# Everyone is wrong about taxes (including me)

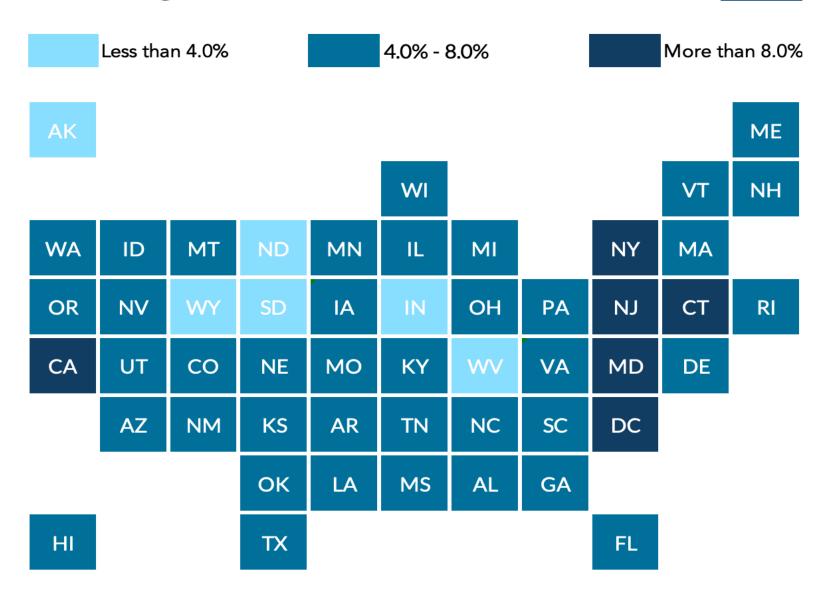
Catherine Rampell

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#### FIGURE 2



## Percentage of Tax Units with Tax Increase, 2018 TPC



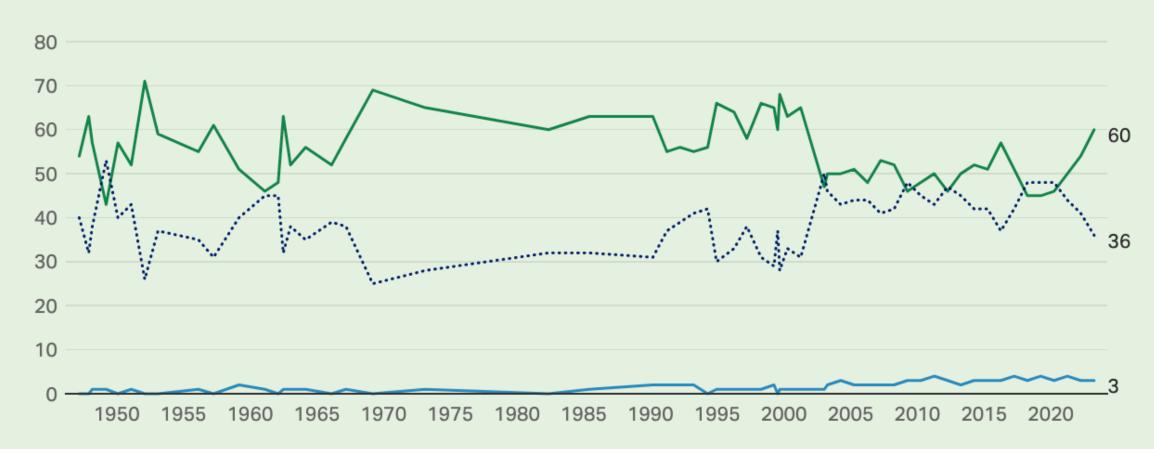
**Source:** Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center Microsimulation Model (version 0217-1), Table T18-0029.



## Americans' Opinions of the Federal Income Taxes They Pay

Do you consider the amount of federal income tax you have to pay as too high, about right or too low?

— % Too high ···· % About right — % Too low



## Most Americans say they pay "more than" their fair share of taxes

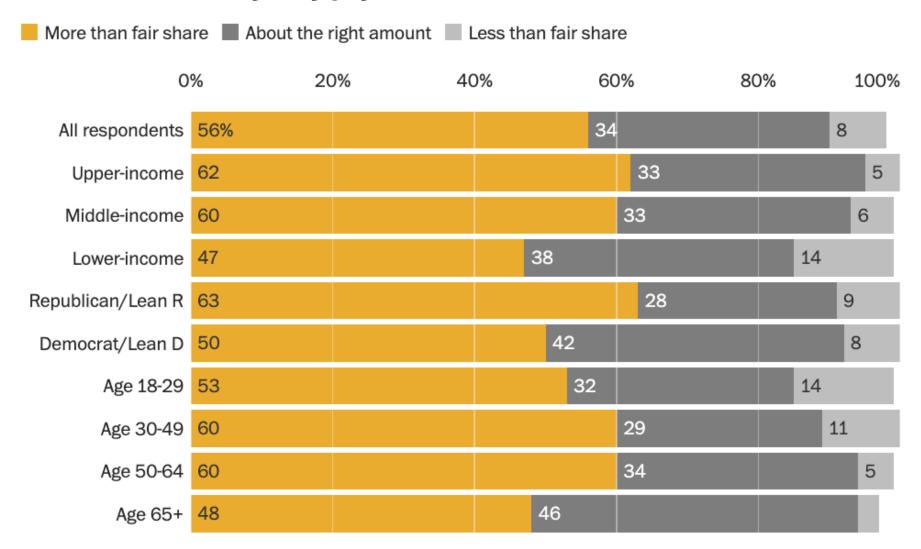
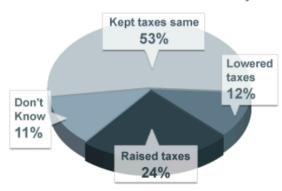


Chart shows percent who say, considering what they get from the federal government, they pay \_\_ in taxes. No answer responses not shown. Survey conducted March 27-April 2, 2023.

