriously been involved in political activism before to understand the stakes, go to their members of Congress, sit in their offices, and tell their stories," says T.J. Helmstetter, communications director for **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a campaign made up of more than 435 national, state, and local endorsing organizations.

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**The Nation: Op-ed: Democrats Need to Find Their Voice on Tax Reform**

By Robert L. Borosage  
August 4, 2017

The public is already dubious about the argument that tax cuts to the rich and corporations will lead to jobs. A June survey by Hart Research for **Americans for Tax Fairness** (which is not yet a public document) showed that, by a remarkable five-to-one ratio, voters prefer that revenue raised from closing loopholes be used to pay for public investment in infrastructure, health care, and education (84 percent), not to lower corporate tax rates (which gained only 16 percent support). Six in 10 Americans would support taxing companies that stash profits abroad as a priority for reform.

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**The Hill: Liberal groups launch campaign to oppose tax cuts for the wealthy**

By Naomi Jagoda  
August 3, 2017



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### **Politico Morning Tax: Digging in**

By Bernie Becker  
August 2, 2017

The view from the left: Democrats like Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon remain concerned that a steep reduction in taxes on pass-throughs could lead to a major loophole, as partners in lucrative partnerships could take advantage and mischaracterize capital gains income as wage income at a lower rate. Along similar lines, **Americans for Tax Fairness** said after Tuesday's meeting that the administration's 15 percent business rate is "a massive tax giveaway for Wall Street hedge fund managers, big law firms, and real estate developers like Trump."

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### **Truth-out Blog: Kochs and Trump Team Up to Cut Billionaires' Taxes**

By Richard Eskow  
August 2, 2017

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### **The Hill: White House aide hopes to see tax reform done by November**

By Naomi Jagoda  
July 31, 2017

But Monday's event drew criticism from progressives. Several liberal groups — including **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Tax March and Public Citizen — organized a protest outside of the Newseum.

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**Common Dreams: Koch Brothers, Mnuchin, Draw D.C. Protesters at Corporate Tax Giveaway Convention**

By Jake Johnson  
July 31, 2017

**Americans for Tax Fairness**, Public Citizen, and several other watchdog groups descended on the nation's capital Monday to express their discontent with proposals that have been characterized as "absolutely immoral" attempts to give huge tax breaks to the wealthy and massive corporations.

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**Common Dreams: No Tax Cuts For Millionaires and Corporations Paid for by Cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Education, and Middle Class Priorities**

July 31, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release on a demonstration event.

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**TechGuava Blog: Editorial, 7/29: Transparency wins out on health care legislation**

By Miguel Ortega  
July 29, 2017

Saturday's event has attracted more than 60 partners, counting among them Planned Parenthood, Doctors for America, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Human Rights Campaign and Women's March, which held the first nationwide protests against Donald Trump's presidency the day after his inauguration. That capped a week of failed Senate votes on whether to simply repeal, or repeal and replace, the 2010 law, while Trump repeatedly berated lawmakers in a late attempt to influence the legislation.

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**Steelers Lounge Blog: Retailers Welcome Removal of Border Tax from Tax Reform Plan**

By Andrew Harnik  
July 29, 2017

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**Bustle Blog: How To Find A Health Care March Near You, Because You Can't Let Your Guard Down Yet**

By Priscilla Totiyapungprasert  
July 27, 2017

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**Common Dreams: The Republican Tax Plan: Not Real Tax Reform, Just a Tax Cut For The Rich That Will Cut Priorities For Everyone Else**

July 27, 2017

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**Common Dreams: GOP's Vague New Tax Plan Can't Hide True Aim: Massive Tax Cuts for Wealthy**

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**USA Today: White House and GOP leaders tout deal to cut taxes, but offer no details**

By Herb Jackson  
July 27, 2017

Frank Clemente, executive director of the liberal group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, pointed to a 2018 budget resolution that passed the House Budget Committee with only Republican support that would have offset tax cuts with reductions to Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare.

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### **Accounting Today: Republican leaders release tax reform update**

By Michael Cohn  
July 27, 2017

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July 18, 2017

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## **Politico Morning Tax: Some assistant secretary movement**

By Bernie Becker

July 18, 2017

**Americans for Tax Fairness** and other groups on the left took some credit for that full mailbox, saying they had helped to generate some 375,000 submissions opposing tax cuts for the rich. (A letter signed by 71 groups made similar points, insisting that "'tax reform' should not mean more tax giveaways for the wealthy and big corporations that are already flourishing.")

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## **The Hill: GOP chairman gets hundreds of thousands of comments on tax reform**

By Naomi Jagoda

July 17, 2017

An email-writing effort sponsored by **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF), Daily Kos and several other liberal groups resulted in more than 375,000 comments to Hatch, a spokesman for ATF said. Activists who sent letters as part of the effort urged Congress to have high-income people and corporations to pay their "fair share" in taxes and to use the additional tax revenue for infrastructure, education and healthcare programs.

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## **The Nation: Tell Senator Orrin Hatch What ‘Experts and Stakeholders’ Really Think of His Tax Plan**

By Rosy Alvarez  
July 14, 2017

The Nation has joined with **Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund**, People Demanding Action, Daily Kos and others to call on Congress and Senator Orrin Hatch to create a tax plan that won't cut necessary programs or give the very wealthy even more of a break. The senator will only be taking comments until Monday, July 17, so we need to act quickly. Take a minute now to write to Senator Orrin Hatch and demand a just tax plan.

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## **Politicus USA: As You Lose Your Coverage, Insurance Companies Will Get A \$145 Billion Tax Cut From Trumpcare**

By Jason Easley  
July 14, 2017

According to statement from the **Americans for Tax Fairness** provided to PoliticusUSA, “While millions of people will lose their health insurance and health coverage as a result of Republican plans to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the nation’s 8 largest health insurance corporations will get a tax cut of about \$72 billion over the next decade, according to new estimates from **Americans for Tax Fairness**. These companies will get nearly half of the \$145 billion 10-year tax cut for the entire insurance industry estimated by the Joint Committee on Taxation.”

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## **Common Dreams: The 8 Largest Health Insurance Companies Will Get a \$72 Billion Tax Cut From GOP Health Care Repeal Over Next Decade**

July 14, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release on ACA repeal.

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## **Z Net: Trump Tax Agenda**

June 20, 2017

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## **Fortune: Trump May Have Lost Millions in Tax Breaks Thanks to a GOP Health Bill Tweak**

By Lisa Fu  
July 13, 2017

A study by the **Americans for Tax Fairness** first reported that repealing the provision would have meant a large tax cut for President Trump. Trump, who earns an annual income between \$38 million and \$74 million, according to his public financial disclosure form filed with the U.S. Office of Government Ethics, easily falls into the category of individuals subject to the NIIT. The **Americans for Tax Fairness** applied the 3.8% tax to his estimated annual income to calculate that the president would receive a tax cut between \$1.4 million and \$2.8 million annually if the repeal managed to be approved by the Senate.

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## **El Tiempo Hispano: How many people would lose coverage?**

July 13, 2017

Washington, DC - The US Senate is considering GOP health care repeal bill that will take health care away from 22 million poor, working and middle-class families by 2026-to give nearly \$ 600 billion in tax breaks to the wealthy and drug and insurance companies, according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and explained in this **Americans for Tax Fairness** editorial board memo.

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## **Kaiser Health News: Juxtaposition Of Slashing Services For Poor, Deep Tax Cuts For Wealthy Hard To Sell To Constituents**

July 13, 2017

The elimination of an Affordable Care Act tax could result in a personal tax cut for President Trump of between \$1.4 million and \$2.8 million a year, according to a liberal advocacy group. **Americans for Tax Fairness** said the elimination of the 3.8% net investment income tax would, by its estimates, result in the big cut. The group based its estimates on Trump's financial disclosure form.

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## **Common Dreams: Trump Tax Agenda: 'Astonishing' Cuts for Rich Like Him and Hikes for Middle Class**

By Jake Johnson  
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ATF estimated that "President Trump could get a personal tax cut of between \$1.4 million and \$2.8 million a year" if Republicans succeed in repealing the Net Investment Income Tax, a key Obamacare tax aimed at the rich.

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July 12, 2017

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The tax in question was enacted as part of ACA and applies to individuals with a net investment income of \$200,000 or more. That income is defined as rental income, interest, dividends and capital gains.

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### **CNBnews: Data Shows How Many People Would Lose Coverage from U.S. Senate Health Care Bill**

June 29, 2017

"President Trump promised to make health care more affordable and available to more people," said Frank Clemente, Executive Director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**. "But the Republican healthcare proposals in Congress would slash Medicaid to give massive tax cuts to millionaires, health insurers and drug companies. Many working families in New Jersey will find it a lot harder to access health care. President Trump needs to support Medicaid, not millionaires."

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### **Think Progress Blog: At Trump campaign fundraiser, a scene from the Gilded Age**

By Rebekah Entralgo  
June 29, 2017



The protest, organized by Public Citizen, Every Voice, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, and Working Families Party, occurred during Trump’s first campaign fundraiser. The fundraiser had it all, really: conflicts of interest, pay-to-play politics, and self-enrichment. It cost at least \$35,000 to attend (\$110,000 if you want to be a member of the host committee).

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**Health Nut News Blog: Forbes: Walmart workers cost taxpayers \$6.2 billion in public assistance**

By Erin Elizabeth  
June 28, 2017

Using data from a 2013 study by Democratic staff from the U.S. Committee on Education and the Workforce, the “**Americans for Tax Fairness**” (a coalition of 400 national and state-level progressive groups) found, “The study estimated the cost to Wisconsin’s taxpayers of Walmart’s low wages and benefits, which often force workers to rely on various public assistance programs. It found that a single Walmart Supercenter cost taxpayers between \$904,542 and \$1.75 million per year, or between \$3,015 and \$5,815 on average for each of 300 workers.”

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**Common Dreams: Op-ed: Senate Health Bill Slashes Medicaid to Cut Millionaires’ Taxes**

By Frank Clemente  
June 28, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF’s op-ed.

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**Common Dreams: Op-ed: Big Pharma Gets \$28 Billion Tax Break in GOP Trumpcare Plan**

By Will Rice  
June 22, 2017

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**Our Future Blog: Big Pharma Gets \$28 Billion Tax Break in GOP Trumpcare Plan**

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June 22, 2017

Campaign for America’s Future published ATF’s op-ed.

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## **The Progressive: Paul Ryan Jumps At 'Once-in-a-Generation Moment' To Make the Rich Richer**

By Evan Popp  
June 21, 2017

In a statement responding to Ryan's speech and proposed plan, **Americans for Tax Fairness** Executive Director Frank Clemente said Ryan "is not serious about tax reform" and is "going to pay for those deficit-exploding giveaways by cutting Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, public education, and a whole lot more."

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## **Wall Street Journal: Paul Ryan Talks Up Likelihood of Tax Overhaul**

By Richard Rubin  
June 20, 2017

"Paul Ryan is not serious about tax reform. He's serious about tax giveaways — for millionaires, billionaires, and wealthy corporations," Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal group, said in a statement. "Middle-class Americans will see their basic standards of living reduced by Ryan's plans, just so that the rich and huge corporations can get a giant tax cut."

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June 20, 2017  
Syndicated from Wall Street Journal

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## **Common Dreams: In Major Tax Speech, Paul Ryan Lays Out Plan to Lavish Rich With Tax Cuts**

By Jake Johnson

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## **Common Dreams: Statement on Paul Ryan's Speech Today on Tax Reform**

June 20, 2017

Common Dreams published ATF's press release on Paul Ryan's Tax Reform Speech.

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## **MSN.com: Can lower business taxes trickle down to the middle class?**

By Andrew Soergel

June 9, 2017

Brill faced pushback, though, from both Sahadi – who said in her opening remarks that she "firmly [doesn't] think my company's going to give me higher wages if their taxes are cut" – and Frank Clemente, the executive director of the more liberal **Americans for Tax Fairness** advocacy group.

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## NATIONAL BROADCAST CLIPS

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

May 28, 2018

Live with Velshi and Ruhle uses Americans for Tax Fairness' data in her own "Tax Cut Tracker."

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### **Senator Bernie Sanders' Facebook: Fact Check: Trump's Tax Cuts**

May 6, 2018

Total Views: 798,000

Video based on an interview with Frank Clemente

Big surprise. It turns out a lot of Trump's talk about his tax cuts for the rich isn't true. Here are some of his most egregious claims:

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### **Senator Bernie Sanders' Facebook: Trump's Gift to Big Pharma**

May 3, 2018

Total Views: 377,000

Video based on an interview with Frank Clemente

ATF executive director, Frank Clemente, explains how the Trump-GOP tax plan was a massive gift to Big Pharma.

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

April 25, 2018

Total Views: 318,000

Video based on an interview with Frank Clemente

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

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April 17, 2018

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

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

April 17, 2018

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

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## CSPAN: Tax March Rally

by CSPAN

April 17, 2018

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

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

March 15, 2018

Total Views: 2.2 million

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

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### CSPAN-2 (Television)

February 13, 2018

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## Senator Bernie Sanders' Facebook: Apple's Huge Announcement Just a PR Move

January 30, 2018

Total Views: 1.2 million

Video based on an interview with **Frank Clemente**. It turns out Apple's huge announcement to invest \$350 billion into the U.S. economy was just a PR move.

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### **The Rachel Maddow Show: Your Constituents Will See You Now**

December 3, 2017

Rachel Maddow discusses two different protests at Barbara Comstock's office.

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### **The Rachel Maddow Show: Protesters out in droves against GOP tax bill (Television)**

December 4, 2017

Rachel Maddow looks at protests across the United States against the Republican tax bill, recognized widely as a giveaway to corporations and rich people at the expense of middle class Americans.

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### **The Rachel Maddow Show: GOP tax bill opponents plan protests to the bitter end**

December 18, 2017

Rachel Maddow looks at protests by clergy in Maine who occupied Sen. Susan Collins' office.

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### **The Rachel Maddow Show: Tax bill protests resume around the country**

December 13, 2017

Rachel Maddow covers protests at Senate offices in Washington, D.C.

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### **National Public Radio – Syndicated in 30 Additional Stations**

Washington, DC  
November 28, 2017

They took advantage of so many loopholes and deductions they were able to will their tax bills down to nothing. In the uproar that followed, Congress passed what would later become the AMT. Frank Clemente is Executive Director of Americans for Tax Fairness, "The alternative minimum tax is a minimum tax designed to make sure that wealthier people pay a reasonable level of taxes that amounts to a kind of floor on tax payment it takes the fact once you try to lower your tax bill too much." At first the number of people who had to pay the AMT was small but over time more and more taxpayers have been swept up in it.

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## **Senator Bernie Sanders' Facebook: Tim Scott's Tall Tales on Taxes**

November 28, 2017

Total Views: 418,000

Senator Tim Scott says he wants everyday, hardworking Americans to get ahead in life, so why does he support a plan where the vast majority of the benefits go to the wealthy and corporations? (Featuring **ATF's Frank Clemente**)

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## **Nicole Sandler Show: Death by Taxes (Radio)**

By Nicole Sandler

November 3, 2017

After an update on the news of the day, we turn our attention to the just-released Tax Cuts & Jobs Act. **Sandra Salstrom of Americans for Tax Fairness** joins in to tell us what's in it- the good, the bad and the ugly. And it's really ugly.

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## **Crooks and Liars: Politics and Reality Radio: GOP Tax Deform; Trump's ACA Sabotage; Marcotte on #MeToo (Podcast)**

By Joshua Holland

October 30, 2017

Syndicated from Politics and Reality Radio

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**Senator Bernie Sanders’ Facebook: Debunking Ted Cruz's Tax Trickery**

October 18, 2017

Total Views: 1.7M

Watch this tax expert debunk some of Sen. Ted Cruz's most outrageous tax theories:

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**CNBC (TV)**

U.S. Cable

September 7, 2017

Story features of clip of **Americans for Tax Fairness** Legislative Director, Sandra Salstrom, speaking at a demonstration.

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**Rising Up: Trump’s Tax Plan A Big Giveaway To Wealthy Elites**

By Sonali

September 1, 2017

Featuring **TJ Helmstetter** – After months of legislative defeats President Donald Trump in a speech in Springfield, Missouri this past Wednesday announced an ambitious plan to overhaul the US tax code.

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## STATE BROADCAST CLIPS

### Alabama

#### WAAY (Television)

Huntsville, Alabama  
February 17, 2018

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

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### Arizona

#### KNVX (Television)

Phoenix, AZ  
November 17, 2017

Jeff Flake will face some of his constituents when holding a townhall and he will be a guest in aerospace tech company. They will be talking tax reform as he finds himself in middle of the heated tax debate.

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#### KNXV (Television)

Phoenix, AZ  
November 14, 2017

Let's take a live look right now at Downtown Phoenix where you can see some protesters. Local politicians are coming out to speak against the GOP tax plan. so some of those demonstrators right there they are saying the plan unfairly benefits the rich and it will cost more for the middle class. Republicans said this plan would generate jobs and boost the economy.

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## California

### KNX-AM (Radio)

Los Angeles, California  
April 12, 2018

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

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### KCSB-FM (Radio)

Santa Barbara, CA  
September 28, 2017

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Trump's plan would provide a modest middle-class tax cut by doubling the standard deduction, but those gains might be largely offset by other changes in the tax code.

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### KCSB-FM (Radio)

Santa Barbara, CA  
July 19, 2017

Frank Clemente, the executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, characterized the spending cuts and goals as quote beneficial to big business and contrary to the desires of the general public.

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## Florida

### WBBH-FTM (Radio)

Fort Myers, Florida  
May 14, 2018

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

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### **WMNF (Radio)**

Tampa, Florida  
April 18, 2018

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

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

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### **WUWF: [Gaetz: Congress Must Pass Budget, Tax Reform This Year \(Radio\)](#)**

University of West Florida  
By Dave Dunwoody  
October 27, 2017

Critics are not impressed. The group **Americans for Tax Fairness** says the tax cuts would go to millionaires, billionaires, and big corporations, at the expense of everyone else.

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## **Indiana**

### **WFYI (Radio)**

Indianapolis, Indiana  
April 22, 2018

**Americans for Tax Fairness**, a coalition of nonprofits prepared the report. it predicts that more than 240,000 hoosiers will opt out of insurance by 2025. the paper suggests cuts to social programs, including medicare, disability, and snap could be used to pay for the new tax cuts.

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### WTIU (Radio)

Indianapolis, Indiana

April 21, 2018

A new analysis of its impact predicts many hoosiers may opt out. **Americans for Tax Fairness**, a coalition of nonprofits prepared the report. it predicts that more than 240,000 hoosiers will opt out of insurance by 2025. the paper suggests cuts to social programs, including medicare, disability, and snap could be used to pay for the new tax cuts.

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## Louisiana

### KBOK (Radio)

New Orleans, LA

September 29, 2017

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## Maryland

[WEAA-FM \(Radio\)](#)

Baltimore, MD  
September 28, 2017

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## Minnesota

[KNOW-FM \(Radio\)](#)

Minneapolis, MN  
May 29, 2018

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

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## Missouri

[KOAM \(Fox 14\) \(TV\)](#)

Joplin, MO  
August 31, 2017

The **Americans for Tax Fairness** group issued a statement yesterday saying much of what the President said on Wednesday was false.

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## Pennsylvania

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

Pittsburg, PA  
July 16, 2017

**Americans for Tax Fairness'** executive director says the Republican health care proposal in Congress would slash Medicaid to give a massive tax cuts for millionaires, health insurers and drug companies.

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## Tennessee

### WTVF (Television)

Nashville, TN  
November 10, 2017

Dozens with middle Tennessee AFL-CIO and **Americans for Tax Fairness** protested outside the Wells Fargo on west end yesterday in an effort to call Senators Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker to stop the Trump GOP tax plan. Protesters believe it would give more tax breaks to the wealthy.

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### WTVF (Television)

Nashville, TN  
November 9, 2017

No breaks for the working men and women in this country. We are out here and everybody do their part and we're going to change this country for the better. They are also calling senators to investigate how corporations and billionaires avoid paying taxes after the so-called "Paradise Papers" released last weekend.

