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A Look at President-Elect Biden's Tax Agenda

Speaker Biographies

Jason Furman is professor of the practice of economic policy at Harvard Kennedy School. He is also nonresident senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. This followed eight years as a top economic adviser to President Obama, including serving as the 28th chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers from August 2013 to January 2017, acting as both President Obama's chief economist and a member of the cabinet. During this time, Furman played a major role in most of the administration's major economic policies. Previously, he held various posts in public policy and research. In public policy, Furman worked at the World Bank and at both the Council of Economic Advisers and National Economic Council during the Clinton administration. In research, Furman was a director of the Hamilton Project and senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and has served in visiting positions at various universities, including New York University's Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. Furman has conducted research in areas including fiscal policy, tax policy, health economics, Social Security, technology policy, and domestic and international macroeconomics. In addition to having published articles in scholarly journals and periodicals, Furman edits two books on economic policy. Furman holds a doctoral degree in economics from Harvard University.

Howard Gleckman is a senior fellow in the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, where he edits the fiscal policy blog *TaxVox* and the daily news summary *The Daily Deduction*. He is also affiliated with Urban's Program on Retirement Policy, where he works on long-term care issues. Before joining Urban, Gleckman was senior correspondent in the Washington bureau of *Business Week*, where he was a 2003 National Magazine Award finalist. He was a 2006–07 media fellow at the Kaiser Family Foundation and a visiting fellow at the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College from 2006 to 2008. Gleckman writes two regular columns for Forbes.com, on tax policy and elder care. He is author of the book *Caring for Our Parents* and speaks and writes frequently on long-term care issues.

Tracy Gordon is a senior fellow with the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, where she researches and writes about fiscal challenges facing state and local governments, including budget trade-offs, intergovernmental relations, and long-term sustainability. Before joining Urban, Gordon was a senior economist with the White House Council of Economic Advisers. She was also a fellow at the Brookings Institution, assistant professor at the University of Maryland School of Public Policy, and fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California. Gordon was a member of the District of Columbia Infrastructure Task Force and the District of Columbia Tax Revision Commission. She serves on the board of trustees for the American Tax Policy Institute and the National Tax Association. Gordon holds a doctoral degree in public policy with a concurrent master's degree in economics from the University of California, Berkeley.

Douglas Holtz-Eakin has a distinguished record as an academic, policy adviser, and strategist. Currently, he is president of the American Action Forum. Before that, Holtz-Eakin was a commissioner on the congressionally chartered Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission. He was also the sixth director of the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) from 2003 to 2005. Following his tenure at CBO, Holtz-Eakin was director of the Maurice R. Greenberg Center for Geoeconomic Studies and the Paul A. Volcker chair in international economics at the Council on Foreign Relations. During 2007 and 2008, he was director of domestic and economic policy for the John McCain presidential campaign. Holtz-Eakin serves on the boards of the Tax Foundation and National Academy of Social Insurance, and he is a member of the Aspen Economic Strategy Group.

Chye-Ching Huang is senior director of economic policy with the Center on Budget and Policy Priority's federal fiscal policy team, where she focuses on the fiscal and economic effects of federal tax and budget policy. She rejoined the center in July 2011, after teaching graduate and undergraduate tax law and conducting research in tax law and policy as a senior lecturer at the University of Auckland in New Zealand. She first joined the center in 2008 as a Fulbright Sir Wallace Rowling Memorial fellow and was a research fellow on the federal fiscal policy team from June 2008 to March 2009. Huang previously worked on economic policy issues at the New Zealand Institute and has practiced as a tax solicitor. She holds dual bachelor's degrees from the University of Auckland and a doctoral degree from Columbia University Law School.

Jack Lew served as the 76th secretary of the US Department of the Treasury under President Barack Obama. He was previously White House chief of staff, director of the Office of Management and Budget, and deputy secretary of state for management and resources. As special assistant to President Clinton from 1993 to 1994, he helped design AmeriCorps, the national service program. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the National Academy of Social Insurance, and of the Massachusetts and the District of Columbia Bars.

Mark J. Mazur is the Robert C. Pozen director of the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center and a vice president at the Urban Institute. His research interests cover all aspects of tax policy. From 2012 to 2017, he was the assistant secretary for tax policy at the US Department of the Treasury. Mazur served in the federal government for 27 years in various positions, including policy economist at the congressional Joint Committee on Taxation; senior economist at the President's Council of Economic Advisers; senior director at the National Economic Council; chief economist and senior policy adviser and director of policy at the US Department of Energy; acting administrator of the Energy Information Administration; director of research, analysis, and statistics at the Internal Revenue Service; and deputy assistant secretary for tax analysis in the Office of Tax Policy. Before entering public service, Mazur was an assistant professor in Heinz College at Carnegie Mellon University. He has a bachelor's degree in financial administration from Michigan State University and a master's degree in economics and doctoral degree in business from Stanford University.