



RECENT POLLING ON THE TCJA & TAXING THE WEALTHY

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TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT

[Monmouth University Poll \(April 11-15, 2019\)](#) (801 adults, MOE +/- 3.5)

Only 34% of respondents approve of the TCJA compared to 43% who disapprove. Approval has dropped by 7% since March of 2018. Just 12% of respondents strongly approve while 28% strongly disapprove. 68% of Democrats do not approve compared to 41% of independents and 16% of Republicans. 14% of respondents said they paid less in taxes this year compared to 28% that said they paid more.

[Hill-HarrisX \(April 12 to April 13, 2019\)](#) (1,001 registered voters, MOE +/-3.1%)

Only 18% of registered voters said they paid less in federal taxes for 2018 compared to 2017. 36% of registered voters said they paid about the same and a further 32% said they paid more. 40% of Democrats said they paid more compared to 31% of independents and 25% of Republicans.

[Gallup \(April 1-9, 2019\)](#) (1,012 adults, MOE +/-4%)

Americans continue to have a net-negative view of the 2017 tax bill -- 49% disapprove and 40% approve. A plurality of Americans, 43%, remain unsure whether the new tax law has affected what they pay in federal income taxes. Majorities of Americans continue to think that upper-income people (62%) and corporations (69%) pay too little in taxes.

[New York Times/SurveyMonkey \(April 1 to April 7\)](#) (9,716 adults, MOE +/-1.5%)

40% of Americans think they got a tax cut, that is up by [only 8% from 2017](#). Just 25% of Democrats believe they got a tax cut compared to 30% of independents and 60% of

Republicans. 48% of Americans approve of the law while only 21% of Democrats approve compared to 39% of independents and 82% of Republicans.

[RealClear Politics \(Jan. 2-Feb. 20, 2019 Average of Polls\)](#)

By an almost five-point margin, voters disapprove of the Trump-GOP tax cut law, 45.8% to 40.9%, according to the latest Real Clear Politics average of 2019 polling.

[Economist/YouGov \(March 31-April 2, 2019\)](#) (1,500 adults, MOE +/- 2.8%)

40% oppose (28% strongly) the tax plan passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump, and 34% support. Among Democrats, 68% oppose the law, with 33% of independents opposed. 70% of Republicans support the TCJA.

[Wall Street Journal/NBC News \(March 23-27, 2019\)](#) (1,000 adults, MOE +/-3.10%)

Only 17% of respondents said they are paying less in taxes under the TCJA. 28% of respondents said they were paying more in taxes and the rest of the respondents (55%) said their taxes stayed the same or they did not know. Perceptions on receiving a tax cut were somewhat consistent across partisan lines. Only 33% of Republicans felt they were getting a tax cut compared to 10% of independents and 7% of Democrats.

[Morning Consult/Businesses for Responsible Tax Reform \(March 26-27, 2019\)](#)

(501 Small Business Owners, MOE +/- 4%)

48% of respondents said the TCJA had no impact on the growth or profitability of their business. A further 24% said the TCJA had a negative impact on their business. 74% said they were not able to hire new employees due to the law. 65% of respondents think large corporations do not pay their fair share of taxes and 66% support increasing taxes on corporations.

[Pew Research Center \(March 20-25, 2019\)](#) (1,503 adults, MOE +/-3%)

More than a year after the new tax law was enacted, public approval remains relatively unchanged (36% approve of the tax law, while 49% disapprove). However, fewer Republicans strongly approve of the law than did so in January 2018. 52% of Americans say the present federal tax system is unfair. 80% of Americans are bothered “some” or “a lot” by wealthy people not paying their fair share. 82% of Americans are bothered “some” or “a lot” by corporations not paying their fair share.

[ALG Research for Tax March/ATF \(March 15-20, 2019\)](#) (1,000 likely 2020 voters, online)

62% of respondents support repealing the TCJA. Repeal is supported by 39% of Republicans respondents and a third of respondents who approved of Trump’s presidency.

[Reuters/Ipsos poll \(March 6-11, 2019\)](#) (1,755 adults, including 1,439 who said they either “already filed” or “will file an income tax return, MOE +/- 5%)

Only one in five U.S. taxpayers expects to pay less income tax this year as a result of the tax reform law passed in 2017 by Republicans who promised big savings for everyday Americans. Twenty-one percent of adults who had either filed their taxes or planned to say “the new tax plan that Congress recently passed” would let them pay less this year; about 29% said they would pay more; 27% said there would be no impact; 24% said they were not sure.