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### WZTV (Television)

Nashville, TN  
November 9, 2017

Protesters demonstrating on West End calling on congressional members to reject the GOP tax plan proposal. They claim it will give breaks to banks and incentivize companies to move businesses overseas. Some of the biggest changes in the house plan include a full repeal of the state and local tax deduction, a child tax credit and one year phase-in of a 20% corporate tax. the GOP is feeling the pressure where you are after Democrats won some key races in Tuesday's election.

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## STATE MEDIA CLIPS

### Alabama

[The Montgomery Advertiser: What Donald Trump is not telling you about his tax overhaul plan: Some will pay more taxes](#)

By Herb Jackson  
October 11, 2017  
Syndicated from USA Today

If Congress relies on a projected surge of economic growth to pay for tax cuts and that surge does not happen, Congress will look for places to cut spending when deficits start to grow in the future, said Frank Clemente, director of the liberal group **Americans for Tax Fairness**. "The reality is, the way the Republicans structured their plans, people at \$50,000 a year are going to get maybe a buck a day, not enough to buy a cup of coffee," Clemente said. "Is it worth getting that extra money if ... it's going to jeopardize retirement security, health care, help to send their kids to college, the roads and bridges everybody agrees we need?"

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[Alex City Outlook: Reports suggest that thousands in Alabama could lose health coverage](#)

July 9, 2017

"President Trump promised to make health care more affordable and available to more people," Frank Clemente, the executive director of the organization **Americans for Tax Fairness** said. "But the Republican healthcare proposals in Congress would slash Medicaid to give massive tax cuts to millionaires, health insurers and drug companies."

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### Arizona

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

by EJ Montini  
January 27 2018

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



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**Arizona Capitol Times: Op-ed: [Don't be fooled by tax proposal rhetoric](#)**

By John Newport  
December 4, 2017

On November 29 headlines proclaimed that the Senate Budget Committee had approved President Trump's controversial tax reform plan.

While analysts estimate that the three-quarters of middle class families who take the standard deduction would realize modest tax savings, due to a doubling of the standard deduction to \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for married couples, big corporations and the super-rich would reap by far the biggest windfalls. Actually the doubling of the standard deduction is a misnomer, as exemptions (currently at \$4050 per person) would be eliminated under both the House and Senate bills.

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**The Tucson Weekly: Op-ed: [The Skinny](#)**

By Jim Nintzel  
November 30, 2017

Who would have thought that the fate of the Senate tax giveaway would rest on the shoulders of Arizona Sens. **John McCain** and **Jeff Flake**?

Yet here we are: The Senate is planning to push a massive, partisan tax cut for the richest Americans through the Senate in as little time as possible. The GOP's Senate plan would increase the deficit by a staggering \$1.5 trillion dollars over 10 years; would raise taxes on many middle-class Americans; would hike taxes on college students; and carve new loopholes into the tax code instead of removing them. (Tax breaks for private jets, really? That's clearing the barnacles off the tax code?)

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[The Arizona Republic \(AZCentral.com\): Op-ed: Millionaire: Tax plan will hurt the country, even if it benefits me](#)

By Karen Seal Stewart  
November 29, 2017

Here's a staggering statistic: The 400 richest Americans, combined, have as much wealth as the bottom 64 percent of U.S. households — the equivalent of 204 million people. But under a new GOP tax proposal expected to come up in Congress this month, America's billionaires stand to see their wealth dramatically increase at the expense of the American middle class and crucial public services.

As a millionaire, I will personally benefit if Republicans pass the bill. But as an Arizonan and an American, I believe that the proposed tax plan is bad for our state and bad for our country.

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[Arizona Daily Star \(Tucson.com\): Editorial: Principles dictate 'no' vote on tax bill for McCain and Flake](#)

Editorial Board  
November 29, 2017

The Republican tax bill, to be voted on in the Senate as early as this week, rewards the wealthiest Americans while giving a sop to middle-class taxpayers and actively harming lower-income families.

The fate of the current tax bill is in the hands of a few Republican senators who in the past have shown they are not afraid to diverge from the party line. Arizona is lucky that both its representatives in the Senate are in that group.

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[Arizona Daily Star \(Tucson.com\): Letter to the Editor: Graduate school students at risk under proposed GOP tax plan](#)

By Sovay Hansen  
November 25, 2017

It is hard to tell what Americans will dread more this Thanksgiving weekend: avoiding talking to relatives with opposing political views, or the feeling of dread that comes with knowing that we may be one day closer to seeing this frightening proposed tax bill become a reality.

There are valid reasons to be afraid of this tax plan that the Senate is set to debate after the holiday.

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[The Arizona Republic \(AZCentral.com\): Few Arizonans expect GOP tax-cut plan will help them, poll says](#)

By Ronald J. Hansen  
November 24, 2017

The poll of 400 registered voters was conducted by Hart Research Associates, a firm that has helped Democrats, and the survey was distributed by the liberal advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**. It has a 5 percentage point margin of error.

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[Tuscon.com: Letter To the Editor: This isn't tax reform, it's a giveaway for rich](#)

By Mary Daly  
November 22, 2017

I am asking Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake to vote “no” on the tax bill, which not only benefits the wealthy but treats with disdain those who are struggling financially. How can taking away the ability for a teacher to deduct \$250 for classroom expenditures, taking away the ability to deduct interest on student loans and taking away state and local tax deductions — not to mention the individual mandate from the Affordable Care Act — be called tax reform? Cutting taxes to the wealthy and to large businesses is not cutting taxes for the middle and lower earners. Soon there will be no middle class.

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## Arkansas

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

by Max Brantley  
March 9, 2018

To see how much Walmart has cost each state in corporate tax welfare, check out Americans for Tax Fairness 2014 comprehensive report, How Taxpayers Subsidize America's Biggest Employer and Richest Family [page 10, table 1].

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[The Jonesboro Sun: Op-ed: Big Pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**  
December 8, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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**Arkansas Democrat-Gazette: [Little Rock protesters rally against service cuts in GOP tax plan](#)**

By John Moritz  
November 22, 2017

The demonstration included a skit depicting a “fat cat,” and protesters chanted against cutting taxes for wealthy Americans. They specifically named Arkansas’ Walton and Stephens families as potential beneficiaries of the proposal.

Neal Sealy of Arkansas Community Organizations, the group behind the event, said the protest was held at the Human Services offices as “symbolism” because of the services offered by the office, such as Medicaid.

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**Pine Bluff Commercial: [Letter to the Editor: Oppose cutting health care for wealth care](#)**

By Ray Williams  
November 19, 2017

We have a congress and President that wants to make the rich richer at the expense of struggling families. To so-called tax reform that Congress wants to pass will give trillions of dollars to big corporations and the very wealthy. They will pay for it by slashing programs that are vital to hundreds of thousands of families in Arkansas.

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**Pine Bluff Commercial: [Letter to the Editor: Don’t cut Medicaid, Medicare to pay for tax breaks](#)**

By Deborah Henderson  
November 19, 2017

Right now some of our representatives in Congress want to pass big tax breaks for the very wealthy and corporations. They plan to pay for these tax breaks by making big cuts to Medicaid and Medicare. People need access to affordable and quality health care. Why would we cut people’s health care coverage to give more money to wealthy people and big corporations?

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**Pine Bluff Commercial: [Letter to the Editor: Bill gives tax breaks to the richest](#)**

By Brainard Bivens  
November 19, 2017

We've seen Representative Westerman vote to cut health care to give tax cuts to the rich during the efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act earlier this year. This time, Congress is using the same fast-track process to jam the legislation through before anyone realizes who's really paying for these big tax breaks — you and me.

Mr. Westerman forgets that over 700,000 people in Arkansas receive health coverage through Medicaid and another 595,000 people have health coverage through Medicare.

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**[Talk Business & Politics: U.S. House passes plan to overhaul tax code; gets backing from Arkansas GOP delegation](#)**

By Wesley Brown  
November 17, 2017

The “Not One Penny” coalition, which includes such groups as Alongside **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Indivisible, MoveOn.org, Organizing for Action and Tax March, said Brady's legislation will raise taxes on middle-class families give tax breaks to millionaires, billionaires and wealthy corporations.

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**[The Jonesboro Sun: Op-ed: Transparency is a start. Fairness is the goal.](#)**

By Jon Green, Sarah Anderson and **Frank Clemente**

Syndicated by American Forum

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**[Arkansas Times: U.S. House approves plan to help wealthy, slash Medicare, Medicaid](#)**

By Max Brantley  
October 5, 2017

**Americans for Tax Fairness** is already anticipating the worst. It said in a release: Earlier today, the House of Representatives voted 219 to 206 in favor of the Republican House budget resolution that proposed \$5.8 trillion in cuts over the next decade to Medicare, Medicaid, education, infrastructure and other critical services while paving the way for trillions of dollars in tax cuts that would mostly benefit the wealthy and corporations. The vote was almost entirely along party lines, with 18 Republicans joining all Democrats against the resolution.

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## California

**The San Bernardino American Newspaper: Opinion: [Corporate tax cuts are not trickling down](#)**

by Frank Clemente

May 16, 2018

Syndicated from American Forum

Working families are, as usual, getting the short end of the stick from the new Trump-GOP tax law. Huge tax cuts that mostly go to the wealthy and corporations are exploding the national debt, and threaten deep cuts to essential public services like Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and education.

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May 16, 2018

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

by Dan Desai Martin  
May 30, 2018

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

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

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May 11, 2018

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

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April 10, 2018  
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December 26, 2017

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**[NewsReview.com: Tax turncoat? Protestors descend on congressman's Roseville office over Republican tax plan](#)**

By Scott Thomas Anderson  
December 14, 2017

More than 180 people massed outside of Republican Rep. Tom McClintock's Roseville office Tuesday, shouting slogans and waving signs that demanded the Fourth District representative stand by his previous pledges to support middle class taxpayers. Throughout his long career as a conservative staple in California politics, McClintock has made speech after speech about lessening the tax burden the federal government puts on citizens. But as Republican leaders in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives attempt to reconcile their alternative tax overhauls into a bill that can be signed by the president, plenty of tax analysts predict a final plan that will give massive breaks to the wealthiest Americans by shifting more tax demands onto every other walk of life.

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**[Los Angeles Times: Outside Rep. Ed Royce's office, protesters don top hats, call GOP tax bill a tool for the rich](#)**

By Christine Mai-Duc  
December 6, 2017

Protests over the GOP tax bill continued Wednesday, with several dozen opponents picketing outside Republican Rep. Ed Royce's district office in Brea. Some of them donned black blazers and top hats — one had a monocle — echoing widespread criticism that the measure is primarily designed to benefit wealthy Americans and corporations. They chanted, "Shame on you!" and held signs denouncing the "GOP tax scam," before filing in, a few at a time, to fill out comment cards with Royce's district office staff.



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**Victorville Daily Press: [Protesters fear tax package will lead to safety-net cutbacks](#)**

By Shea Johnson  
December 5, 2017

A self-described grassroots coalition of union members and community activists rallied outside Rep. Paul Cook's office Tuesday morning seeking to press the Republican lawmaker to change his tune on major party-line tax legislation they said would likely lead to cutbacks to invaluable social programs.

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**Los Angeles Times: [Rallies planned across California as activists pressure GOP House members on tax vote](#)**

By Christine Mai-Duc  
December 4, 2017

With another round of votes looming on the Republicans' tax overhaul bill, Democratic activists are planning a series of protests and rallies across the state to pressure GOP members to oppose it. Rep. Ed Royce (R-Fullerton) is the target of at least a couple of those events, starting Monday when activists plan to dress up in Santa suits and hand out "lumps of coal" with notes attached saying Royce "has been naughty and endangers your family" with his previous tax vote.

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**The Fresno Bee: [Letter to the Editor: Trump tax plan makes him even richer](#)**

By Elizabeth Sempadian  
December 3, 2017

**Americans for Tax Fairness** say the tax plan encourages outsourcing, shifting more profits offshore. According to a number of independent analyses, it would not prevent corporations from sending jobs and profits overseas to boost their bottom-lines. Significantly, active income of U.S. companies earned offshore won't be subject to U.S. taxes.

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**Orange County Register: [Opinion: Middle-class Californians on losing end of tax reform](#)**

By Jennifer Muir Beuthin  
December 14, 2017

And these cuts to Medicare would come at a time when the federal budget plan approved by Republicans to pay for the tax plan would make additional cuts to services, including \$1.3 trillion from Medicaid and other health care programs and \$470 billion from Medicare over 10 years. The budget also threatens Supplemental Security Income and tax credits and financial aid to help college students, according to an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

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**Local News for Chinese (San Francisco): [Harmful to the health of the American people](#)**

October 14, 2017

Citing a recent report by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, he unveiled how a pharmaceutical company, Gilead Sciences, charges a high price and at the same time spearheads billions of dollars in tax avoidance.

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**San Diego Free Press: [“Not One Penny” Aims at Rep. Issa in Campaign Opposing Tax Cuts for the Wealthy](#)**

By Doug Porter  
August 9, 2017

Organizations joining the Not One Penny campaign include Tax March, Civic Action, Indivisible Project, MoveOn, Public Citizen, Stand Up America, Working Families Party, Patriotic Millionaires, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, SEIU 32BJ, Demos, Credo, Economic Policy Institute, Social Security Works, Citizens for Tax Justice, National Women’s Law Center, Money Out Voters In, State Innovation Exchange Action, UltraViolet, ProgressNow, and more.

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**Orange County Register: Op-ed: [To offer real public assistance, cut taxes](#)**

By Susan Shelley  
August 5, 2017

Last week, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and White House legislative director Marc Short spoke about tax reform at an event that was sponsored by two conservative groups, Freedom Partners and Americans for Prosperity, and protested by a liberal group, **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

The protest organizers sent out a news release urging media organizations to “send cameras.” They promised that “impacted people will share their stories via bullhorn” while participants held “brightly colored signs.”

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[California Political Review: Op-ed: Tax Day Marchers Asking: What Is Trump Hiding? \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#)

By Stephen Frank  
August 13, 2017

Sources: **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) and EPI analysis of McIntyre, Gardner, and Phillips (2014a, i); Zucman (2014, 132–133); and GAO (2016, 13)

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[YubaNet.com: Report: Trump Could Get Up to a \\$2.8 Million Annual Tax Cut From GOP Health Plan](#)

July 13, 2017  
Syndicated ATF press release

In a new study, **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimates that President Trump could get a personal tax cut of between \$1.4 million and \$2.8 million a year if Republicans in Congress repeal a key provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The range is due to the income ranges provided by Trump in his recent financial disclosure form.

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## Colorado

[Mountain Mail: Opinion: Corporate tax cuts not trickling down to workers](#)

By Frank Clemente  
May 16, 2018  
Syndicated from American Forum

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

Letter to the Editor

February 17, 2018

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

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

by Matt Egan

February 16, 2018

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

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[The Mountain Mail: Op-ed: The GOP's tax overhaul: Worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 27, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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[Colorado Public Radio: GOP Tax Reform Stirs Both Ire And Applause In Colorado](#)

By Michael Sakas

December 14, 2017

House and Senate Republicans say they've reached an agreement on the contents of a tax overhaul package they want to rush to President Donald Trump's desk as soon as possible. But while the GOP is nearing the votes it needs for passage without support from Democrats, the measure remains divisive, both across the country, and in Colorado.

Republican Rep. Mike Coffman supports the bill. But outside his Aurora office on Wednesday, about 60 or so people were chanting, waving at honking cars, even laying in the grass pretending to be dead next to signs in the shape of tombstones.

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## [KUNC: Congress Takes Aim At Tax Rules That Hit Hardest At Upper Middle Class](#)

By Jim Zarroli (NPR)

November 28, 2017

It wasn't supposed to be like that. When it first took effect in 1970, the AMT was intended to keep the superwealthy from dodging all taxes by taking too many deductions. Congress passed the AMT after the Treasury revealed that 155 high-income households had not paid a dime of federal income taxes.

"It's designed to make sure that wealthier people pay a reasonable level of tax," says Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans For Tax Fairness**.

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## Connecticut

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

April 21, 2018

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

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## Florida

[The Banner: Opinion: Corporate tax cuts are not trickling down](#)

by Frank Clemente

May 16, 2018

Syndicated from American Forum

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

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May 11, 2018

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

April 22, 2018

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

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

by Frank Clemente

April 18, 2018

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

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

by Elder Lee Harris

April 17, 2018

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

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

by Aaron Mesmer

April 17, 2018

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

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

By Michael Bennett

January 18, 2018

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

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

by Jason Sattler  
Jan 30 2018

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

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

By **Frank Clemente**  
January 7, 2018

Syndicated by American Forum

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**Citrus County Chronicle: [Letter to the Editor: Tax plan needs to benefit all](#)**

By Harriet Heywood  
December 5, 2017

According to the Economic Policy Institute and **Americans for Tax Fairness**, while the statutory rate is set at 35 percent, the actual corporate tax rate for U.S. corporations is between 14 percent and 19.4 percent by the time loopholes are factored in. And a sizable number of transnationals pay no taxes at all. Didn't the Paradise Papers just prove that?

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**Bradenton Herald: [Letter to the Editor: Tax cuts will benefit only the wealthy in 10 years](#)**

By Jenni Casale  
December 23, 2017



According to the **Americans for Tax Fairness** analysis, by 2027 (less than 10 years from now), 83 percent of the tax cuts will go to the top 1 percent. By that same year, 92 million middle-class American families will pay more in taxes. Those who represent us think that we either won't notice, or we are OK with it. They are sorely mistaken. They also hope we overlook the fact that this bill will add \$1.5 trillion to \$2.2 trillion to the federal deficit which will trigger automatic cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and other programs that people count on.

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**[WJCT Public Broadcasting: Jacksonville Clergy Coalition Calls on Florida's U.S. Senators To Reject Proposed Tax Plan](#)**

By Ryan Benk  
November 28, 2017

In Hemming Park Tuesday, in front of Republican Sen. Marco Rubio's Hogan Street office, Pastor Lee Harris of the Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church compared the GOP-led tax plan to some of the worst moral failings in U.S. history.

"At best this plan is a reincarnation of the trickle-down economics, which never worked. During the Reagan/Bush era it never worked. At worst, it's a kind of neo-slavery and works at the ethnic cleansing of people of color," he said. "Either way, it is something that people of color cannot afford."

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**[Folio Weekly Magazine: Faith Leaders: Republican Tax Reform Bill is 'Immoral,' 'Attack on American Families'](#)**

By Claire Goforth  
November 28, 2017

Standing across the street from Rubio's Jacksonville office, they decried the Republican-drafted tax reform plan for benefiting the wealthy and harming lower-income Americans-particularly minorities, children, the elderly and working families-for raising the national deficit, and taking healthcare coverage from millions.

"[This plan] gives the richest 1 percent and corporations a huge tax cut ... it cuts the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 20 and eliminates estate tax that really only benefits people like our president," said Joey McKinnon of Faith in Public Life, the multid denominational faith group that organized the press conference.

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**[Florida Politics: Jax preachers call Senate tax plan 'economic genocide'](#)**

By A.G. Gancarski  
November 28, 2017

Steps away from Sen. Marco Rubio's Jacksonville office, a group of Jacksonville preachers thundered against the "immoral" tax bill in the U.S. Senate Tuesday. .... The rhetoric they used was trenchant. .... Rev. Linda D. Girouex called the plan "economic genocide." .... Elder Lee Harris of the of the African-American Ministers Leadership Conference expressed similar sentiments, saying the plan "will destroy certain people," including poor people and people of color. .... Calling the plan "neo-slavery" and saying it amounted to "ethnic cleansing of people of color," Harris likened it to "chattel slavery ... Jim Crow ... mass incarceration" in its impact, which would include cuts to Medicaid and food stamps, while removing the ability to deduct student loan interest payments. .... "Plantations grow bigger, and only the plantation owners reap the benefits," Harris said. .... Pastor Avery Garner described the "unholy contract" as an "attack on American families," before making a direct appeal to Sen. Rubio. .... "I have seen that you have your own doubts about this legislation," Garner said. "You can vote no."

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### **Florida Politics: [Tampa Bay sees protest of GOP tax proposals](#)**

By Mitch Perry  
November 21, 2017

Speakers at the rally also said the tax bills could cut Medicaid, an argument that congressional Republicans insist is not the case. "This plan is going to sacrifice retiree benefits and that money will go to the GOP tax cuts," said Marina Welch, a former nurse. "Middle Class Americans rely on Medicaid for long-term services and support. Medicaid provides home and community based services that allow seniors to stay in their homes."

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### **The Ybor City Stogie: [Trump Tax Scam Rally](#)**

November 21, 2017

Organize Florida staged a direct action at Wells Fargo as a part of Health Care for America Now's November 21 "No Thanks!" Day of Action. Supporters, including allies from Indivisible East Hillsborough, marched to Wells Fargo from MacDill Park.

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[The Newnan Times-Herald: Opinion: GOP budget – great for fortunate sons, not the rest of us](#)

By Clay Neely  
October 25, 2017

The House also indicated various domestic programs would have substantial budget cuts. Thus, popular programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security were on the chopping block. In the words of the progressive **Americans for Tax Fairness**, this would mean: “\$5.8 trillion in cuts over the next decade to Medicare, Medicaid, education, infrastructure and other critical services.”

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[Tampa Bay Reporter: Forum Set On Trump’s Tax Plan](#)

October 17, 2017

The community conversation is hosted by the St. Petersburg NAACP, SEIU, Indivisible FL-13, For Our Future FL, Fired Up Pinellas, Women’s March Pinellas, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Health Care for America Now, the AFL-CIO, MoveOn, the Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights, and the Tax March.

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[Pensacola Journal: ATF: President Trump could get \\$2.8M tax cut with Obamacare tax repeal](#)

By Jessica Estepa  
July 12, 2017

**Americans for Tax Fairness** said the elimination of the 3.8% net investment income tax would, by its estimates, result in the big cut. The group based its estimates on Trump's financial disclosure form.

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## Georgia

Atlanta Inquirer: [Opinion: Corporate tax cuts not trickling down to workers: Frank Clemente](#)

by Frank Clemente

May 24, 2018

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## Hawaii

Lahaina News: [Opinion: Corporate tax cuts not trickling down to workers: Frank Clemente](#)

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Lahaina News: Op-ed: [GOP's tax overhaul is the worst Christmas present ever](#)

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January 10, 2018

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Lahaina News: [Op-ed: Senate health bill slashes Medicaid to cut millionaires' taxes](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

July 13, 2017

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[Lahaina News: Op-ed: Trump cuts critical services to pay for wealthy tax cuts](#)

By Frank Clemente

June 29, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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## Idaho

[Morning News: Opinion: Corporate tax cuts not trickling down to workers](#)

by Frank Clemente

May 24, 2018

Syndicated from American Forum

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## Illinois

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

by Jeff Boyer

April 14, 2018

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

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[MyWabashValley.com: Local Group Protests GOP Tax Bill](#)

December 14, 2017

Chicago -- It's an unseasonably warm December 4 evening and a crowd of about 500 people, some wearing knitted pussy hats and recycled signs from previous rallies, are gathered at the plaza in front of the Chicago Board of Trade. Two days earlier the Senate passed its version of the GOP's tax plan, which gives lavish tax breaks to the wealthy at the expense of everyone else.

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[In These Times: In the Face of the GOP's Class-War Tax Bill, Chicago Activists Voice Outrage in the Streets](#)

By Timna Axel  
December 7, 2017

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[Chicago Sun-Times: Letter to the Editor: Roskam's tax bill in Congress would hurt the middle class](#)

By Leslie Sadowski-Fugitt  
November 22, 2017

U.S. Rep. Peter Roskam, R-Ill., is one of the men behind the House tax bill. As has been the case lately, he gets it wrong again. Roskam has refused to hold town halls for over a decade, and has shown he is completely out of touch with his constituents. Peter, your constituents want our tax dollars to go toward improving society for all, not in the pockets of the ultra-wealthy and corporations.

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[Northwest Herald: Letter to the Editor: Tax Cuts and Jobs Act won't help me](#)

By Robert Loren Teiken  
November 22, 2017

This legislation primarily benefits corporations and wealthy individuals while adding \$1.5 trillion to our federal debt. Among those most adversely affected are many of us living in Illinois' 6th Congressional District. As a personal example, this bill will increase my income taxes by several thousand dollars because of the elimination of the state income tax deduction, limitations on the property tax deduction and elimination of personal exemptions. Our Congressman, Rep. Peter Roskam, who had an influential role in passage of the legislation, would have us believe differently. He contends that his constituents will see large tax cuts, tens of thousands of new jobs and increased incomes. These claims are based on questionable analysis prepared by the Koch funded Tax Foundation, which uses a supply side (i.e., trickle down) macroeconomic model that does not hold up in reality.

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[Northwest Herald: More than 100 protesters turn out for Roskam appearance at GOP fundraiser in Downers Grove](#)

By Bob Rakow  
November 17, 2017

Many protesters said they came out to oppose Roskam's support of a tax plan they describe as regressive and harmful to the middle class.

The House of Representatives voted Thursday to pass the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Roskam, who serves as chairman of the Tax Policy Subcommittee on the Ways and Means Committee, has taken a leadership role in crafting the legislation.

... "There's not one thing in that bill for the middle class," said [Reid] McCollum, [a leader of the Coalition for a Better Illinois 6th,] who specifically criticized the proposal to eliminate state and local tax deductions.

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[Patch \(Downers Grove\): 250 Protesters Rally Against Roskam At GOP Fundraiser](#)

By Lisa Marie Farver  
November 17, 2017

More than 250 people crowded outside a GOP fundraiser in Downers Grove Thursday protest Pete Roskam (R-IL6), who was the keynote speaker at the event. Protesters held signs that read "Roskam Fails to Represent" and "I Can Smell the Greed From Here." The protest coincided with the House of Representatives passing the controversial Roskam-sponsored Tax Cuts and Job Act.

It was also as close as many constituents could get to Roskam, who has infamously refused to hold in-person town hall meetings.

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[Naperville Sun: Mixed reaction from Fox Valley-area lawmakers to House approval of GOP tax plan](#)

By Erin Hegarty  
November 16, 2017

Still, members of a coalition that have been critical of Roskam see the reform measure as a detriment to people who are not wealthy.

"We feel pretty strongly that this tax scam roasts the middle class," said Reid McCollum, a leader with The Coalition for a Better Illinois 6th. The coalition sees the tax reform measure as "a handout to the wealthy."

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### [Daily Herald: Letter to the Editor: Seniors at risk](#)

By Jerry Freda  
October 26, 2017

Mr. Roskam has voted to cut funding for Medicare by \$487 billion and cut Medicaid and other health care programs by \$1.5 trillion over 10 years. To take funds from tens of thousands of seniors in his district and give that money away to provide huge tax cuts for his wealthy donors is not what the people of the 6th District sent him to Washington to do.

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### [Kane County Chronicle: Seniors decry proposed cuts to Medicare, Medicaid; demand meeting with Roskam](#)

By Brenda Schory  
October 5, 2017

Jeanne Cameron, executive director of the Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans, said her group represents more than 257,000 retirees in Illinois.

“We are here today to follow up on our August request to meet with Congressman Peter Roskam,” Cameron said. “We are asking him to keep his word to seniors to protect their benefits and vote no on the Trump-Ryan budget proposal that would pay for tax cuts to the wealthiest 1 percent by drastically cutting Medicaid and Medicare.”

... “He committed to protecting these senior programs,” Cameron said. “We were extremely disappointed when he broke his word and voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act in May, which would have resulted in over 20 million people, many of whom are seniors, losing coverage. But today, Congressman Roskam has a second chance to do the right thing and vote down this budget that cuts health care for seniors and gives tax cuts to the rich.”

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### [Enews Park Forest: As Trump Begins Tax Reform Push, Critics Rip Plan as Fact-Free, Trickle-Down ‘Scam’](#)

By Jake Johnson  
August 31, 2017

“Make no mistake, what Trump and Republican leaders in Congress are proposing is not tax reform,” Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF)**, said in a [statement](#) on Tuesday. “They simply want massive tax cuts for millionaires, billionaires, and big corporations, at the expense of everyone else. And those tax giveaways will be paid for by cuts to Social Security, healthcare, education, and other programs that maintain living standards for working families.”



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[RiverBender.com: Durbin, Reed, and Brown introduce bills to stop corporate inversions & put money back into the pockets of the working class families](#)

July 27, 2017

This legislation is endorsed by: **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, Public Citizen, AFSCME, the FACT Coalition, US PIRG, and Global Financial Integrity.

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[Enews Park Forest: Trump Tax Agenda: 'Astonishing' Cuts for Rich Like Him and Hikes for Middle Class](#)

By Jake Johnson

July 13, 2017

As **Americans for Tax Fairness** (ATF) found in a study also published on Wednesday, among the principal beneficiaries of the Senate's plan would be Trump himself.

ATF estimated that "President Trump could get a personal tax cut of between \$1.4 million and \$2.8 million a year" if Republicans succeed in repealing the Net Investment Income Tax, a key Obamacare tax aimed at the rich.

"Now we know how much President Trump stands to benefit personally if Republicans eliminate just one tax on the wealthy under the Affordable Care Act," said AFT executive director Frank Clemente. "Instead of giving himself a tax cut worth up to \$2.8 million, the president should keep his campaign promises not to cut Medicaid and Medicare."

## Indiana

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

by Jill Sheridan

April 19, 2018

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

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April 19, 2018

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[WVUT: Concerns Raised Over Reform Impact On Hoosiers](#)

by Samantha Horton  
April 18, 2018

Frank Clemente is the executive director of **Americans For Tax Fairness**. He says very few corporations – in Indiana or elsewhere – have followed through.

In a recent report released by Americans For Tax Fairness about Indiana, the group estimated that not only healthcare could be hurt, but also things such as infrastructure. The watchdog group says Indiana could lose nearly \$3 billion in transportation funding between 2021 and 2027 under the Trump Administration’s budget plan.

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**[WBIW.com: Report Reveals Price-Gouging by 10 Biggest Drug Companies](#)**

December 13, 2017

A report from **Americans for Tax Fairness** calls it price-gouging and coughs up evidence that Big Pharma – as the Big Ten are sometimes called – raised prices for their most prescribed medicines over the five-year period by 40 percent and more – in some cases as much as 71 percent – a rate that exceeded the national inflation rate by 14 times.

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**[The Indianapolis Star: Letter to the Editor: Medicaid helps me live; don’t cut it](#)**

By Kim Saylor  
October 13, 2017

President Trump announced his tax framework in Indiana. It will cut taxes for big corporations by \$4.3 trillion over the next 10 years. Big companies already pay very little in taxes because of the corporate tax loopholes that allow them to hide their profits offshore to avoid paying the 35% corporate tax rate.

The rich have been getting richer and the poor getting poor for a long time in Indiana and across the country. This plan is more of the same: cutting Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, public education, housing, transportation, and other services in order to fund tax breaks for the rich and corporations. That's not the kind of "reform" our state needs.

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**The Courier-Times: Op-ed: [Senate health bill slashes Medicaid to cut millionaires' taxes](#)**

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## Iowa

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

by Daniel McCoy  
March 23, 2018

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

by Josh Hoxie  
February 14, 2018

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

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**Newton Daily News: Op-ed: [The GOP's tax overhaul: Worst Christmas present ever](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 26, 2017

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**Newton Daily News: Op-ed: [Big Pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)**

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December 13, 2017

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**KKWL: Rally against tax reform bill in Dubuque**

By Shirley Descorbeth

December 6, 2017

"It won't be a Merry Christmas if the tax plan goes through!"

In front of Congressman Rod Blum's Dubuque office, the small, but determined group rallied against the Senate Republicans tax reform bill.

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**Iowa Starting Line Blog: [Iowans Start Taking Empty Bottles Of Booze To Chuck Grassley's Offices](#)**

By prynard

December 5, 2017

Non-millionaire Iowans who clearly have wasted too much of their hard-earned money on booze, women and movies descended upon Chuck Grassley's offices today to deliver empty bottles of alcohol to their esteemed senator.

Actually, it was a protest organized by several progressive groups to express voters' outrage over Grassley's recent insulting comments aimed at working people. Iowa Citizen Action Network, the Main Street Alliance of Iowa and Americans for Democratic Action Iowa held rallies outside of the senator's offices in Des Moines and Waterloo this afternoon. Attendees brought empty bottles of booze to mock Grassley's quote on what the working class spends money on.

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**[Des Moines Register: Memo to Grassley: Not much women and booze in some folks' budgets](#)**

By Rekha Basu  
December 5, 2017

The Iowa Citizen Action Network along with the Main Street Alliance of Iowa and Americans for Democratic Action Iowa were hosting rallies outside Grassley's Des Moines and Waterloo offices Tuesday to protest his statements. A press release said they would come "along with our empty booze bottles ... to give citizens a chance to tell him what Iowans really need."

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**[The \(Waterloo-Cedar Falls\) Courier: Grassley comment draws liquor-bottle protest in Waterloo](#)**

By Pat Kinney  
December 5, 2017

It wasn't exactly happy hour outside U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley's Waterloo office Tuesday afternoon.

About 20 protesters, organized by Black Hawk County Supervisor Chris Schwartz, an organizer for progressive activist group Americans for Democratic Action-Iowa, showed up in bone-chilling wind outside the Waterloo Building where Grassley's office is located. They carried empty liquor bottles in protest of a comment Grassley made in a Des Moines Register interview about a pending tax bill. Grassley says the comment is being taken out of context.

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**[Radiolowa: Senator Grassley says his quote on estate taxes was taken out of context](#)**

By Matt Kelley  
December 5, 2017

Some Iowans are upset about Senator Chuck Grassley's recent comment about how a person who doesn't save money may just be blowing it on "booze or women or movies."

Three groups are holding protests today outside Grassley's offices in Waterloo and Des Moines. Grassley, a Republican, says he was defending the GOP effort to scale back federal estate taxes as a way to help people who invest.

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**[We Are Iowa \(WOI and KCWI\): Business owner details impact of tax reform](#)**

By Sarah Beckman  
November 3, 2017

As President Trump and dozens of Republicans get behind the tax reform bill dropped on Thursday, Iowa small business owners are reacting to the news. Some are not happy. Local 5 sat down with a small business owner who gave us a basic idea of how the proposed legislation will affect her and other small businesses in Iowa. She said they'll lose the ability to claim state and local taxes, known as the SALT tax, when they file their federal return. She said it could be enough to bottom out some small businesses to the point they close their doors.

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**Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier: [Main Street Alliance raises concerns about GOP budget](#)**

By Christina Crippes  
October 25, 2017

Young and others on the call took issue with the notion the budget resolution or tax reform would benefit small businesses. She said the proposed reduction to corporate tax rates would have no impact on her business.

Elected officials also noted a trickle-down impact of the spending cuts and tax cuts in the budget resolution.

“The budget cuts will decimate Iowa’s budget,” said state Rep. Marti Anderson, D-Des Moines. “Iowa’s budget, which is already stretched too thin, will be forced to make up the difference by steeply, steeply cutting the quality of services on everything from education to health care to road maintenance and public safety.”

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**Globe Gazette: [Main Street Alliance, Iowa business owners raise concerns about GOP budget](#)**

By Christina Crippes  
October 25, 2017

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[Des Moines Register: Op-ed: Grassley can \(and should\) stop budget-busting tax bill](#)

By ReShonda Young  
October 9, 2017

The vast majority of lowans will get very little from these tax cuts, because they are heavily slanted toward the rich and corporations. But nearly all Iowa families and small businesses (such as mine) will suffer from the resulting loss of public revenue: fewer potholes patched, fewer teachers hired, loss of health care, less retirement security.

Trump proposed more than \$4 trillion in cuts to Social Security, Medicaid, education and hundreds of other services people in Iowa depend on to help pay for his tax cut

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[The Telegraph Herald: U.S. lawmakers from Iowa, Wisconsin weigh in on GOP tax reform plan](#)

By Thomas J. Barton  
September 27, 2017

The six-figure ad campaign by Not One Penny — a broad coalition that includes groups like Indivisible, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Tax March and several labor unions — highlights Blum’s past vote for a tax break to health insurance companies that pay their CEOs more than \$500,000 as part of health care repeal. The campaign calls on Blum to say “not one penny more in tax breaks for millionaires.”

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[Newton Daily News: Op-ed: Senate health bill slashes Medicaid to cut millionaires’ taxes](#)

By **Frank Clemente**  
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## Kentucky

[Leitchfield Record: Opinion: Frank Clemente: Corporate tax cuts are not trickling down](#)

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[London Sentinel-Echo: Op-ed: The GOP's tax overhaul: Worst Christmas present ever](#)

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December 27, 2017

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[ABC 36 News \(Lexington, KY\): PROGRESSIVE GROUPS HOLD PROTEST AGAINST GOP TAX PLAN](#)

By Kelsi Thorud

November 22, 2017

LEXINGTON, Ky. (WTVQ)- With the senate expected to vote on a federal tax reform bill soon, critics of the proposed plan are taking to the streets calling for its defeat.

A group against the republican-backed plan hosted a rally in Lexington Wednesday.

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**Louisville Business First: Op-ed: [Tax reform proposals should concern Kentucky homeowners](#)**

By Michael Becker  
November 22, 2017

Syndicated from Courier Journal

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**Lexington Herald Leader: Op-ed: [GOP tax plan wages war on education, opportunity](#)**

By Jason W. Marion  
November 22, 2017

One of my co-workers used to remind me, “Never forget where you came from,” and I will never forget his words. Folks like state Rep. Rocky Adkins preach and defend the preservation of “hope and opportunity.”

Their words have plagued my mind with a question: What am I doing to preserve hope and opportunity for others seeking the opportunities I enjoyed.

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**Courier Journal (Louisville, KY): Op-ed: [Kentucky homeowners should be concerned about tax reform proposals](#)**

By Michael Becker  
November 20, 2017

Tax reform proposals from both the House and Senate make sweeping changes to the tax benefits that homeowners have enjoyed for years. Unfortunately, if the current federal tax proposals stay as they are, this is likely to change. Here’s why:

Roughly 1.2 million Kentucky residents own their own home, and over 381,000 (roughly 32 percent) claimed a deduction for mortgage interest (MID). If the federal plan doubles the standard deduction and removes most of the exemptions available, however, many fewer homeowners would itemize their taxes, essentially taking the MID and other off the table. But wait, there’s more.

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[Courier Journal \(Louisville, KY\): Op-ed: Federal tax and budget plans leaving behind most Kentuckians](#)

By Reverend Don Gillett  
November 18, 2017

When it comes to the Bible, there is an overarching value taught from cradle to grave that many Kentuckians could recite on the spot: love your neighbor as yourself. But there's a related value we often forget: taking care of the poor, the orphan, the widow. In today's terms, we are to care for the most vulnerable among us.

Our tithes and the various charities we give of our time and money are fine examples of living out this value. Most, if not all houses of worship across the commonwealth serve the poor in various ways. We show mercy by reaching out directly to people in need. But to live this value fully, we must also examine how we order ourselves as a community. We do justice by building a society that leaves no one behind to begin with.

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[Courier Journal \(Louisville, KY\): Op-ed: Tax reform plan punishes grad students and could cost our country in long run | \[Comment\]\(#\)](#)

By Ashley Best  
November 15, 2017

In order for the U.S. to stay competitive with other countries in math, science, engineering, technology and innovation we need to be producing quality Ph.D. and master's students. The current model supports a system in which those that are financially disadvantaged can still obtain a Ph.D. That is because Ph.D. students have their tuition waived and they receive a stipend.

At the University of Louisville, one semester tuition for a graduate student who is a resident of Kentucky is \$6,123 or \$12,743 for non-residents. This amount decreases to \$1,417 once the student is done with classes and passes their qualifying exam, formally making them Ph.D. students. No taxes are paid on tuition, just on stipends. Stipend amounts vary by program but are around \$25,000 a year.

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[The Lane Report: Op-ed: Ky. Realtors: Tax reform bills don't support homeownership](#)

November 13, 2017

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[Richmond Register: GUEST COLUMNIST: Corporations need fair taxes, not tax cuts](#)

By George Brosi  
September 29, 2017

Corporations do not pay a disproportional share of taxes in the United States. The portion of overall government tax income that corporations pay has dramatically declined in relation to what individuals pay. According to research by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, in 1952, the corporate share of federal tax revenue was 32 percent. By 2013, it had dropped to 10 percent.