[National Association of Business Economics \(Dec. 17, 2018 – Jan. 9, 2019\)](#)

The vast majority—84%—of 106 NABE members responding indicated that one year after its passage the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act has not caused their firms to change hiring or investment plans. This is similar to the 81% in the previous survey.

[Gallup \(September 24-30, 2018\)](#) (1,462 adults, MOE +/- 3%)

46% opposed the tax cut law, while 39% approved.

[Public Policy Polling \(June 8-10, 2018\)](#) (679 registered voters, MOE +/- 3.8%)

51% say they believe the tax cut law mostly helps the rich, with only 30% saying it helps the middle class and just 7% saying it helps the poor.

[NBC-WSJ/Hart Research \(April 8-11, 2018\)](#) (900 adults, MOE +/- 3.27%)

53% viewed the Trump-GOP tax bill negatively because it will increase the federal deficit and mostly benefit the wealthy and big corporations; 39% viewed it positively.

[Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research \(March 14-19, 2018\)](#) (1,122 adults, MOE +/- 4.2%)

Of people familiar with the new tax cut law, 77% believe it helps large corporations and 73% say it benefits the wealthy, while 42% say it helps middle-income families.

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[Washington Post/ABC \(April 22-15, 2019\)](#) (1,001 adults, MOE +/-4% among 865 registered voters)

62% of adults say the economic system in the U.S. “works to benefit those in power” instead of all people (49% strongly believe it). The figures are similar for registered voters: 60% say the economic system benefits those in power, 48% strongly believe it.

[Fox News \(March 17-29, 2019\)](#) (1,002 registered voters, MOE +/-3%)

Voters’ top tax concern isn’t how much they pay. Instead, they are most concerned about the rich not paying enough (34%), the way the government spends the money (28%), and “too many people don’t have to pay taxes” (12%). Compared to 2014, the last time the question was asked, there has been an increase in voters who are troubled that the rich aren’t paying enough (+6 points). The shift in frustration comes mainly from self-identified liberals (+20) and voters under age 30 (+14 points). However, it’s not limited to traditional left-leaning groups -- voters ages 65 and over (+14), voters earning \$50k and over (+11), and whites without a college degree (+9) are also increasingly bothered by the wealthy not pulling their weight.

[ALG Research for Tax March/ATF \(March 15-20, 2019\)](#) (1,000 likely 2020 voters, online)

-Three-out-of-four respondents (75%) support raising taxes on the rich. This strong support extends across party lines, with 90% of Democrats, 70% of Independents and 60% of Republicans in favor of higher taxes for the rich. Voters rated "making the rich pay their fair share in taxes" as their third highest priority from a list of ten issues behind making healthcare more affordable and protecting Medicare and Social Security from budget cuts.

[Fox News \(Jan. 20-29, 2019\)](#) (1,008 registered voters, MOE +/- 3%)

65% of registered voters support increasing taxes on families earning over \$1 million a year. 70% of registered voters support increasing tax rates on families earning above \$10 million a year, including 54% of Republicans.

[Axios/Survey Monkey \(Jan. 16-18, 2019\)](#) (2,277 adults)

58% of adults say that "unfairness in the economic system that favors the wealthy" is a bigger problem than the standard GOP message that "over-regulation of the free market... interferes with growth and prosperity" (39%).

[RNC \(September 2018\)](#)

By 61% to 30%, voters said the Trump-GOP tax cuts benefit "large corporations and rich Americans" over "middle class families, leaving the pollsters to note "Republicans lost the messaging battle on the [tax] issue."

[Gallup \(April 2018\)](#)

62% say "upper income people" are paying too little in federal taxes and 10% are paying too much, which is consistent with Gallup surveys going back more than 10 years. The margin for corporations was 66% paying too little and 7% paying too much.

[Reuters/Ipsos \(Sept. 29 to Oct. 5, 2017\)](#)

53% of adults "strongly agree" that the wealthiest Americans should pay higher tax rates. An additional 23% "somewhat agree" the wealthiest should pay higher tax rates, according to the poll of 1,504 people.

RAISE TOP RATE TO 70% — REP. OCASIO-CORTEZ'S PROPOSAL

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[ALG Research/Tax March/ATF \(March 15-20, 2019\)](#) (1,000 likely 2020 voters, online)

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's tax proposal to raise taxes on those whose household wealth exceeds \$10 million is supported by over two-thirds of voters (78%). But the reference to the 70% tax rate on those *earning* over \$10 million lowers support to 61%.