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[Harlan Daily Enterprise: Op-ed: Senate health bill slashes Medicaid to cut millionaires' taxes](#)

By **Frank Clemente**  
June 29, 2017

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## Louisiana

[Hammond Star: Opinion: Corporate tax cuts not trickling down to workers](#)

by Frank Clemente  
May 24, 2018  
Syndicated from American Forum

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## Maine

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

by Editorial Staff  
May 3, 2018

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

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

by Beacon Staff  
April 18, 2018

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

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

By **Frank Clemente**  
January 16, 2018

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[Biddeford Journal Tribune: Op-ed: Big Pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**  
December 29, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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**Maine Beacon Blog: [Maine families pay more under final GOP tax bill](#)**

By Sarah Austin  
December 21, 2017

House and Senate Republicans expect to vote on their tax bill early this week after an agreement on its provisions was struck Friday. The deal lowers the top individual rate to 37 percent, lower than either House or Senate versions of the bill, and pegs a new flat corporate tax rate of 21 percent.

The deal, if passed by Congress and signed by President Trump, will ultimately increase taxes on the bottom 80 percent of Mainers, while delivering huge tax cuts to profitable corporations, wealthy foreign investors and the richest Americans.

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**Maine Beacon Blog: [Faith leaders again arrested as Collins throws support behind Republican tax bill](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
December 19, 2017

Despite the dramatic acts of civil disobedience taking place at two of her Maine offices on Monday, Senator Susan Collins took to the Senate floor to announce that she would be supporting the Republican tax proposal.

In Lewiston, five faith leaders with the organization Moral Movement Maine were arrested Monday evening after a larger group held a six hour pray-in at the senator's office to demand that she drop her support for the "immoral" Republican tax plan.

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**[Maine Beacon Blog: Groups representing tens of thousands of Mainers call on Collins to vote 'no'](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
December 18, 2017

One day ahead of the expected final vote on the Republican tax bill, a coalition of progressive organizations representing tens of thousands of Maine residents released an open letter on Monday calling on Senator Susan Collins to vote against the plan.

“A vote in favor of this bill is a blatant demonstration of a back turned to the needs and concerns of constituents,” reads the letter, signed by the Maine People’s Alliance along with 27 other groups including local Indivisible and Democratic Party chapters, as well as labor and rights organizations.

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**[Maine Beacon Blog: New ads warn Collins, Poliquin against 'selling out middle class Mainers' on tax bill](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
December 16, 2017

A new ad campaign targeting Maine Republicans Senator Susan Collins and Representative Bruce Poliquin is warning the lawmakers that a vote in favor of the GOP tax overhaul would betray promises made to their constituents. Both lawmakers voted for initial versions of the legislation and both seem set to support the final bill. Collins released a statement Friday evening touting the Republican plan.

The ads are part of a seven-figure ad buy singling out key Members of Congress, launched by the progressive coalition that organized last summer’s tax march, Not One Penny.

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**[Maine Beacon Blog: Protests continue to escalate as Sen. Collins poised to decide on tax bill](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
December 15, 2017

With pressure coming from voters across the state to “be a hero” and drop her support for the Republican tax plan, it has been reported that Senator Susan Collins will read and make her final decision on the updated bill on Friday.

According to Paul Merrill, a reporter with WMTW, Collins “will review the final language in the tax bill today before making her final decision on it.”



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**Maine Beacon Blog: [Mainers arrested in D.C. as Sen. Collins supports fast-tracking unpopular tax bill](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
December 14, 2017

Health care and tax fairness activists, including a contingent from Maine, filled the halls of the U.S. Senate building on Wednesday after Congressional Republicans made clear that they were accelerating the timetable for passing their widely unpopular tax overhaul.

Chants such as “No Jones, No vote,” “Shame!” and “Kill the Bill” resounded off the walls as protesters, including Ady Barkan, a father with ALS and an activist with the Center for Popular Democracy, were taken away by the Capitol police.

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**Livermore Falls Advertiser: Op-ed: [Big pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**  
December 13, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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**Press Herald: [Tax protest at Sen. Collins' Biddeford office ends as police arrive](#)**

By Dennis Hoey  
December 13, 2017

About a dozen protesters who stood outside U.S. Sen. Susan Collins' Biddeford office for about an hour Wednesday afternoon left peacefully after police arrived and told them they could be arrested for criminal trespassing.

No one was arrested and the protesters left around 5:15 p.m., said Deputy Police Chief JoAnne Fisk.

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**[The Times Record: Bowdoin students, others protest tax bill at Collins' office](#)**

By Nathan Strout  
December 11, 2017

Following Susan Collins' vote in favor of a GOP tax bill, students from Bowdoin Climate Action and members of other Brunswick activist groups marched to the Republican senator's Portland office to voice their concerns and call on her to reject the legislation.

"(Our purpose is) to demand that Collins vote against the final version of the tax bill when it comes out of conference committee," said Isabella McCann, spokeswoman for Bowdoin Climate Action.

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**[Maine Beacon Blog: Hundreds brave winter storm to tell Sen. Collins: 'You are wrong' on tax bill](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
December 11, 2017

Despite freezing temperatures and the season's first significant snowfall, an estimated 250 people from across New England turned out Saturday to demand that Senator Susan Collins finally listen to the will of the voters and reject the Republican tax overhaul.

The line of protesters marched across Memorial Bridge, which connects Portsmouth, New Hampshire to Kittery, Maine, behind a banner which read: "Sen. Susan Collins, You Are Wrong."

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**[Bangor Daily News: Protesters voice anger over tax bill outside Susan Collins' Bangor home](#)**

By Meg Haskell  
December 10, 2017

About 20 protesters gathered outside Sen. Susan Collins' Bangor home midday Sunday to voice their opposition to the sweeping Republican tax reform bill and Collins' vote in favor of it. Carrying signs reading "Shame," "No Tax Cut for Fat Cats," "Don't Trickle on Me" and other slogans, the protesters formed a long line along the edge of the road, attracting occasional honks of support from drivers passing through the quiet neighborhood.

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**Maine Beacon Blog: [Sarah Bigney of the Bangor 5 explains why she went to jail](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
December 10, 2017

This week on the Beacon podcast, Sarah Bigney of the Maine AFL-CIO describes what it was like to be arrested in Sen. Susan Collins' office in Bangor and what you can do to help stop the Republican tax breaks for the wealthy and health care repeal. Also on the podcast, Taryn, Ben and Mike discuss what it would mean for Rep. Chellie Pingree to join the race for governor and the latest in Ben's race for mayor of Lewiston.

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**WABI: [Protesters Gather to Change Senator Collin's Vote on Tax Bill](#)**

By News Desk  
December 10, 2017

They gathered around 12. Protesters say their decision comes after the Senator's comment that she might change her vote. Organizers say the reason why they are out is to encourage her to vote no.

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**Portland Press Herald: [Second chorus of voices echoes protest of Sen. Collins' vote on Republican tax bill](#)**

By Edward D. Murphy  
December 8, 2017

Another day and another group of protesters descended on Sen. Susan Collins' office in Portland to express their unhappiness with the Maine Republican's vote for the Senate version of a tax reform plan working its way through Congress. The protest Friday drew about 30 people, predominantly students from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, and followed one Thursday that ended with nine religious leaders arrested at Collins' office at One Canal Plaza. The religious leaders were charged with criminal trespass when they refused to leave at the end of the day when her office closed.

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**Maine Beacon Blog: [Watch: Clergy arrested in Sen. Collins' office](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
December 8, 2017

Singing “This little light of mine” as they were restrained with zip-ties by Portland police, nine Maine faith leaders were arrested at the office of Sen. Susan Collins on Thursday evening after staging a pray-in to protest her initial vote for legislation that gives new tax breaks for wealthy individuals and corporations while forcing cuts to health care and other vital programs.

“In the United States we are experiencing a massive redistribution of wealth from the bottom to the top, from the poor to the rich. The tax bill currently before Congress, if passed, will simply exacerbate that problem. As a person of faith, I believe that this is an affront to God. As an American, I believe that it will do profound damage to our country’s social fabric. We are better than this, and we must regain our moral footing,” said Rev. Jim Gertmenian of the United Church of Christ in a statement released Thursday.

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**Maine Beacon Blog: [King, Pingree celebrated, Poliquin shunned returning to Maine on midnight flight](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
December 8, 2017

In the early hours of Friday morning, a crowd of Mainers with balloons and flowers greeted Sen. Angus King and Rep. Chellie Pingree as they disembarked from a midnight flight from Washington D.C. at the Portland Jetport. Participants thanked them for their votes and advocacy against the Republican tax bill.

Rep. Bruce Poliquin, who voted for the legislation to cut health care and give new tax breaks to wealthy individuals and corporations, hurried past the group, followed by shouts of “Shame!”

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**Maine Beacon Blog: [Collins walks back false claims on tax bill as protests escalate](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
December 7, 2017

Nearly two hundred people chanted “bullshit” outside the Portland office of Senator Susan Collins Wednesday afternoon, one day after the Republican attempted to walk back claims that the widely unpopular GOP tax bill would pay for itself. It’s actually projected to create at least a trillion dollar deficit, threatening bedrock government programs including Medicare and Social Security.

Collins has been under fire since voting for the widely unpopular bill this weekend and is now facing even more pushback after it appears she tried to justify her vote with a series of false statements.

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**Bangor Daily News: [Faith leaders arrested for trespassing after hours-long sit-in at Sen. Collins’ Portland office](#)**

By Jake Bleiberg  
December 7, 2017

The religious leaders had pledged earlier in the day they would not leave — even if it meant being arrested — until the Republican lawmaker promised to oppose her party’s tax package when it comes up for a final vote.

It was the second group of protesters this week to be arrested in the offices of Maine’s senior senator while urging her to reject the sweeping changes to the federal tax code that are being negotiated in Washington, D.C. On Monday, police arrested five protesters who staged a sit-in at Collins’ Bangor office.

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**Portland Press Herald: [Religious leaders arrested at Sen. Collins’ Portland office after sit-in to protest her vote on tax bill](#)**

By Dennis Hoey and Randy Billings  
December 7, 2017

A group of nine religious leaders protesting Sen. Susan Collins’ support of the tax reform effort were arrested by Portland police officers shortly after 8 p.m. Thursday. Police waited inside Collins’ office at One Canal Plaza, Suite 802, while the group prayed and streamed their protest live on Facebook.

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[Maine Beacon Blog: Mainers arrested for occupying Sen. Collins' office, demanding she vote no on 'tax scam'](#)

By Beacon Staff  
December 5, 2017

An electrician, a nurse, a senior, and a veteran were arrested at Senator Susan Collins' Bangor office Monday evening for refusing to leave until the Republican lawmaker promised to pull her support for the GOP "tax scam."

"We are not trying to cause trouble, we are trying to be heard and represented," Tina Davidson, a disability rights activist and veteran, said during a live stream of the sit-in posted by WERU community radio. "We can't wait," she continued, adding that the next vote could happen at any time given congressional Republicans' recent pace of backroom negotiation.

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[Maine Beacon Blog: Sen. Collins jumped off a moral cliff with tax vote](#)

By Grady Burns  
December 4, 2017

Last Friday, Maine Senator Susan Collins traded in what remained of her legacy to push forward a massive tax cut to corporations and America's wealthiest, based on a set of assurances from her Republican colleagues about the final outcome of the bill that she has little power to ultimately compel or enforce.

Becoming the decisive 51st senator to sign on to the Senate Republicans' tax bill before it passed in the early hours of Saturday morning, Collins placed her stamp of approval on a legislative process that was so outrageous that the final bill included more than half a trillion dollars of new cuts and spending that had undergone no committee hearings or public debate, and included provisions that were proposed with so little preparation that they were literally handwritten into the margins of the original draft of the legislation. To call this process a break from the norms of Senate process would be a dramatic understatement, and yet, Collins—who earlier this year voted against her party's attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act partially on the grounds that the bill was being rammed through the Senate without any semblance of regular order—seemed genuinely unconcerned.

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**[Maine Beacon Blog: Sen. Collins is betraying many of the core principles she has claimed to stand for](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
December 2, 2017

As Senator Susan Collins moves towards a yes vote on the Republican tax proposal, she's moving away from previous positions against health care repeal, massive deficit spending and a rational legislative process. This week on the podcast, Taryn Hallweaver, Ben Chin and Mike Tipping discuss the tax break for the wealthy and what comes next. Also, Shawn Moody and the state of the Republican race for Governor and new numbers from the Maine Human Rights Commission showing sexual harassment complaints have greatly increased in recent years.

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**[Maine Beacon Blog: Maine small business owners urgently warn Sen. Collins against tax bill](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
December 1, 2017

Underscoring how devastating the Republican tax proposal will be for the middle class and local economies, Maine small business owners assembled in Auburn on Thursday to make a last minute plea for Senator Susan Collins to oppose the bill. "The Senate tax plan is not 'tax reform,'" said Leisha Petrovich, who was among those who addressed the crowd at the Lamey-Wellehan Shoes headquarters.

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**[Maine Public: Editorial: 5 Ways Congressional Tax Legislation Would Transform Health Care](#)**

By Editor  
December 1, 2017

Having failed to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, Congress is now working on a tax overhaul. But it turns out the tax bills in the House and Senate also aim to reshape health care. Here are five ways the tax legislation could change health policy:

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## [Central Maine: Column: Maine Voices: Tax bill serves wealthy at a cost to the rest of us](#)

By Cathy Walsh & Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner  
November 30, 2017

Sometimes a catastrophe takes you by surprise. At other times you can see it coming. The tax plan our U.S. senators are taking up this week, after their Thanksgiving break, is the latter. Despite the deception and outright lies coming out of Washington, D.C., anyone who is paying attention can see that this tax plan, which was written by and for billionaires, millionaires and the wealthiest corporations, is a catastrophe in the making. It gives huge tax breaks to those who need it least while doing great damage to our economy and to working families — to people like us.

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## [ABC-Bangor \(Television\): Mainers Protest Against Tax Plan](#)

Bangor, ME  
November 30, 2017

Protestors urge that [Senator King] and Senator Susan Collins reject the proposed tax package. According to those at the **Maine Small Business Coalition** and Mainers for Accountable Leadership, this new package could make taxes for low-income Americans go up in 2021.

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## [WGME \(Portland, ME\): Maine Small Business Coalition wary of Senate GOP tax plan](#)

By Marissa Bodnar  
November 30, 2017

AUBURN (WGME) — The **Maine Small Business Coalition** is calling on Senator Susan Collins to oppose the Senate Republican tax plan, while other state leaders say it would stimulate growth. Jim Wellehan has been running his family's shoe business since the 1960s. The company, Lamey Wellehan, puts about 100 people to work across six stores.

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**[Portland Press Herald: Letter to the editor: Senate tax bill will hurt Maine's poorest and most vulnerable](#)**

By Peter Simmons  
November 30, 2017

The tax bill snaking its way through the Senate is a disaster in the making for the state of Maine. It will benefit only the very richest Mainers, and will hurt most the poorest and least fortunate among us.

According to the Urban Institute's and Brookings Institution's nonpartisan Tax Policy Center, over the next decade, nearly 80 percent of the benefits will go to the top 1 percent of all households, and 40 percent to the top one-tenth of 1 percent. To pay for these windfalls to the ultra-wealthy, the many budget cuts that will hurt Maine's youth, seniors and the poor include:

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**[Portland Press Herald: Editorial: Our View: Sen. Collins should not support Senate tax bill](#)**

By The Editorial Board  
November 30, 2017

Mainers understand the value of community. We benefit from living in tightly knit towns and cities where people still know and care for one another. But for communities to work, they require maintenance and care: good schools, investment in infrastructure, emergency responders to keep us safe, access to affordable health care and housing.

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**[Maine Beacon Blog: Mainers rise up ahead of pivotal Senate tax vote](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
November 30, 2017

With the nation focused on Senator Susan Collins ahead of this week's expected Senate vote on the Republican tax overhaul, Mainers across the state are rallying against the plan, reminding the lawmaker that she works for the people, "not the billionaires."

On Wednesday, protestors rallying in Portland, Lewiston and Bangor called on Collins to vote against the legislation following news that the self-described moderate may have struck a deal with President Donald Trump earlier this week—a bargain that experts note would do little to alleviate the "severe harm" caused by the bill in the form of increasing health care premiums and forcing deep cuts to programs like Medicare and Social Security.

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**Bangor Daily News: Op-Ed: [The Senate Tax Plan Would Harm Maine Communities](#)**

By Robert W. Glover  
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**Biddeford, Saco and Old Orchard Beach Courier: [Letter to the Editor: Trump's plan wouldn't help small business](#)**

By Emily Ingwersen Arundel  
November 29, 2017

When Ivanka Trump came to Biddeford recently, her goal was to tout the plan her father has been pushing that would give a huge tax break to the super rich. You've probably heard the claims from Maine Republican Rep. Bruce Poliquin and others about how this plan will help Maine's small businesses. It's not true. This bill may be great if you're a billionaire heiress from New York like Trump or a former Wall Street executive like Poliquin, but it does nothing to help Maine small business owners like me.

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**Fox 22 (Bangor, ME): [Protesters rally against tax plan](#)**

By Shonna Narine  
November 29, 2017

They gathered outside her Bangor office earlier today. Supporters of the bill say it will benefit lower and middle income working families, but protesters are concerned about how they think it will affect medicaid, social security, and medicare.

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**Maine Beacon Blog: [GOP tax plan would be devastating for Maine seniors](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
November 29, 2017

Leaders of groups representing and caring for seniors gathered in Bangor on Tuesday to plead with Sen. Susan Collins not to support a proposed Republican tax plan and health care repeal bill that is likely headed towards a vote in the Senate this week.

“Do we really think we’re better off taking away health care to pay for tax cuts for America’s wealthiest and large corporations?” asked Don Berry, a retired electrician from Sumner and president of the Maine Alliance for Retired Americans.

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**Maine Beacon Blog: [After Trump meeting, Collins set to support tax breaks for wealthy, health care cuts](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
November 29, 2017

Following a meeting with President Donald Trump, Senator Susan Collins now says she’s leaning toward supporting the tax restructuring and health care repeal bill backed by Trump and Republican leadership. Collins had previously raised concerns about damage the bill would do to the nation’s health care system, the rushed legislative process and the \$1.5 trillion increase in the deficit the tax breaks would cause, likely threatening programs like Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security.

A majority of the tax cuts in the bill would benefit only the top 1% of income earners, with 40% going to just the top .01%.

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**Portland Press Herald: [Letter to the editor: Resist Medicaid expansion but give BIW tax relief? Get real](#)**

November 28, 2017

It’s rare when two seemingly disparate issues conjoin to illustrate how our societal priorities are interconnected.

On the one hand is Medicaid expansion, which was overwhelmingly approved by public referendum this year. Gov. LePage decries the cost, estimated at \$55 million per year, to provide health care for approximately 70,000 low-income Mainers.

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**Maine Public Radio: [Maine Faith Leaders: GOP Tax Plan ‘Neither Just Nor Moral’](#)**

By Abukar Adan  
November 28, 2017

Maine faith leaders and community members gathered in front of St. Luke's Cathedral in Portland Tuesday to call on U.S. Sen. Susan Collins to reject the GOP tax plan. .... But speakers at the rally, including Rev. Jim Gertmenian of the Preble St. Faith Action Network, said it's clear who the bill would help – and it isn't working families. .... Gertmenian was joined by about two dozen members of the faith community, who opposed the tax cuts on moral grounds. .... Following the event, rally-goers delivered what they called a "moral declaration," signed by 138 faith leaders from across the state, to Sen. Collins' Portland office.

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**Bangor Daily News: [Senate needs to slow down and fix its tax plan if they truly want to help middle class](#)**

Editorial Board  
November 27, 2017

Back from their Thanksgiving vacation, Senate Republicans are devoting much of their attention to a tax cut plan they hope to pass by the end of the year. Rather than a rushed package of changes that disproportionately benefits the wealthy and corporations, lawmakers should slow down and fully consider the best ways to help middle-class Americans and small businesses. Numerous analyses of the proposed Senate tax plan, which is not finalized, and a plan passed by House Republicans earlier this month have found that the plans' benefits flow mostly to rich Americans and large corporations and that many average-income Americans will pay higher taxes in a decade. One reason is that while corporate tax cuts are permanent in the legislation, tax changes for individuals and families will expire.

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**NBC News Center Maine (Portland, ME) : [Sen. Collins facing pressure on GOP tax reform plan](#)**

By Danielle Waugh  
November 27, 2017

(NECN) — Senators could vote as soon as this week on the GOP tax reform plan and Maine Senator Susan Collins is still uncommitted. The moderate Republican has voiced concerns about the bill, including a provision to repeal the individual healthcare mandate.

As she decides on her vote, Sen. Collins is getting pressure from home. Protesters gathered outside her Portland office Monday morning, asking Collins to vote against the plan.

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[Portland Press Herald: Letter to the editor: Republicans' tax proposal penalizes higher education](#)

By Sarah Payne  
November 27, 2017

It's hard to believe that anyone would want to make it harder for working people to access higher education. Yet the Republican tax plan could do just that. I was born and raised in Cushing, Maine. After 10 years working in education, I am pursuing a doctorate in sociology at the University of California at Berkeley. After I finish, I hope to return to Maine to live and teach.

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[Sun Journal: Tax bill's fate may depend on Maine's Susan Collins](#)

By Steve Collins  
November 27, 2017

Once again, U.S. Sen. Susan Collins may decide the fate of a major proposal touted by President Donald Trump — a tax overhaul.

The Maine Republican's vote is crucial to winning passage in the Senate of a tax bill that would slice the corporate rate and cut most household taxes during the next decade.

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[Portland Press Herald: Letter to the Editor: Tax reform bills in Congress fall short on child care access](#)

By Anne Vaughan  
November 22, 2017

Senate tax reform measures make the child tax credit more generous than the House measures do, and they would expand the numbers of those eligible. However, child care access must be expanded to include more workers. The emphasis that Ivanka Trump places on expansion is deplorably deficient. Her focus is on access to a tax credit by women who are already beneficiaries of large incomes, ignoring the needs of those hoping to work and enter the middle-class, wage-earning public.

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[Portland Press Herald: Column: Republican tax plan won't benefit many Mainers](#)

By Cynthia Dill  
November 19, 2017

Remember Question 1 on Maine's November ballot, which wanted us to give one guy – Shawn Scott – the exclusive license to operate a York County casino so he could get richer? That's what the Republican tax overhaul plan coming out of Washington looks like – except instead of one guy getting all the money, it's 1 percent of the population.

I don't fault the logic of the super-rich people who want to get more and more money: The cost of lobbying and controlling members of Congress keeps going up, and a steady stream of big checks is the price of admission to good schools, glitzy parties and attendance at "conferences" and "summits" in places like Aspen and Colorado Springs.

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[Maine Beacon Blog: Constituents protest Rep. Poliquin's vote for tax breaks for 'super rich'](#)

By Beacon Staff  
November 17, 2017

"Bruce Poliquin is hurting Maine's small business owners in order to give himself and his rich friends a big tax break," said Gary Friedmann, co-owner of Bar Harbor Community Farm, standing outside Rep. Poliquin's Bangor office on Thursday. "Tax breaks for the super rich and multinational corporations are not what my business needs. We need affordable health care for our employees, not Wall Street windfalls."

Friedmann and other Second-District constituents delivered more than a thousand personal messages to Poliquin and to Sen. Susan Collins hours before the House vote on the Republican tax package, urging them to reject the legislation. Poliquin joined most of his GOP colleagues in voting for the measure, which passed 227 to 205, with 13 Republicans joining all House Democrats in opposition.

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**[WMPG 90.9 \(Portland, ME\): Interview on Community Voices for Change Radio Show](#)**

November 16, 2017

Cathy Walsh, owner of Arabica Coffee and an active member of the Maine Small Business Coalition, appeared on a local radio show, *Community Voices for Change*, on WMPG in Portland, and discussed several issues including taxes, healthcare, minimum wage and the environment.

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**[WGME \(Portland, ME\): MEA claims tax reform plans put Maine education jobs at risk](#)**

By WGME  
November 16, 2017

Both the House and Senate tax reform plans get rid of at least part of state and local tax deductions known as SALT, but Maine's largest teachers union says that move could put more than 1,000 education jobs and put public education at risk.

The Maine Education Association (MEA) claims getting rid of the state and local tax deduction will jeopardize public funding of education all to give mostly wealthy people and corporations huge tax breaks.

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**[Kennebec Journal and Morning Sentinel: Our View: GOP tax plans offer more trickle-down economics](#)**

Editorial  
November 12, 2017

The Republican tax reform plan being railroaded through Congress might sound complicated, but it's really very simple.

They want to give about \$5 trillion in tax cuts to the richest individuals, families and corporations, which they propose to offset by eliminating about \$3 trillion in tax deductions that are currently enjoyed by both the wealthy and not-so-wealthy alike.

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**[The Ellsworth American: Letter to the Editor: Poliquin out of touch with his constituents](#)**

By Max Treitler  
November 10, 2017

With all of the different attempts to repeal the ACA, combined with the administration's attempts to sabotage the health care market, and now the congressional budget plans, it can be hard to remember that all of this has really been about cutting taxes for the very wealthy. The funding cuts to the ACA that would have left 39,000 or so of us in CD2 without coverage actually were going to fund a huge tax cut that only went to people in the top income brackets, very few of whom live in Mr. Poliquin's district. This has come up again, because the budget proposal that the congressman has just voted for is looking to do the same thing.

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**[NBC News Center Maine \(Portland, ME\): Collins, Ivanka Trump join forces for tax reform](#)**

By Don Carrigan  
November 10, 2017

According to staff members, Collins has developed an apparently friendly working relationship with President Trump's advisor, and daughter, Ivanka Trump. The two joined forces in Biddeford Friday for a tax forum with an invited audience of about 220 people. Collins' Chief of Staff, Steve Abbott, said the White House asked Collins to organize the event, which was held at Volk Packaging in Biddeford. Many in the audience were invited by Collins, while others were invited by the Maine GOP.

A group of York County Democrats protested outside the event, calling on Collins to not side with Trump. Democrats in Washington are criticizing the tax reform plans, saying they will raise taxes on middle-class households.

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**[Sun Journal: Ivanka Trump joins Sen. Collins in Biddeford to pitch Republican tax reform effort](#)**

By Scott Thistle  
November 10, 2017  
Syndicated from Portland Press Herald

BIDDEFORD – The eldest daughter of the president teamed up with Maine's senior U.S. senator Friday in an effort to build support for the Republican tax reform effort at a forum attended by an invitation-only crowd of about 250 people.

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[WGME \(Portland, ME\): Ivanka Trump talks tax reform in Biddeford](#)

By WGME Staff  
November 10, 2017

BIDDEFORD (WGME) — The president's daughter paid a visit to Maine, but not without protests.

At a packing plant in Biddeford, Ivanka Trump, Senator Susan Collins, and the U.S. Treasurer pushed for tax reform.

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[Maine Beacon Blog: Mainers protest Republican corporate tax giveaway](#)

By Beacon Staff  
November 10, 2017

“These reports highlight how the rich and powerful play by a different set of rules than the rest of us. And — if passed — Trump’s tax scam would make a host of loopholes and tax breaks permanent,” said **Americans for Tax Fairness** executive director Frank Clemente in a statement.

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[Maine Public Radio: Business Group Calls On Poliquin, Collins To Oppose Tax Cuts For Wealthy](#)

By A.J. Higgins  
October 26, 2017

A business group aligned with the progressive Maine People’s Alliance met at a Bangor restaurant Thursday to call upon U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin and U.S. Sen. Susan Collins, both Republicans, to reject any Republican efforts to slash Medicare and Medicaid and to cut taxes for the wealthy and large corporations.

“We’re here today to tell Sen. Collins and Rep. Poliquin that Maine small-business owners don’t need tax cuts for wealthy individuals and massive corporations from out of state,” said Will Ikard, who heads the Maine Small Business Coalition. “What we need is investment in programs that strengthen lower- and middle-class families.”

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**[Maine Beacon Blog: Maine small business owners condemn Rep. Poliquin’s budget vote](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
October 26, 2017

Small business owners in Maine’s Second District held a press conference at Fork and Spoon restaurant in Bangor today to criticize Congressman Bruce Poliquin’s repeated votes, including one this morning, in support of a Republican federal budget proposal that would cut Medicaid, Medicare and other programs in order to fund \$1.5 trillion in tax breaks that primarily benefit the wealthiest individuals and corporations.

“Business owners want investments in our communities, not tax cuts for the top 1% and corporations based in other states,” said Will Ikard, director of the Maine Small Business Coalition. “We know that consumer spending – not tax breaks for Wall Street – is what drives our local economies. Unfortunately, Representative Poliquin has again proven that he puts Wall Street ahead of the small businesses in his own district.”

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**[Maine Beacon Blog: King, Collins cast opposing votes on tax breaks for wealthy, health care cuts](#)**

By Beacon Staff  
October 21, 2017

The tax plan that has now been advanced through the budget resolution will raise taxes on 14% of mostly middle-income Maine households, according to an analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, while cutting taxes for households earning over \$1.2 million a year by an average of \$30,000.

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[The Courier-Gazette and Camden Herald: Letter to the Editor](#)

October 12, 2017

Now consider the amount of taxes some of the other major companies paid: (Source: **Americans for Tax Fairness**). General Electric, Boeing, Verizon and 23 other profitable Fortune 500 firms paid no federal income taxes from 2008 to 2012.

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[Maine Beacon Blog: Rep. Poliquin again votes for health care cuts, tax breaks for the wealth](#)

By Beacon Staff

October 6, 2017

“This budget resolution is the first step toward an immoral tax scheme that will hand trillions of dollars to millionaires and corporations at the expense of millions of America’s working families, many of whom will actually see a tax increase” said Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**. “These tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations will ultimately be paid for by cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, education, disability services, and other national priorities, while the expansion of the deficit will further threaten Social Security. The Republicans who voted to advance this plan owe their constituents an explanation.”

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[Maine Beacon Blog: On tape, Rep. Poliquin bragged about helping Trump cut taxes for ‘big corporations’](#)

By Mike Tipping

October 2, 2017

As Frank Clemente, executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness noted when asked about Poliquin’s comments, “there aren’t too many Mainers making that kind of money.” “This massive tax giveaway to the rich and big corporations will end up being paid for by cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, education and a lot of other services that benefit most Mainers,” said Clemente.

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## Maryland

[The Frederick News-Post: Letter to the Editor: Health of children should be top priority](#)

By Maria Dennis

November 16, 2017

The House recently passed a bill that would pay for CHIP renewal, however, they have included underhanded cuts in other health care programs, including the ACA Prevention and Public Health Fund and by raising Medicare costs for some seniors, tearing down potentially lifesaving health coverage for older Americans. Yet, in the same week the Republicans also introduced a tax bill that would give over \$1.5 trillion in tax breaks mainly to the rich and corporations, to be paid for with \$1.5 trillion in cuts to Medicaid and Medicare. This is nothing but a corrupt political shell game; one that Rep. Andy Harris (R-1st) is playing, supporting a vote for this tax scheme for political points in D.C. while kids like Michael in his own state will lose so much.

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**[The Daily Times \(Delmarvanow.com\): Letter to the Editor: Urge Andy Harris to reject GOP tax reform bill](#)**

By Michael Feldman  
November 16, 2017

Here we go again. Rep. Andy Harris turned his back on constituents when he voted in support of the federal budget resolution that would cut Medicare by \$487 billion and \$1 trillion from Medicaid in the next 10 years. .... This week, conservatives are taking the next step with the release of their new tax “reform” bill, which will give away trillions in tax breaks that overwhelmingly benefit the richest Americans and corporations — paid for by those proposed huge cuts to health care programs that seniors, kids, working families, veterans and people with disabilities depend on. .... We can’t allow Andy Harris to cut our health care so he can give his big donors billions in tax breaks.

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**[The Baltimore Sun: Letter to the Editor: Andy Harris is no fan of free speech](#)**

By Jared Schablein  
November 14, 2017

After a long wait, Rep. Andy Harris finally had another “town hall” from the one last year in Wye Mills (“Maryland Democrats call on Rep. Harris to denounce Roy Moore,” Nov. 10). This time it was on the tax plan, and quickly we realized Mr. Harris was his spineless self. .... Representing a congressional district isn’t about political parties, big donors or personal interests. It is about representing and doing what is best for the people who elected Mr. Harris, and if the congressman can’t hold normal town halls, he should at least let his constituents address him directly. If he can’t put the people of the district over party, he should not run for re-election in 2018.

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**Delmarva Public Radio: [Harris Defends Tax Cut Package at Town Hall](#)**

By Don Rush  
November 13, 2017

[Congressman] Andy Harris defended the proposed tax cut package now on Capitol Hill saying that it would ensure a vast majority of the middle class would get tax relief. .... There was one protester dressed in a Monopoly costume who was forcibly removed after shouting that Harris' constituents would lose their Medicare and Medicaid for more tax cuts. .... Harris has been criticized this year for not holding more town halls with constituents.

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**The Daily Times (Delmarvanow.com): [Andy Harris talks tax reform at Wi-Hi town hall](#)**

By Faith Tarpley  
November 12, 2017

Though there were anticipated differing opinions on Harris and his voting record, all sides sought clarity regarding the proposal tax proposal.

"I've been to previous meetings where he says, 'The deficit is our biggest problem, the deficit is our biggest problem,' but this adds a trillion and a half to the deficit, so it's kind of hypocritical and we'd like some answers," said Bob Tiernan, a spokesperson for Talbot Rising, which bills itself as "a nonpartisan progressive grassroots volunteer organization using the power of peaceful resistance, education and issue advocacy for economic, social, racial and environmental justice in Talbot County on Maryland's Eastern Shore."

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**The Star Democrat: [Letter to the Editor: Rep. Harris Flip-flops on Deficit with Tax Bill](#)**

By Robert Tiernan  
November 7, 2017

Rep. Andy Harris (MD-01) is asking Maryland taxpayers to support a misguided corporate tax cut that will also boost the federal deficit by \$1.5 trillion. .... And he wants to subsidize that giveaway by taking away the deduction for state and local income taxes, which 41 percent of people in his own First Congressional District itemize. And many of the supposed middle-class breaks will expire in a few years. .... We need some honest answers on Saturday.

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## [The Talbot Spy: Letter to the Editor: Harris Flip-Flops on Deficit-Spending to Support Corporate Tax Giveaway](#)

By Bob Tiernan  
November 4, 2017

For years, Harris has presented Powerpoint slides complaining about the deficit, but now Harris has sold out to corporate interests to explode the deficit. The nonpartisan Tax Policy Center, in fact, says many middle-class families will end up paying more taxes.

In this Republican plan, corporate taxes are slashed. The estate tax is whacked, benefiting only the very wealthy. The alternative minimum tax, designed to make sure the wealthy pay their fair share, is gone.

Rep. Harris owes the 700,000 people of the First District a full explanation instead of a 100-word statement.

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## [The Daily Times \(Delmarvanow.com\): Op-ed: Andy Harris's health care votes will not soon be forgotten](#)

By Wendi Harris  
October 2, 2017

That means rather than standing up for the people of Maryland, Harris voted to take health insurance from 277,000 of our families to fund big tax breaks for millionaires, billionaires, and insurance and drug companies. .... Repealing the ACA through efforts such as the cautiously departed Graham-Cassidy Bill, the 2018 federal budget or tax reform, including eliminating Medicaid and CHIP funding, would literally put lives at risk. .... So why would Harris vote for this bill? Simple: \$541 billion in planned tax breaks for corporations and wealthy individuals who would benefit from cuts to healthcare. .... Those aren't the constituents who sent Harris to Washington. Still, it seems he was willing to put their greed ahead of our need.

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# Massachusetts

**Bay State Banner:** [Opinion: Corporate tax cuts not trickling down to workers: Frank Clemente](#)

by Frank Clemente  
May 24, 2018  
Syndicated from American Forum

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

by Allison DeAngelis  
April 17, 2018

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

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**The Eagle Tribune:** [Ivanka Trump, Treasury secretary to visit Derry Tuesday](#)

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

by Annie Linskey  
Jan 29 2018

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

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

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**Boston Globe:** [Column: Twin GOP tax plans will erode domestic spending](#)

By Michael Cohen  
November 22, 2017

Since the tax cut bill is not paid for and will add \$1.5 trillion to the deficit, it will trigger Senate PAYGO rules that will lead to mandatory spending cuts. That means \$150 billion in spending cuts per year for 10 years. According to Frank Clemente, the executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, that would mean \$28 billion in Medicare cuts in 2018, which will balloon to \$56 billion by 2027.

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## Michigan

**Livingston County News:** [Demonstrators again target Collins support of tax bill](#)

By Ben Beagle  
December 11, 2017

About 20 people rallied outside the district office of Congressman Chris Collins, R-Clarence, in Geneseo last week in protest of Republican-backed tax bills they say will be harmful to many residents of New York.

The Dec. 6 rally followed similar efforts happening around the country in which those protesting sought to urge their elected representatives in the House and Senate to vote against the tax-reform bills.

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**The Monroe News: Op-ed:** [Big Pharma gets some blockbuster tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**  
December 11, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum



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## Minnesota

[Detroit Lakes Tribune: Opinion: Frank Clemente: Corporate tax cuts are not trickling down](#)

by Frank Clemente  
May 24, 2018  
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[Great County Herald: Opinion: Frank Clemente: Corporate tax cuts are not trickling down](#)

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May 24, 2018  
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[Post Bulletin: Conservatives and business leaders worried about the deficit take aim at Social Security and Medicare](#)

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

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

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[St. Cloud Times: Op-ed: GOP's tax overhaul is worst Christmas gift ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**  
December 30, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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**Staples World: Op-ed: [Tax overhaul: Worst Christmas gift ever](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 28, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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**ABC News 10: [Residents protest tax reform bill](#)**

By Lee Snitz

December 11, 2017

HOUGHTON — As the debate over tax reform continues, nearly 30 concerned citizens gathered over the weekend in downtown Houghton to protest the recently passed legislation. Protesters picketed along Sheldon Avenue after marching across the Portage Lake Lift Bridge to demonstrate their dissatisfaction with Congressman Jack Bergman, who voted in support of the tax reform bill recently passed by the House of Representatives.

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**The Daily Mining Gazette: [Tax Protest: Bridge marchers oppose reform bill](#)**

By Kali Katerberg

December 11, 2017

HOUGHTON/HANCOCK — Members of the Houghton and Baraga County Democrats and other concerned citizens marched to protest the GOP tax bill pending in Congress. The group carried signs across the Portage Lake Lift Bridge Saturday morning. Walking from the Houghton side into Hancock protesters waved to passing cars, attempting to raise awareness. A few drivers honked and waved back.

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**Star Tribune: [Letter to the Editor: Tax reform](#)**

By Frank Malley

November 10, 2017

Tax reform is speeding to a vote in the House and in the Senate. The centerpiece is a substantial reduction in U.S. corporate tax so that corporate tax rates, which are now nominally as high as 35 percent, may sink to 20 percent, thereby — we are told — enabling U.S. corporations to be robustly competitive in an international market filled with countries that have low corporate taxes. .... When corporate taxes are hugely reduced, someone has to pick up the slack. The overall tax burden of individuals will inescapably increase under what Congress chooses to call reform.

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**Grant County Herald: Op-ed: [The GOP's tax overhaul: The worst Christmas present ever](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 27, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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**Twin Cities Pioneer Press: [Column: Democrats are starting a fierce internal debate. Finally.](#)**

By Katrina Vanden Heuvel

August 31, 2017

Syndicated from The Washington Post

Of course, Trump and Republicans still set the national agenda, with tax cuts and infrastructure two possibilities. A broad coalition of more than 400 groups called **Americans for Tax Fairness** champions progressive tax reform that helps make the rich and corporations pay their fair share — a stance that enjoys overwhelming public approval. Similarly, activists will challenge Trump's infrastructure plan, which appears to feature the worst forms of crony capitalism: "public private partnerships" that privatize highways and bridges and impose tolls on users; tax giveaways to companies stowing profits abroad.