[NYTimes/Survey Monkey \(Feb. 4-11, 2019\)](#) (9,974 adults, MOE +/- 1.5%)

By a margin of 51% to 45% those surveyed supported a 70% marginal tax rate on incomes above \$10 million per year.

[Navigator/Global Strategy Group \(Jan 28-31, 2019\)](#) (1,126 registered voters)

48% support introducing a 70% marginal rate on income over \$10 million, 28% oppose and 24% are unsure. After those who are unsure or opposed read more information about the meaning of “marginal tax rate,” support grows to 55% overall while opposition barely moves (29%). Just half of Republicans (50%) oppose the plan, 39% back it as does 47% of independents and 73% of Democrats.

[Business Insider/SurveyMonkey Audience \(Jan. 15-16, 2019\)](#) (1,095 people, MOE +/- 3.11%)

38.7% of people surveyed supported Ocasio-Cortez's plan, while 34.4% opposed it, meaning Warren's idea polled significantly better.

[The Hill/HarrisX \(Jan. 12-13, 2019\)](#) (1,001 registered voters, MOE +/- 3.1%)

59% of registered voters support taxing incomes above \$10 million at a 70% tax rate
Q. Currently the top tax rate is 37%. Would you favor or oppose a tax proposal that would apply a 70% rate to the 10 millionth dollar and beyond for individuals making \$10 million a year or more in reportable income? **Favor: 59%; Oppose: 41%**

TAX ON EXTREME WEALTH PROPOSED BY SENATOR WARREN

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[NYTimes/Survey Monkey \(Feb. 4-11, 2019\)](#) (9,974 adults, MOE +/- 1.5%)

By a margin of 61% to 35%, those surveyed supported a 2 percent tax on wealth above \$50 million. The margin in favor was 51% to 46% among Republicans and 57% to 39% among independents.

[The Hill-HarrisX \(Feb. 1-2, 2019\)](#) (1,001 registered voters, MOE +/- 3.1%)

74% supported a Sen. Warren’s wealth tax proposal, which consists of a 2% tax on Americans with assets above \$50 million and a 3% tax on people with more than \$1 billion. Among Republicans 65% favored the wealth tax proposal; Democrats favored it by 86% and independents by 69%.

[Morning Consult/Politico \(Feb. 1-2, 2019\)](#) (1,993 registered voters; MOE +/- 2%)

61% favored Sen. Warren’s “ultra-millionaire” plan, which is an annual tax of 2% on household wealth of more than \$50 million and a 3% levy on wealth exceeding \$1 billion. Rep. Ocasio-Cortez’s proposal for a new marginal tax rate of 70% on income over \$10 million drew support from 45% of voters, opposition from 32% and 23% undecided.

[You Gov/Data for Progress \(Jan. 30, 2019\)](#) (1,282 registered voters)

61% supported Sen. Warren’s wealth tax proposal, with 46% “strongly” supporting it and 21% opposed. A plurality of Republicans supported it by a 44% to 37% margin while Democrats supported it 76% to 6%.

[Business Insider/SurveyMonkey Audience \(Jan. 22-23, 2019\)](#) (1,233 online respondents, MOE +/- 2.95%)

54% of respondents approved Warren's plan while just 19.1% disapproved. 14.7% of people neither approved or disapproved. 76% of respondents who identified as "liberal" supported the plan, while 56% of people who identified as neither liberal nor conservative or slightly liberal or conservative also approved of the idea. Only 8.3% of the people in the centrist ideological group disapproved. As for self-identifying conservatives, 45% disapproved of the idea while 36% of those respondents approved of the idea.

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[Morning Consult/Politico \(Feb. 7-10, 2019\)](#) 1,991 registered voters, MOE +/- 2%)

50% said they favor a plan to lower the threshold for taxing estates from \$11 million or more to \$3.5 million, with 29% opposed. A Republican proposal to repeal the estate tax was supported by just 33% of voters with 42% opposed.

[Business Insider/Survey Monkey Audience \(Feb 1-2, 2019\)](#) 1,093 respondents, MOE +/- 3.09%)

When presented with the details of the proposal, 37% of respondents supported Sanders' policy while 26% opposed. 22% neither approved nor disapproved, while 15% responded "I don't know."