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## Mississippi

**Jackson Clarion-Ledger: Op-ed: [GOP's tax overhaul is the worst Christmas present imaginable](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 29, 2017

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**Batesville Panolian: Op-ed: [Republicans' tax overhaul: worst Christmas present ever](#)**

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**The Hattiesburg American: [Column: Is new tax proposal really a fair deal?](#)**

By Lynn Evans  
November 11, 2017

A new poll paid for in part by **Americans for Tax Fairness** finds that most Americans have clued in that the proposed tax plan is not what was promised. About 60 percent of respondents, including Trump supporters, think the tax plan is tilted toward the wealthiest and not the middle class.

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**Jackson Clarion-Ledger: Op-ed: [Senate bill slashes Medicaid to cut millionaires' taxes](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**  
July 7, 2017

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## Missouri

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

by Jim Hight  
April 8, 2018

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

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

by Matt Egan  
February 16, 2018

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

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**Potosi Independent-Journal: Op-ed: [The GOP's Tax Overhaul: Worst Christmas Present Ever](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

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**Potosi Independent-Journal: Op-ed: [Big Pharma's Blockbuster Tax Cuts](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 14, 2017

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**News Tribune (Jefferson City, MO): [Residents protest Luetkemeyer's support of tax plan](#)**

By Philip Joens

December 8, 2017

More than a dozen Jefferson City residents squeezed into U.S. Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer's Missouri Boulevard office Thursday and delivered a box of postcards covered with concerns about the tax reform bills working their way through Congress.

During the half-hour protest, organizers said they think the tax bills were written without the input of ordinary citizens. People at the protest also said the changes could harm average Americans, like senior citizens and graduate students.

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**KY3 (Springfield, MO): [Protestors ask Sen. Blunt to vote against tax reform](#)**

November 21, 2017

Protesters walked Springfield sidewalks to show concern over tax proposal before the U.S. Senate. .... Republicans say the \$1.5 billion cut would be good for the economy. Opponents say it benefits the wealthy and corporations. More than two dozen people lined up along East Sunshine in front of Senator Roy Blunt's office. Several of them also headed inside to voice their concerns to a Blunt spokesperson, hoping the Senator will vote "no." Some in the faith community say the bill will benefit the rich and not the poor and middle class. .... The protestors are also upset about the possibility of a provision to the bill, that could do away with the Affordable Care Act.

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**West Plains Daily Quill: [Letter to the Editor: Senior budget will devastate](#)**

By Jan Lancaster  
November 17, 2017

Currently Missouri gets 38 percent of its general revenue from the federal government. According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the current Senate budget resolution over the next ten years would cut \$1.3 trillion from Missouri's Medicaid program, \$470 trillion from Medicare, \$650 trillion from "safety net" programs – SNAP food benefits, SSI for disabled Missourians, and working families' tax credits.

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**Bolivar Herald-Free Press: [Letter to the Editor: Talk is cheap](#)**

By Jan Lancaster  
November 15, 2017

Currently Missouri gets 38 percent of its general revenue from the federal government. According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the current Senate budget resolution over the next ten years would cut \$1.3 trillion from Missouri's Medicaid program, \$470 trillion from Medicare, \$650 trillion from "safety net" programs – SNAP food benefits, SSI for disabled Missourians, and working families' tax credits.

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**KOMU NBC 8 (Columbia, MO): [MU graduate students could see federal taxes increase 350 percent](#)**

By Ally Wallenta  
November 13, 2017

MU Graduate Assistants could see their federal taxes increase up to 350 percent if the tax plan passes. The assistants receiving tuition waivers would have to count their benefits as income. A group called Coalition of Graduate Workers lined up outside of Representative Vicky Hartzler's district office on Monday with more than 50 letters from MU graduate students and faculty.

"The letters identify the specific provisions within the bill and talk a little bit about what they would do to graduate students and ask Representative Hartzler to consider voting against the bill or at least proposing an amendment on the floor that would take those provisions out of the bill, which is an option," said Outreach Officer for Coalition of Graduate Workers Joseph Moore.

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**Columbia Daily Press: [Letter to the Editor: Tax reform plan offers more to businesses than people](#)**

By Rebecca Shaw  
November 12, 2017

Reports indicate it won't help workers and it won't increase wages, but it will give a massive tax cut to the wealthy, to corporations already not paying their fair share, and to Donald Trump himself. Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler and Sens. Roy Blunt and Claire McCaskill should distance themselves from this bill and think about what best represents what their constituents need. The plan put forward is not an opportunity to show off bipartisan bona fides; it's a trap that will give the wealthy and corporations a huge tax break while doing nothing for the middle class and forcing huge cuts to programs people rely on, like Medicaid.

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**KCTV-CBS (Kansas City, MO): [Exclusive: Priorities USA to go back on TV with \\$250K tax reform ad buy](#)**

By Ashley Killough  
October 10, 2017  
Syndicated from CNN Wire

Priorities is the latest group to inject a messaging campaign into the tax reform debate. Other progressive groups like MoveOn.org, Indivisible, and a coalition of liberal groups known as **Americans for Tax Fairness** have also been active in opposition to the tax reform plan.

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**Fox 14: [Political Organization Issues Statement Contradicting President Trump's Speech in SW Missouri](#)**

By Jordan Aubrey  
August 30, 2017

President Trump visited Springfield this afternoon to release some details of his tax reform plan. His speech was given at the Loren Cook Company, which manufactures commercial fans for ventilation systems, and distributes many of those fans globally. Loren Cook Company workers, and workers of other area businesses, were in attendance; the event was closed to other members of the public.

Information from the White House on the President's plan can be found [here](#).

The "**Americans for Tax Fairness**" organization issued this statement contradicting many of President Trump's statements about taxes and the economy.

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## Montana

Missoulain: [Op-ed: Taxpayers Funded a Lifesaving Drug and Guess What Happened Next](#)

By Bernie Sanders  
August 30, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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## Nebraska

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

by Barbara Wagner  
April 26, 2018

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

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## New Hampshire

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

by Laura Aronson  
April 19, 2018

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

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

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

by Paul Steinhauser  
April 17, 2018

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

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

by Kimberly Houghton  
April 17, 2018

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

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

by Granite State Progress  
April 17, 2018

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

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[NH Labor News: \*\*Rights and Democracy Decries Trump’s Executive Actions on Health Care\*\*](#)

October 13, 2017

Unfortunately, yesterday President Trump demonstrated unequivocally that this battle is far from over—he is directly attacking women, the middle class, and the poor in his effort to strip millions more from having necessary access to health care in order to provide tax breaks for the wealthy and powerful. .... The eliminations of CSR payments, the executive order on health association plans, and the new rule denying contraceptive coverage to millions of women, all make it clear: Trump doesn't care about the will of the people who have rejected the Republican agenda for health care over the past several months.

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**[NH Labor News: Granite Staters Spotlight Open Enrollment for Affordable Care Act and Reject Cuts to Medicare & Medicaid to Pay for Tax Cuts](#)**

October 4, 2017

During a national day of action led by Health Care for America Now (HCAN), Rights and Democracy (RAD) NH and Granite State Organizing Project (GSOP) organized a press conference in Manchester to raise awareness about open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act and to speak out against cuts to Medicaid and Medicare to [pay for tax breaks](#) for the wealthy and large corporations.

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## **New Jersey**

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

by Americans for Tax Fairness  
May 15, 2018

Syndicated from an Americans for Tax Fairness press release.

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**[Insider NJ: AMERICANS' HEALTH CARE AND PUBLIC SERVICES AT RISK FROM TRUMP TAX & BUDGET CUTS, NEW REPORT WARNS](#)**

by **Americans for Tax Fairness**  
April 16, 2018

Syndicated from an ATF press release.

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**NJ Today: Op-ed: [The GOP's Tax Overhaul: Worst Christmas Present Ever](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 24, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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**The Press of Atlantic City: [Letter to the Editor: GOP tax cut wouldn't benefit my business](#)**

By Mike Price

November 21, 2017

Don't believe the hype. The GOP's proposed "tax reform" would not help small business owners like me. .... The proposed corporate tax cuts would benefit hedge fund managers, Wall Street lawyers and real estate investors, and would be paid for by cutting public services that benefit my business and help my customers save money. .... Atlantic County can't afford these cuts. Transportation and telecommunications infrastructures need an upgrade. Many residents rely on programs like Medicaid for health care. We need to better train and educate the workforce to attract more companies to the area. My small business can only survive and thrive if government invests in the community. The GOP tax cuts would do just the opposite.

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**Burlington County Times: [Letter to the Editor: GOP tax and budget plans can hurt small businesses](#)**

By Randy Ellis

November 15, 2017

Their plans involve stripping trillions of dollars from Medicaid, Medicare and programs that help people afford housing, education and other essentials. .... All this to pay for tax cuts that won't help small business owners like me, because we don't generate enough profit to benefit from them. But those tax cuts will benefit hedge fund managers, Wall Street lawyers, multinational corporations — companies that really don't need another advantage over small business. .... If the GOP want to help small business owners, they need to come up with different tax and budget plans.

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[NJ.com: Ivanka Trump pitches Republican tax plan — and Christie supports it](#)

By Matt Arco  
November 13, 2017

More than one in four New Jersey residents would face tax hikes under Republican legislation that sharply curtails the federal deduction for state and local taxes, according to a study released last week. That's a higher percentage than in all but two states. .... Invited guests at the fire house in Ocean County town wrote their questions down and MacArthur, R-3rd Dist., dished them to Trump and Mnuchin. .... But there were a few heated exchanges. .... Jason Ireland, of Brick, was denied entry and asked loudly why Democrats were blocked from attending the event. .... As the session was winding down, MariAnne Clemente, of Barnegat, interrupted Trump's closing remarks and demanded they take more questions from the audience. .... The event was held just before Gov.-elect Phil Murphy and other Democrats trashed the Republican tax plan as a new report was released maintaining that it would still hurt New Jersey taxpayers even with the new House provision for property tax deductions.

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[The Press of Atlantic City: Ivanka Trump, Mnuchin push for GOP tax package in Ocean County](#)

November 13, 2017

During the 45-minute event, U.S. Rep. Tom MacArthur, R-3rd, Trump and Mnuchin discussed the proposed tax reform, but did not take questions from the pro-Republican crowd. Those attended were allowed to fill out questions card before the event; those questions were given to the trio. .... As the event wrapped up, Marianne Clemente questioned the panel on why questions weren't taken. The outburst drew the ire of many in the crowd. .... "This is an outrage that they had an invite only, when MacArthur doesn't have any town hall meetings," said Clemente, a resident of Barnegat. .... Before the event started, Jason Ireland, of Brick, came inside the venue and yelled "Why are not Democrats allowed?" .... Ireland was one of the 30 people gathered outside the fire hall to protest the tax reform plan. The protesters held signs voicing their disapproval of the plan, one read "GOP Tax Bills Bad for NJ", while another person held a sign stating: "Tom MacArthur vote no on tax bill." .... "They are trying to rush it through," said Carla Loundsbury, 68, of Waretown, as she held a "RIP Middle Class" mock head stone. "This is going to hurt the middle class and no one seems to care." .... Proposals in Congress pose problems for New Jersey, where property taxes are among the nation's highest.

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### **Asbury Park Press: [With party lines drawn at Ivanka Trump event, protesters left in drizzle](#)**

By Stacey Barchenger and Michael Diamond  
November 13, 2017

Inside the drab building on Route 9 were Republican Gov. Chris Christie, presidential adviser and first daughter Ivanka Trump and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who pushed tax reform. There were about 100 guests listening in the invite-only crowd. .... Outside, on a soggy patch of grass and in a drizzle, uninvited voices were hoping to be heard. .... "No tax cuts for the mega-rich." "Stop Mnuchin on our deductions." "No more pencils no more books, GOP are dirty crooks!" their signs said. .... About 35 people converged to protest. They urged reporters to ask who was invited, since they were not. .... Host Congressman Tom MacArthur, an Ocean County Republican, later told the press that guests were "people from around the county." .... Many protesters said the tax reform plans being pushed by President Donald Trump and Republicans in the House and Senate would benefit the rich, not the middle class.

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### **Asbury Park Press: [Ivanka Trump, Mnuchin pitch tax reform in Berkeley, avoid tough Q's on deductions](#)**

By Michael Diamond and Stacey Barchenger  
November 13, 2017

Since New Jersey has the nation's highest property taxes — on average more than \$8,000 — its middle-class households are on shaky ground. .... About 100 people gathered Monday, a drizzly November morning, at the modest fire hall off Route 9 for an invitation-only event. .... It started with an introduction from Gov. Chris Christie and ended 38 minutes later with nary a question from MacArthur to Ivanka Trump or Mnuchin about the SALT deductions. .... About 35 people protested the event outside the fire hall. Among them was Jason Ireland, of Brick, who tried to push his way into the crowded fire hall, but was stalled by security at the door. .... And on Monday, the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, a business lobby group, said it too was opposed to the bills' elimination of state and local property tax deductions. .... It was left to MacArthur, whose ties to the first family include a lucrative fundraiser hosted by Donald Trump in June, to defend.

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### **Patch (Toms River): [Mnuchin, Ivanka Trump Press Family-Friendly Message on Tax Reform](#)**

By Karen Wall  
November 13, 2017

In front of a room of Republican supporters, Rep. Tom MacArthur, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Ivanka Trump pressed a singular message on Monday morning: that the proposed tax reform will help New Jersey's families. .... It was a message that was warmly received by most inside the Bayville Fire Company firehouse on Monday morning. .... Outside the firehouse, however, more than three dozen protesters gathered on the front lawn of the firehouse in the rain to give a cold shoulder to not only the tax reform proposal but to MacArthur in particular. They held signs urging MacArthur to vote against the tax reform bill. .... One couple, Jason and Nancy Ireland from Brick, tried to get into the room before Mnuchin and Trump arrived but were rebuffed by MacArthur's staff. "Are there any Democrats in here?" Jason Ireland yelled two or three times, demanding the opportunity to get in and ask questions about the tax reform bills. The couple was forced to leave. The blinds were drawn and the doors locked to prevent anyone from going in or out of the door. .... MacArthur read a couple of questions from audience members, but there was no open opportunity to ask questions of Mnuchin or Trump on the tax reform bill.

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### [Blue Jersey Blog: Access Denied](#)

November 13, 2017

There were about 20 people in line outside the Bayville Fire House waiting to get inside from out of the rain to listen to Congressman Tom MacArthur, joined by Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin and First Nepotistic Daughter Ivanka Trump, talking about tax policy. And there were at least four times as many people standing in the rain outside protesting the Trump/MacArthur reverse Robin Hood tax code.

The indoor event was by invitation only and no Democrats were allowed into the taxpayer-funded venue. But neither that nor the rain stopped activists from protesting the draconian changes being proposed by the Trump administration.

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### [NJ.com: Trump says his tax plan would help small businesses. It may actually hurt them.](#)

By Jonathan Salant  
October 12, 2017

"Those that blindly insist the estate tax hurts small businesses are full of hot air," said Sapna Mehta, legislative policy director for the Main Street Alliance Action Fund, the political arm of the small-business coalition. "The simple truth is that most small businesses aren't the owners or beneficiaries of multimillion-dollar estates."

Of the 5,400 estates large enough to face the estate tax in 2017, less than 1 percent, 50, are either small businesses or family farms, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a progressive research group based in Washington.

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**[NJ Spotlight Blog: Trump Tax Policy Could Be Tough on Mom-and-Pop Shops, Main Street](#)**

By John Reitmeyer  
October 12, 2017

The Trump administration's plan to rewrite federal tax policy has faced **widespread criticism** in New Jersey, due to the proposed elimination of a key tax deduction that helps offset local property taxes. But now advocates for small-business owners are also questioning Trump's proposals, saying they could end up hurting many of the state's mom-and-pop stores. The proposal would seem to be a big win for the small-business owners, but the problem is most of them don't earn enough in income to take advantage of the new pass-through rate that's being proposed, said Sapna Mehta, legislative policy director for the Main Street Alliance, during a conference call yesterday.

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## **New Mexico**

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

by Americans for Tax Fairness  
May 9, 2018

Syndicated from an Americans for Tax Fairness press release.

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

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

Commentary: This week in communities across the country advocates are holding events to educate the public about the harmful effects of the new tax law. Advocates at the events are releasing a new report from **Americans for Tax Fairness** and Health Care for America Now that shows how much the tax cuts in each state favor the wealthy and prescription drug companies and health insurers, and how the \$1.5 trillion hole the Trump-GOP tax law blows in the national debt jeopardizes funding for Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, education and more in each state. The national report is here and state reports are here.

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[Las Cruces Sun-News: Op-ed: GOP's tax overhaul is worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 24, 2017

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[Silver City Sun-News: Op-ed: GOP tax overhaul worst Christmas gift ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 23, 2017

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[Alamogordo Daily News: Op-ed: The GOP's Tax Overhaul: Worst Christmas Present Ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 23, 2017

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[KRWG: As House Passes Disastrous Tax Bill, Progressive Groups Mobilize Grassroots Activity to Fight Back](#)

By Not One Penny

November 16, 2017

Alongside **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Indivisible, MoveOn.org, Organizing for Action, Tax March, and dozens of other groups, the coalition is planning more events and grassroots activity to stop Republicans from raising taxes on middle-class families to give tax breaks to millionaires, billionaires, and wealthy corporations.

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[KRWG: "Not One Penny" Campaign Hosts Rally With Leaders Pelosi and Schumer](#)

By Not One Penny

November 15, 2017



The rally was coordinated in partnership with Tax March, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the Center for American Progress Action Fund, Communications Workers of America, Indivisible, League of Conservation Voters, Little Lobbyists, Main Street Alliance, MoveOn.org, Patriotic Millionaires, Stand Up America, and others.

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**[The Alamogordo Daily News: What Donald Trump is not telling you about his tax overhaul plan: Some will pay more taxes](#)**

By Herb Jackson  
October 11, 2017  
Syndicated from USA Today

If Congress relies on a projected surge of economic growth to pay for tax cuts and that surge does not happen, Congress will look for places to cut spending when deficits start to grow in the future, said Frank Clemente, director of the liberal group **Americans for Tax Fairness**. "The reality is, the way the Republicans structured their plans, people at \$50,000 a year are going to get maybe a buck a day, not enough to buy a cup of coffee," Clemente said. "Is it worth getting that extra money if ... it's going to jeopardize retirement security, health care, help to send their kids to college, the roads and bridges everybody agrees we need?"

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**[Santa Fe New Mexican: Op-ed: Senate would slash Medicaid to cut millionaires' taxes](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**  
July 10, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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## **Nevada**

**[Nevada Forward Blog: TAX DAY: NEW REPORT REVEALS HOW TRUMP'S TAX GIVEAWAY IMPACTS NEVADA](#)**

by Will Pregman  
April 17, 2018

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

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[Las Vegas Sun: Letter to the Editor: Wealthy win, health loses](#)

By Brandon Nutton  
November 12, 2017

According to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, there will be over \$1 trillion in cuts to programs like Medicaid and Medicare. The GOP is using the federal budget to take health care away from people who need and deserve it by proposing huge cuts to Medicaid and Medicare. .... Those trying to push this through will avoid really talking about how they will pay for those big tax breaks — hoping that they can move this bill so fast that no one back home will know what’s going on. .... Please think of everyone before voting. Tax breaks for the rich and corporations cost money. That money needs to come from somewhere else in the budget. In this case, it’s most likely to come from massive cuts to Medicaid and Medicare.

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[Nevada Forward Blog: Battle Born Press Conference Outside of Senator Heller’s Las Vegas District Office](#)

October 31, 2017

Nevada Forward shared the live stream of a press conference with Battle Born Progress and other local progressive groups outside of Senator Heller’s Las Vegas district office opposing the GOP tax bill and demanding a clean DREAM Act.

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[CBS Las Vegas: New Nevada Data Suggest Millions Losing Coverage Under Senate Bill](#)

July 7, 2017

“President Trump promised to make health care more affordable and available to more people,” said Frank Clemente, Executive Director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**. “But the Republican healthcare proposals in Congress would slash Medicaid to give massive tax cuts to millionaires, health insurers and drug companies. Many working families in Nevada will find it a lot harder to access health care. President Trump needs to support Medicaid, not millionaires.”

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## New York

### [Carribbean Life: Opinion: Corporate tax cuts are not trickling down](#)

by Frank Clemente  
May 24, 2018

Syndicated by American Forum

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

by Chris Baker  
May 21, 2018

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

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

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

by Staff  
April 17, 2018

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

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

by Jason Sattler  
February 16, 2018

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

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**Caribbean Life: Op-ed: [Big pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 21, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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**Ithaca.com: [Protestors occupy Congressman Reed's office](#)**

By Nick Reynolds & Vaughn Golden

December 12, 2017

Protestors at Rep. Tom Reed's Ithaca office, whom have been staging a sit-in since around 1 p.m. this afternoon, are standing down. Daniel Burns, one of the demonstrators, released this statement to The Ithaca Times on behalf of the group.

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**SILive.com: [Dozens rally against tax bill in front of Donovan's office](#)**

By Thomas Erik Bascome

December 8, 2017

Rep. Daniel Donovan was one of only 13 Republicans to vote "no" on the GOP tax bill passed in the House of Representatives last month, and dozens rallied in front of his office Tuesday morning to encourage him to continue to oppose the bill.

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**WRVO: [Residents voice opposition to tax bill, Miner reconsiders run against Katko](#)**

By Tom Magnarelli

December 6, 2017

A packed audience in Syracuse participated in a town hall on congressional Republicans' tax bill Tuesday. The town hall was hosted by Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner, who is reconsidering a run against central New York Republican Rep. John Katko.

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[The Daily Orange: Syracuse residents denounce Republican tax plan, call on Miner to run for Congress during public forum](#)

By Kennedy Rose  
December 6, 2017

Syracuse community members on Tuesday evening urged outgoing Mayor Stephanie Miner to run against Rep. John Katko, R-N.Y., during a town hall discussion on contentious GOP tax reform efforts.

Katko voted to pass a House of Representatives tax bill that would significantly lower the corporate tax rate and eliminate certain tax deductions that could cost Syracuse residents thousands of dollars, some officials said.

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[Syracuse.com: Lively partisan crowd at Mayor Miner's town hall attacks the GOP 'tax scam'](#)

By Tim Knauss  
December 5, 2017

An energetic crowd of nearly 200 people packed Syracuse City Hall tonight to denounce the Republican federal tax plan and those who voted for it, including U.S. Rep. John Katko, R-Camillus.

The crowd cheered every time a speaker urged the host of the meeting, Democratic Mayor Stephanie Miner, to run against Katko next year. After the 90-minute session, Miner said she is still thinking about challenging Katko but has not decided.

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[Spectrum News: Syracuse Mayor Hosts Tax Town Hall](#)

By Gabrielle Mediak  
December 5, 2017

In the midst of negotiations with the proposed tax bill on the federal level, Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner hosted a town hall for the public to voice concerns.

Hundreds went to city hall Tuesday night, explaining why the tax plan will negatively impact them. Many there were upset with what the proposed plan could do to health care.

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## [WSKG and WXXI: Residents Berate Rep. Tom Reed Over House Tax Bill At Town Hall](#)

By Gaber Altieri  
November 22, 2017

Congressman Tom Reed returned to the Southern Tier this week and faced heat over his support of the big GOP tax bill that just passed the House of Representatives. .... The Republican's district includes Elmira, Corning and Ithaca. He was an architect of the bill. .... At a town hall at the American Legion in Horseheads, Reed was greeted with jeers. The building was packed with residents who disapprove of the Republican tax bill. They think it's good for the rich, at the expense of the poor and middle class. .... Some held signs that read "Tom Reed Voted to Increase My Property Taxes", a reference to a limit to the state and local tax or SALT deduction in the House tax bill. .... Two other regional Congress members voted for House tax bill. Neither Claudia Tenney nor John Katko have held similar town halls since.

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## [WETM 18 News \(Elmira, NY\): Residents respond to Congressman Tom Reed after tax reform vote](#)

By Julio Avila  
November 20, 2017

Local residents gathered to hear why Congressman Tom Reed (R- NY) voted the way he did on the tax reform bill. Many in the audience replied with heavy voices. .... "This has not been debated in the public adequately nationally and we don't know what it's really going to cost," Dianne Trickey-Rokenbrod, a Hornell resident who attended the town hall, said. "Everything we're seeing so far, it's really ugly and really bad." .... She adds that she would've liked to hear Reed talk more about the bill's impact on the middle class and any possibilities of social services being cut as a result.

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## [WENY News \(Elmira, NY\): Residents get heated in Tom Reed town hall meeting](#)

By Brandon Menard  
November 20, 2017

Republican Congressman Tom Reed got "face-to-face" with his constituents in Horseheads early Monday night. .... The "town hall style meeting" was held in front of a packed house at the Horseheads American Legion. .... Some of the main topics were tax reform and health care. .... Some people were very heated with Congressman Reed as they believed he was "side-stepping" certain issues. .... "He mentioned briefly closing loopholes, but I felt that it was really swept under the rug by and large," said Hornell resident, Dianne Trickey-Rokenbrod. "Trying to pacify the middle class people by saying there's a few hundred here or a few hundred there. Then still talking about cutting more services. So what are we getting for the one point five trillion dollars? What are the middle class people getting? We're getting the shaft."

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## [News LI: Analysis: Tax Plan Primarily Benefits the Rich](#)

By Andrea Sears  
October 2, 2017

But according to Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, the lion's share of the benefits would go to the top 1 percent of taxpayers and corporations, while many families earning less than \$75,000 could end up paying more.

"It's massive tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations, and those tax breaks are going to jeopardize Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, public education and some of the other key services that working families depend on," he states.

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## [New York South East Post: Trump to call for slashing taxes, but leaves the details to Congress](#) [New York](#)

September 28, 2017

An analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness** of the tax framework shows that Trump's tax cuts could total \$6.7 to \$8.3 trillion, \$3 to \$5 trillion of which may not be paid for by closing other tax loopholes and/or by limiting tax deductions.

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## [Queens Gazette: Reps. Maloney and King Join with Law Enforcement and Advocates to Call for End to Shell Company Secrecy](#)

July 12, 2017

Forty-four anti-corruption advocacy groups have also endorsed the bill. You can see their coalition letter [here](#).

1. AFCSME
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## North Carolina

[Montgomery Herald: Opinion: Frank Clemente: Corporate tax cuts are not trickling down](#)

by Frank Clemente  
May 24, 2018  
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[Tabor-Loris Tribune: Opinion: Corporate tax cuts not trickling down to workers](#)

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

by Michael Hiltzik  
April 10, 2018

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

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[Alleghany News: Op-ed: Tax overhaul: worst Christmas present](#)

By **Frank Clemente**  
January 3, 2018

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**[WCNC: What Donald Trump is not telling you about his tax overhaul plan: Some will pay more taxes](#)**

By Herb Jackson  
October 11, 2017  
Syndicated from USA Today

If Congress relies on a projected surge of economic growth to pay for tax cuts and that surge does not happen, Congress will look for places to cut spending when deficits start to grow in the future, said **Frank Clemente, director of the liberal group Americans for Tax Fairness**. "The reality is, the way the Republicans structured their plans, people at \$50,000 a year are going to get maybe a buck a day, not enough to buy a cup of coffee," Clemente said. "Is it worth getting that extra money if ... it's going to jeopardize retirement security, health care, help to send their kids to college, the roads and bridges everybody agrees we need?"

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**[WCNC: Demonstrators fight to save Affordable Care Act](#)**

By Rad Berky  
October 4, 2017

During a demonstration outside of the Government Center Wednesday, the group accused congressional Republican leaders of trying to create tax cuts for the rich, paid for by health cuts to the poor. .... House Speaker Paul Ryan is planning to introduce a budget resolution that the group calls nothing more than a wolf in sheep's clothing.

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**[WCNC: NC Could Be One Of Hardest Hit States By Senate Health Bill](#)**

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## Ohio

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

by Healthcare for America Now  
April 17, 2018

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

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

by Adam Shell  
April 14, 2018

**Americans for Tax Fairness**, a liberal group that recently started a website detailing what corporations are doing with their tax cuts, which dropped the corporate rate to 21% from 35%, says workers are not getting their fair share.

The group's data, culled from corporate news releases, media reports, analysts and its own research, show that only 6.3 million workers are getting a one-time bonus or pay hike tied to the cuts. That compares with a total U.S. workforce of 155.2 million, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The ATF analysis shows 126 companies have received \$60.8 billion in total tax cuts, which it claims is nine times more than the \$6.5 billion workers have received in bonuses and pay increases. Corporations, their data show, have spent 37 times more on stock buybacks than worker bonuses or raises since the law was enacted.

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[The Sunbury News: Opinion: Steve Bannon and Members of Trump’s Inner Circle Stash Investments in Offshore Tax Havens](#)

By Joshua Holland  
December 31, 2017

Obscuring one’s investments is just one feature of a much larger scam. For corporate America, offshore tax havens aren’t just a means of shifting the tax burden onto the rest of us—they actually serve as profit centers. In 2015, **Americans for Tax Fairness** estimated that American companies were holding \$2.1 trillion in profits in various tax havens around the world, and under current law, they don’t have to pay taxes on them until they “repatriate” those dollars. In theory, that means that all of those profits represent an interest-free, or at least very low-interest, loan from the federal government, which they can then invest as they’d like and pocket the returns. It’s easy to make money with free money from Uncle Sam.

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[The News-Herald: Opponents of proposed GOP tax plan assemble in Painesville](#)

By Jonathan Tressler  
December 7, 2017

A handful of activists representing various groups opposed to the latest Republican tax plan affirmed their disapproval of the proposal on Dec. 7 outside the Painesville office of U.S. Rep. Dave Joyce, R-Bainbridge Township. They also asked Joyce to, himself, oppose the plan, “which threatens health care for hundreds of thousands of Ohioans,” a Dec. 6 news release from For Ohio’s Future Action Fund states.

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[WDTN News: Rally against GOP tax bill held outside U.S. Rep. Mike Turner’s office](#)

By Maytal Levi  
December 5, 2017

DAYTON, Ohio (WDTN/NBC) – Dozens stood outside Congressman Mike Turner’s office Tuesday evening pushing for him to vote against the GOP tax bill. The event was called ‘Rally to Remind Rep. Mike Turner to Do The Right Thing!’

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[WSYX ABC 6 News \(Columbus, OH\): Faith Leader Rejects the GOP Tax Bill](#)

November 29, 2017

Faith in Public Life Ohio Leader Reverend Tim Ahrens of First Congregational Church in Columbus spoke out in opposition of the Johnson Amendment repeal in the tax bill that would lift the separation of church and state protections if passed.

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[The Cincinnati Inquirer: Polls: Voters in Arizona, Maine, Tennessee disapprove of Senate tax plan](#)

By Jessica Estepa  
November 22, 2017

The polls, conducted by Democratic pollster Hart Research Associates and provided to USA TODAY by the liberal advocacy group **Americans for Tax Fairness**, found that many voters in Maine, Arizona and Tennessee disapprove of the tax plan.

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[Tribune Chronicle: Local group criticizes GOP tax plan](#)

By Raymond Smith  
November 22, 2017

An anti-tax reform group met Wednesday to talk about the many different ways the reform effort will be harsh on ----small businesses, families and people needing medical assistance. *“The tax reform bill, as currently proposed, would hurt small businesses, push people to give up health insurance because they will no longer be eligible for federal government-approved assistance under the Affordable Care Act and it will encourage some businesses to send their work overseas,”* Marcia Dinkins, co-founder and director of Valley Voices United for Change said.

The group is concerned the bill will use profits from the repeal of the Affordable Care Act to pay for permanent tax cuts for large corporations. The Congressional Budget Office predicts the bill would result in 13 million more uninsured people and premium increases of up to 10 percent.

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The World: Op-ed: [The GOP's tax overhaul: Worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**  
December 26, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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Statesman Journal: [Letter to the Editor: New tax plan will hurt people who can least afford it, including small-business owners](#)

By Lee Mercer  
November 17, 2017

The GOP is not trumpeting another alarming truth about this bill – it eliminates several deductions that benefit middle and lower income taxpayers.

This means the burden increases on small businesses and people who can least afford it. While high-earners on Wall Street are enjoying their tax-break windfall, we on Main Street will see Medicaid, Medicare, and education cut by trillions because politicians claim a lack of funding. Small business owners and their customers will have less disposable income to spend, less security, and a bleaker future.

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## [The Register-Guard: Letter to the Editor: Reject this heartless tax plan](#)

By Jere C. Rosemeyer  
October 9, 2017

By a vote of 219 to 206 (with 18 Republicans voting against), the House passed a budget resolution that will bestow massive tax cuts on the rich by cutting social programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. It would expand the deficit, threatening Social Security. And, according to **Americans for Tax Fairness**, many working families would see a tax increase. The resolution also prohibits a filibuster in the Senate and allows for fast track passage.

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## [The Register-Guard: Oregon millionaires would benefit from tax cuts under GOP repeal and replace of Affordable Care Act, critics stress](#)

By Christian Wihtol  
July 8, 2017

Citing research by other entities, **Americans for Tax Fairness** said an estimated 2,760 Oregon millionaires would benefit from a cut on the federal tax on investments under the GOP plan. The average annual tax cut for these millionaires would be \$34,584, the group said, citing an analysis by the Center For American Progress. The center is funded by labor groups, corporations and foundations.

## **Pennsylvania**

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

by Kara O'Kline  
May 20, 2018

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

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

by Frank Clemente

May 23, 2018

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

by Joan Hellyer

April 17, 2018

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

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

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January 3, 2018

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[Middletown Press & Journal: Op-ed: GOP tax overhaul: Worst Christmas gift ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 27, 2017

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**Delco Times: [Clergy to GOP reps: Vote no on tax bill](#)**

By Rick Kauffman  
December 18, 2017

Faith-based leaders were on a mission Monday to change the hearts and minds of a congressman ahead of the tax bill vote set to begin Tuesday.  
Their message: Vote no.

Clergy and members of Philadelphia Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild (POWER) traveled to the offices of U.S. Reps. Mike Fitzpatrick, R-8 of Levittown, Ryan Costello, R-6 of West Goshen and Pat Meehan, R-7 of Chadds Ford delivering a message to the GOP congressmen to vote against party lines.

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**The Mercury News: [Protesters urge Costello to vote 'no' on GOP tax bill](#)**

By Bill Rettew Jr.  
December 18, 2017

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WEST CHESTER >> As part of two different demonstrations, diverse groups of protesters met Monday outside U.S. Rep. Ryan Costello's, R-6, office, at the Historic Chester County Courthouse.

While a group of five demonstrators led by clergy said prayers at the door of Costello's office, a raucous group of more than 100 protesters later that day met on the courthouse steps.

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**[The Times \(Beaver, PA\): Health advocates: Tax bill could cut Medicare, impact other health care programs](#)**

By Kate Malongowski  
December 5, 2017

The tax bill passed by the U.S. House and Senate members could have tremendous impacts on health care, including marketplace users, Medicaid and Medicare recipients, health advocates said.

Several nonprofit leaders spoke about potential changes during a news teleconference organized by the Pennsylvania Health Access Network on Tuesday.

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**[Bucks County Courier Times: State, local advocates say overhaul bill will tax health care](#)**

By Jenny Wagner  
December 5, 2017

As lawmakers convene a conference committee to reconcile the Senate and House versions of the tax overhaul, state and local advocates are voicing concerns about the impact the bill would have on health care.

In a conference call with reporters on Tuesday, Antoinette Kraus, executive director of the Pennsylvania Health Access Network, said the result would be “devastating” for families, women, older adults, people with mental health and substance use disorders, among others.

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**[Daily Local News: Rep. Costello a ‘yes’ vote on tax bill](#)**

By Michael Rellahan  
November 16, 2017

Several groups led by Delco Indivisible, Havertown Area Community Action Network Indivisible, Indivisible Upper Darby, Indivisible Main Line South and POWER are planning a rally in front of Meehan’s Springfield office today from 4:30-6 p.m.

Democrats have called the GOP plan to cut taxes an exercise in giving to the rich and taking away from middle income earners. An analysis released Monday by Congress’ nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation found that the Senate overhaul bill would increase taxes for some 13.8 million moderate-income American households.

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**The Express-Times (LehighValleyLive.com): [Monstrous or MAGA: Lehigh Valley views on tax cut plan](#)**

By Kurt Bresswein  
October 31, 2017

Frankenstein's monster, or at least Coopersburg resident Dan Miller wearing a Halloween mask, growled his disapproval Tuesday at one view of what the congressional tax cut plan would mean for America. .... Miller was among about 20 people gathered for a trick-or-treat-themed protest against the proposal, outside the South Whitehall Township office of U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent. .... "What we've got here is we expect tricks for us and treats for the wealthy," said Phila Back, dressed as the Joker from the "Batman" franchise. She organized the rally for the Pennsylvania Health Access Network, and it ended with delivering a set of demands on tax reform to Dent's staff. .... Outside Dent's office on Tuesday, protesters called for him to vote against "tax cuts for millionaires, billionaires and big corporations" and "cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, education, infrastructure and programs families depend on." They also called on him to reject the provision opening up to oil drilling the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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**Daily Local News: [Letter to the Editor: Thanks to Costello for hearing concerns](#)**

By Reverend Frank Pennington Wayne  
October 25, 2017

A few weeks ago I joined other members of POWER, a progressive nonpartisan inter-faith activist group comprised of concerned citizens from Philadelphia and the western suburbs, to engage in conversations with Rep. Ryan Costello in his District office in West Chester. The meeting was about our concerns for just health care for all. We were particularly concerned about the House budget which proposed paying for trillions in tax cuts to the super wealthy by cutting Medicaid and Medicare by nearly \$1.5 trillion and repealing the ACA. .... I hope that his openness to hearing the real concerns and stories of his constituents who depend on the ACA, Medicaid and Medicare will allow him to maintain his position and defend our right to health care programs that serve our families and save lives.

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**LNP Lancaster Online: [Letter to the Editor: Beware of tax reform arguments](#)**

By Jacques Gibble  
October 9, 2017

**Americans for Tax Fairness** reports that “General Electric, Boeing, Verizon and 23 other profitable Fortune 500 firms paid no federal income taxes from 2008 to 2012. Nationally, profitable corporations paid income taxes amounting to just 12.6 percent of worldwide income in 2010.”

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**The Delaware County Daily Times: [Safety net’ brings another group to Meehan office](#)**

By Susan Serbin

September 28, 2017

“The House Budget Committee’s 2018 plans, presented by Speaker Paul Ryan, would pave the way for trillions of dollars in tax cuts to the wealthy and big corporations, while cutting trillions of dollars from public services working families rely on, such as Social Security, health care and education,” said a flyer from **Americans for Tax Fairness** and distributed to those gathered.

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**Pittsburgh Gazette: [Len Boselovic’s Heard off the Street: Tax reform spin cycle will try your patience](#)**

By Len Boselovic

September 11, 2017

Left leaning groups contend Mr. Trump’s promise that tax reform will benefit the middle class is a sham. Frank Clemente, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**, told reporters on a call Wednesday that Mr. Trump’s idea of tax reform is “massive tax cuts that will overwhelmingly benefit the rich.”

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## Rhode Island

**Westerly Sun: Op-ed: [Tax overhaul: Worst Christmas present ever](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

December 28, 2017

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[The Providence American: \*\*Whitehouse, Baldwin Introduce Amendment to Prevent Tax Windfalls for Trump Administration Billionaires\*\*](#)

December 18, 2017

The No Windfalls for Government Service Act has been endorsed by **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, and Public Citizen.

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[Westerly Sun: Op-ed: \*\*Big pharma due for blockbuster tax breaks\*\*](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 8, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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[The Providence American: \*\*Whitehouse, Doggett Call for Action on Tax Haven Bill in Wake of Paradise Papers\*\*](#)

November 19, 2017

The bill has the support of the Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency (FACT) Coalition, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, Fair Share, the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, the Main Street Alliance, Oxfam America, Public Citizen, U.S. PIRG, and American Sustainable Business Council.

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[Westerly Sun: Op-ed: \*\*Tax breaks for the wealthy are the priority in Trump budget\*\*](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

June 21, 2017

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## South Carolina

[The Clinton Chronicle: Op-ed: \*\*Big Pharma's Blockbuster Tax Cuts\*\*](#)

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[The Tennessean \(Nashville, TN\): \*\*Sen. Bob Corker says he will vote against Senate Republican tax-reform package\*\*](#)

By Michael Collins  
December 1, 2017

A group called **Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund** ran 60-second radio ads in Tennessee urging Corker “to keep his promise” and vote against the tax bill. The Democratic National Committee also targeted Corker with robocalls and digital ads urging Tennesseans to call him and demand that he vote against what the group called “this GOP tax scam.”

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[The Tennessean \(Nashville, TN\): \*\*Tax bills raise concerns for older Tennesseans, Medicare funding and all claiming medical deductions\*\*](#)

By Holly Fletcher  
November 28, 2017

The proposed tax reform bills in Congress could negatively impact older Tennesseans as they file taxes, try to access physicians under Medicare or buy individual insurance, advocates for seniors say. .... The tax reform proposals — the House and Senate versions do different things — are concerning to the Council on Aging of Middle Tennessee because of the potential to spur more cuts to programs that serve seniors in an era characterized by a rapidly aging population, said Grace Sutherland Smith, executive director.

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[Johnson City Press \(Johnson City, TN\): \*\*Demonstrators urge Bob Corker to oppose GOP tax bill\*\*](#)

By Brandon Paykamian  
November 28, 2017

A small group of demonstrators gathered outside Sen. Bob Corker’s Jonesborough office Monday, urging him to vote against the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. .... With Corker not expressing explicit support or opposition to this bill specifically, Susan Whitlow, an organizer from the Sullivan County Democratic Party, said protesters hoped to persuade the senator to oppose the legislation. .... She said the bill many are calling “tax reform” would be more accurately referred to as a tax cut for the wealthy. .... “This tax bill is immoral, and our senator said that he won’t vote for any tax bill that raises the deficit by one penny. If he means that, he can’t vote for this because it’s going to raise it by a bunch,” she said. “Temporarily, it will cut taxes for the middle class. Permanently, it will only cut taxes for the extremely wealthy and for wealthy corporations. In five years, the middle class and lower class will be paying more in taxes.”

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[Daily News Journal \(Murfreesboro, TN\): Poll: Tennesseans disapprove of congressional tax plan, fear changes won't help middle class](#)

By Dave Boucher  
November 22, 2017

Hart Research Associates generally works with Democratic candidates and causes but has also done work with big business and media. They conduct the monthly NBC News and Wall Street Journal poll.

The left-leaning Institute on Taxes and Economic Policy and **Americans for Tax Fairness** paid for the poll.

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[The Daily Herald \(Columbia, TN\): Health groups criticize tax cuts](#)

By Mike Christen  
November 20, 2017

Tax reform proposals moving through Congress could hurt the health care of millions of Americans and raise costs for families with serious medical needs, several major Tennessee health organizations warned Monday.

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**Johnson City Press (Johnson City, TN): [Tennessee health care advocates oppose GOP tax bill](#)**

By Brandon Paykamian

November 20, 2017

Representatives from more than 20 national health organizations criticized Congress' tax reform bill Friday as a vehicle for "ramming through massive health care cuts it (Congress) could not pass earlier this year" and urged Tennessee's delegation to oppose it.

The main criticism health care advocates and organizations across the state — including the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and National Organization for Rare Disorders — lodged against the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was its similarity to the failed Graham-Cassidy Bill, which sought to roll back many of the provisions of the Affordable Care Act, including the individual mandate.

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**Lebanon Democrat (Lebanon, TN): [TN health organizations speak out about Senate Tax Bill's impact on Tennessean's health](#)**

By Jacob Smith

November 17, 2017

State representatives from several national organizations, including the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network and the National Organization for Rare Disorders, explained how the tax reform bill could impact Tennessee's communities and why they are calling on U.S. Sens. Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker to vote against it.

The members, who spoke on a conference call Friday, expressed significant concern with the partial Affordable Care Act repeal, which eliminates the tax imposed by the act's mandate that all Americans have health insurance.

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## [WSMV \(Nashville, TN\): Tennessee representatives react to passage of tax plan](#)

November 16, 2017

What Tennessee representatives are saying after the U.S. House of Representatives passed President Trump's tax plan on Thursday.

House Budget Committee Chairman Diane Black (R-Tennessee) "I am proud the House has acted on modernizing the federal government's outdated and complicated tax system. By passing the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, we are one step closer to delivering much-needed tax relief for hardworking American families, empowering businesses to create more jobs and simplifying the tax code. I look forward to similar action in the Senate, so we can ultimately get legislation to the president's desk as soon as possible."

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## [The Tennessean \(Nashville, TN\): Sen. Lamar Alexander backs GOP plan to repeal Obamacare mandate as part of tax reform](#)

By Michael Collins  
November 15, 2017

WASHINGTON – Sen. Lamar Alexander said Wednesday he supports the Senate GOP's tax-reform bill and has no problem with it including a provision to repeal the Affordable Care Act's mandate that everyone buy health insurance.

Tying repeal of the so-called individual mandate to the tax-reform measure could cost Alexander Democratic support for a separate bipartisan bill that he negotiated with Democratic Sen. Patty Murray to stabilize Obamacare's individual health insurance markets in the short term.

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## [Knox News: Tennessee colleges and universities concerned about GOP tax plans](#)

By Rachael Ohm  
November 13, 2017

Colleges and universities in Tennessee are raising concerns about proposed Republican tax plans, which, if passed, could include a tax on the endowments of private colleges and tuition waivers for graduate students.

The proposed changes were presented in a House plan Nov. 2.

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**Hendersonville Standard: Letter to the Editor: Rep. Diane Black robs the poor and gives to the rich**

By Jordan Banks  
November 9, 2017

On the eve of the GOP unveiling its tax plan, Rep. Diane Black during a CNBC interview this week called the GOP tax plan “a gift to America.” What “America” exactly is she referring to? An America that turns its sick citizens away from emergency rooms? An America that gives huge corporations and the rich (like Rep. Black) tax breaks while refusing to provide healthcare to nearly nine million children?

The America Rep. Black envisions steals healthcare, food, and security from the working class and throws change into the treasure troughs of her fellow plutocrats.

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**The Winchester Herald-Chronicle: Op-ed: Trump cuts critical services to pay for wealthy tax cuts**

By Frank Clemente  
June 16, 2017

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## **Texas**

**The Gilmer Mirror Online: Opinion: CORPORATE TAX CUTS NOT TRICKLING DOWN TO WORKERS**

by Frank Clemente  
May 14, 2018  
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**Big Bend Now: [We are all going to get rich!](#)**

by George Covington  
May 3, 2018

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

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**My San Antonio: [Editorial: It's tax time, Mr. Trump](#)**

by Jeff Boyer  
April 14, 2018

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

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**San Angelo Standard-Times: Op-ed: [GOP's tax overhaul is the worst Christmas present ever](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**  
December 23, 2017

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**The Gilmer Mirror: Op-ed: [The GOP's tax overhaul: Worst Christmas present ever](#)**

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**Houston Memorial Examiner: Op-ed: [Big Pharma's blockbuster tax cuts](#)**

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

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[The Gilmer Mirror: New Texas Data Shows How Many People Would Lose Coverage from U.S. Senate Health Care Bill & How Many Millionaires Would Get Tax Cuts](#)

July 8, 2017

“President Trump promised to make health care more affordable and available to more people,” said Frank Clemente, Executive Director of **Americans for Tax Fairness**. “But the Republican healthcare proposals in Congress would slash Medicaid to give massive tax cuts to millionaires, health insurers and drug companies. Many working families in Texas will find it a lot harder to access health care. President Trump needs to support Medicaid, not millionaires.”

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[The Dallas Examiner: Op-ed: Trump cuts critical services for wealthy tax cuts](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

June 27, 2017

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## Utah

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

by Frank Clemente

May 27, 2018

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**Deseret News: Op-ed: [Senate health bill slashes Medicaid to cut millionaires' taxes](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**

July 1, 2017

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## **Vermont**

**Newport Daily Express: Opinion: Frank Clemente: Corporate tax cuts are not trickling down**

by Frank Clemente

May 24, 2018

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## **Virginia**

**Mecklenburg Sun: [Opinion: Frank Clemente: Corporate tax cuts are not trickling down](#)**

by Frank Clemente

May 24, 2018

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**Augusta Free Press: [Opinion: Frank Clemente: Corporate tax cuts are not trickling down](#)**

by Frank Clemente

May 15, 2018

Syndicated from American Forum

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

by Don Johnson

April 17, 2018

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

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**The Virginia Pilot: [Conservatives and business leaders worried about the deficit take aim at Social Security and Medicare](#)**

by Michael Hiltzik  
April 10, 2018

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**South Boston News & Record: Op-ed: [GOP tax overhaul: Worst Christmas gift ever](#)**

By **Frank Clemente**  
December 28, 2017  
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**WHSV: [Valley protesters take aim at GOP tax reform bill](#)**

By Johnny Oliver

December 9, 2017

The push by congressional Republicans to reform the United States tax system drew the ire of demonstrators in the valley on Saturday.

In front of the Augusta County Courthouse in Staunton, protesters braved the chilly temperatures and falling snow in an attempt to convince elected leaders, including Rep. Bob Goodlatte, to stop the GOP's bill.

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**SWVA Today: [Pence visits Abingdon, stumps for Gillespie](#)**

By Robert Sorrell

October 18, 2017



**Frank Clemente**, executive director of **Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund**, said, “There’s no doubt about it, Ed Gillespie and Mike Pence have a lot in common. And when it comes to their tax plans, they are trying to rig the system to put more money into the hands of millionaires and billionaires, while doing nothing to help the middle class and actively hurting services that families rely on, such as public education and healthcare.”

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October 15, 2017

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### [Blue Virginia Blog: Democratic Party of Virginia Releases New Paper on Devastating Impact of Trump-Pence Policies on Southwest Virginia](#)

October 14, 2017

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### [The Progress-Index: Op-ed: Senate health bill slashes Medicaid to cut millionaires’ taxes](#)

By **Frank Clemente**  
July 13, 2017  
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## Washington

[The Star: Opinion: Corporate tax cuts not trickling down to workers: Frank Clemente](#)

by Frank Clemente

May 16, 2018

Syndicated from American Forum

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

by Nicole Goodkind

April 12, 2018

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

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[The Grand Coulee Star: Op-ed: The GOP's tax overhaul: worst Christmas present ever](#)

By **Frank Clemente**

December 27, 2017

Syndicated by American Forum

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[The Spokesman-Review: About 150 march in Spokane in protest of Republican tax reform plans](#)

By Amy Edelen

December 11, 2017

About 150 protesters gathered Monday afternoon in downtown Spokane to denounce Republican tax reform proposals moving through Congress.

All In For Washington, Greater Spokane Progress and the Peace & Justice Action League of Spokane organized the event. Protesters marched from the Thomas S. Foley United States Courthouse to the local office of U.S. Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers on Post Street.

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[Kitsap Daily News: Opinion: That 2018 tax cut you've been promised may not happen | As It Turns Out](#)

By Marilyn Olds  
November 16, 2017

Groups like Indivisible and others are working against this lethal tax budget. Meet the resistance: #NotOnePenny, **Americans for Tax Fairness**, North Kitsap Indivisible, Public Citizen, Resisterhood.

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## West Virginia

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

by Staff  
April 17, 2018

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

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

by Todd Baucher  
April 17, 2018

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

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[Charleston Gazette-Mail: Capito votes to proceed on tax reform; Manchin opposes](#)

By Jake Zuckerman  
November 29, 2017

Story includes a photo of demonstrators protesting the GOP tax bill in front of Senator Shelley Moore Capito's Charleston office in the United Bank Building on Virginia Street ahead of a final vote in the U.S. Senate.

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**[The Journal: Talking about taxes: Protesters rally against tax reform; legislators offer support](#)**

By Tim Cook  
November 22, 2017

Billed as a Candlelight Protest Rally, the event was a protest against the GOP plan to overhaul the federal tax code for the first time in three decades. .... For the various proponents of the tax reform bill, including the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, it would stimulate the economy and create jobs. For opponents of the same bill, such as the West Virginia Center for Budget and Policy and the West Virginia Council of Churches, it would give tax cuts to corporations and the wealthiest individuals that would widen the income gap. .... *"This bill makes no sense,"* Stewart Acuff, a Martinsburg resident and a retired labor organizer with the AFL-CIO, said. *"It only serves to take more and more and more from us and give it to fewer and fewer people. This is not less than a fight to save democracy in America."*

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**[Charleston Gazette-Mail: Advocates worried health programs will pay for tax cuts](#)**

By Erin Beck  
November 21, 2017

Several advocacy groups said Tuesday they worried a Republican plan to alter the country's tax code and cut taxes for corporations would be paid for by cutting health care programs heavily relied upon in West Virginia. .... The West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy, West Virginia Citizen Action Group and West Virginians for Affordable Health Care — all left-leaning groups — and others held a news conference Tuesday morning at Covenant House in Charleston. .... "That means we're either going to grow our deficit or we're going to force spending cuts to vital investments like health care, education and job training," said Caitlin Cook, spokeswoman for the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy. "These tax cuts are not paid for up front. That means low- and middle-income Americans are going to be footing the bill for the permanent changes to the corporate tax code. .... "West Virginia's Congressional delegation should be working to advance tax policies that actually invest in our working families while ensuring that tax cuts are paid for by closing loopholes and other responsible measures," Cook said.

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**[WV MetroNews: W.Va. groups oppose tax reform, urge Capito to reject bill](#)**

By Carrie Hodousek  
November 21, 2017

State policy advocates are opposing federal tax reform legislation because they say it would harm middle and working-class West Virginians. .... Several groups joined together at the Covenant House to urge U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) to vote against the Senate's tax reform bill. .... Among the participating groups: the AFT West Virginia, the NAACP, the AFL-CIO, the West Virginia Council of Churches and the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy. .... Caitlin Cook with the WVCBP said there will need to be forced spending cuts to health care, education and job training to make up for the loss. .... The wealthiest five percent of tax payers will get 50 percent of the tax cut in 2019, Cook said. She said the benefits for the rich and big corporations will grow over time under both House and Senate versions.

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**Charleston Gazette-Mail: Op-ed: [GOP tax plans would be disaster for small business](#)**

By Martha Ehlman  
October 22, 2017

Republicans claim their proposed tax cuts will somehow help small business. As a small business owner, I know the opposite is true. Trump's proposal would slash that top tax rate, which is mostly paid by hedge-fund managers, Wall Street lawyers, real estate moguls (like Trump) and other high rollers.

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## Wisconsin

[Madison.com: Opinion: Jeanne Larson: Tax bills not benefiting most Americans](#)

by Jeanne Larson

May 10, 2018

Syndicated from Ashland Daily Press

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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[Green Bay Press: LTE: Tax cuts aid the rich, hurt the poor](#)

by Jeanne Larson Phillips

May 4, 2018

Syndicated from Ashland Daily Press

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[Wisconsin Gazette: Questions about how Apple's spending its tax savings](#)

By Americans for Tax Fairness

May 1, 2018

Syndicated from ATF press release

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[Ashland Daily Press: Letter to the Editor: A tax bill of, by and for the rich](#)

By Jeanne Larson Phillips  
May 1, 2018

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

April 22, 2018

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

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[Wisconsin Gazette: Tax plan for Trump: Trump's benefit from GOP tax plan as much as \\$22 million a year](#)

By **Americans for Tax Fairness**  
December 23, 2017

Despite his false claim that his tax plan would “cost me a fortune,” new analysis by **Americans for Tax Fairness** shows that Donald Trump will benefit enormously from his tax plan. Trump’s exact tax savings are difficult to estimate since he has refused to release his tax returns unlike every other president over the last 40 years — but it is likely to be at least \$11 million a year and perhaps as much as \$22 million.

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[FOX6Now \(Milwaukee, WI\): Watch: Rep. Gwen Moore, Mayor Tom Barrett come together to oppose GOP tax plans](#)

By Katie DeLong  
November 20, 2017

They said plans to eliminate deductions for state income tax, mortgage payments and other expenses will hurt Wisconsinites. Meanwhile, Barrett complained the GOP bills would lower the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 20 percent. He noted Wisconsin lost manufacturing jobs in 2016 despite the elimination of the state's manufacturing and agricultural tax years ago.

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[News/Talk 1510-AM: Citizen Action WI Executive Director Robert Kraig interview on the Devil's Advocates Radio Show](#)

By Bryan Kelly  
November 20, 2017

The Devil's Advocates Radio Show covered a press conference with Citizen Action WI, Rep. Gwen Moore and Mayor Tom Barrett and other local leaders to oppose the GOP tax bills and spoke with Citizen Action WI Executive Director Robert Kraig about the impacts on people in Wisconsin.

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[FOX6Now \(Milwaukee, WI\): Speaker Ryan marches GOP tax bill toward Thursday vote, but Milwaukee realtors aren't sold](#)

By Theo Keith  
November 15, 2017

Opposition to Republican bills that overhaul the U.S. tax code came from Milwaukee realtors and local activists on Wednesday, November 15th, one day before Speaker Paul Ryan scheduled a vote on the House floor.

Separately Wednesday, activists with Citizen Action of Wisconsin gathered in Oak Creek to protest the tax cuts' impact on the federal budget. They speculated that the cuts would trigger mandatory spending cuts, which could affect Medicare.

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[The Capital Times: Column: Republican tax bills would be paradise for plutocrats](#)

By Katrina vanden Heuvel  
November 15, 2017  
Syndicated from the Washington Post

**Frank Clemente, executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness**, has sensibly called on Congress to investigate before it legislates. Reform should start by exposing the various scams and dodges, rousing public ire to counter the lobbying weight of big business. Legislation could focus on shutting down the loopholes and cracking down on tax havens abroad. The first step would be to end "deferral" of taxes on profits reported abroad.



[The Oshkosh Northwestern: What Donald Trump is not telling you about his tax overhaul plan: Some will pay more taxes](#)

By Herb Jackson

October 11, 2017

Syndicated from USA Today

If Congress relies on a projected surge of economic growth to pay for tax cuts and that surge does not happen, Congress will look for places to cut spending when deficits start to grow in the future, said Frank Clemente, director of the liberal group **Americans for Tax Fairness**.

"The reality is, the way the Republicans structured their plans, people at \$50,000 a year are going to get maybe a buck a day, not enough to buy a cup of coffee," Clemente said. "Is it worth getting that extra money if ... it's going to jeopardize retirement security, health care, help to send their kids to college, the roads and bridges everybody agrees we need?"

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[WisPolitics.com: Congressional Progressive Caucus: Members of Congress, advocates to call on Congress to reject the Ryan-McConnell Tax Plan](#)

By Sayanna Molina

October 3, 2017

WisPolitics.com published a press release from the Congressional Progressive Caucus and allied groups. It is behind a pay wall.

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## Wyoming

[Wyoming AFLCIO: 12 Things We've Learned About the GOP Tax Bill](#)

by AFL-CIO

April 18, 2018

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

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## INTERNATIONAL MEDIA CLIPS

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

by Ramón Ferrando  
April 29, 2018

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

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

by Associated Press  
April 17, 2018

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

by The Associated Press  
April 13, 2018

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

by Ethan Phillips  
April 11, 2018

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

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**Shanghai Daily News: Op-ed: Being ill and poor in the US just got more expensive**

By **Frank Clemente**  
January 8, 2018  
Syndicated by American Forum

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**Fnews.me: The 15 richest families could reap \$300 billion from Republican tax cuts**

December 8, 2017

Syndicated from Daily Kos

Mother Jones spoke with **Americans for Tax Fairness**, an advocacy group focused on progressive tax reform, about how these changes to the estate tax will benefit the ultra-wealthy, specifically the top 15 richest Americans, as ranked and reported by Forbes. If the exemptions are doubled, each estate would save \$4.4 million for a couple, or \$2.2 million for a single person. And if the tax is repealed, that's where things get interesting: According to numbers crunched by Americans for Tax Fairness, in that scenario, the people who inherit money from this tiny group of people could potentially save more than a whopping \$300 billion combined. And the families of GOP-megadonors Charles and David Koch could collectively save nearly \$39 billion, while the heirs of Republican kingmaker and moneyman Sheldon Adelson could be looking at \$14 billion.

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