Source: Pew Research Center



### Do You Think The Obama Administration Has Already...



(CBS)

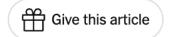
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Of all the very information that came out of the <u>recent CBS News/New York Times poll</u>, one question stuck out, that of taxes.

Here's the poll question: "In general, do you think the Obama Administration has increased taxes for most Americans, decreased taxes for most Americans or have they kept taxes the same for most Americans?"

THE 2004 CAMPAIGN: THE POLL

## THE 2004 CAMPAIGN: THE POLL; Poll Bolsters Bush on Terrorism But Finds Doubts on Economy







#### By Robin Toner and Janet Elder

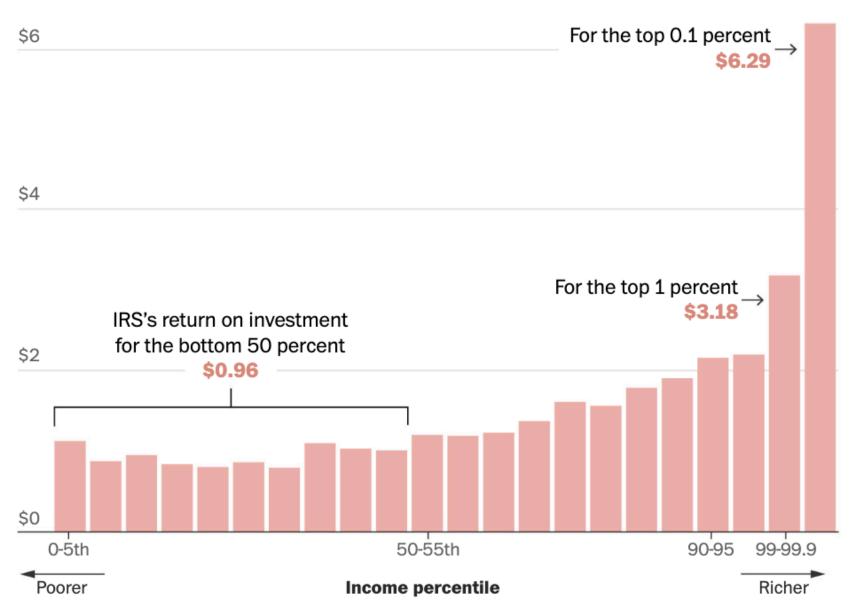
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President Bush begins his campaign year with Americans voicing strong support for his handling of the war against terrorism, but many doubting his economic and domestic policies, according to the latest New York Times/CBS News poll.

Fewer than one in five people said their tax burden had been eased by Mr. Bush, who has made tax cuts the centerpiece of his economic program. His latest domestic initiatives, unveiled in the

## For each dollar spent on auditing...

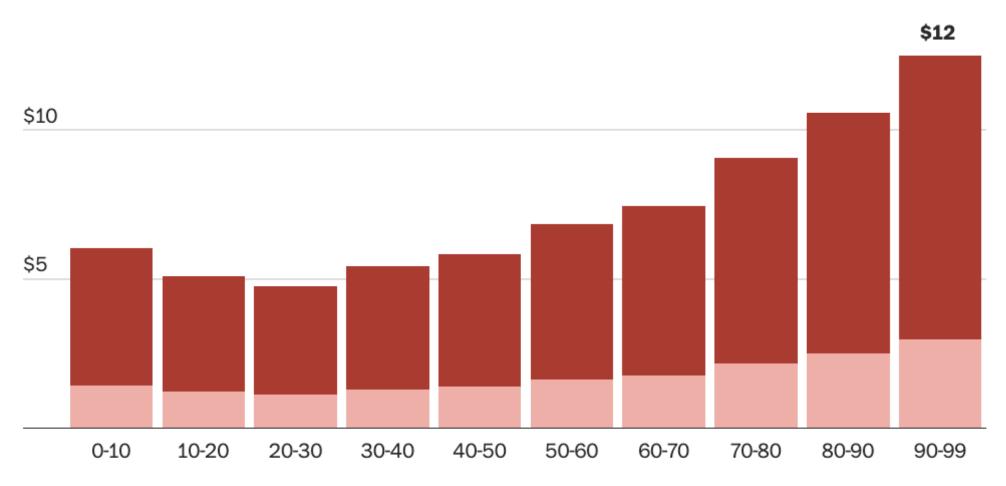
In-person audits, 2010-2014



Source: Boning et al. 2023.

## How much the IRS gets back for each additional dollar spent on auditing, by individuals' income percentile

Initial audit revenue Expected revenue in the next 14 years



Fixed overhead costs are excluded when estimating the marginal cost of audits.

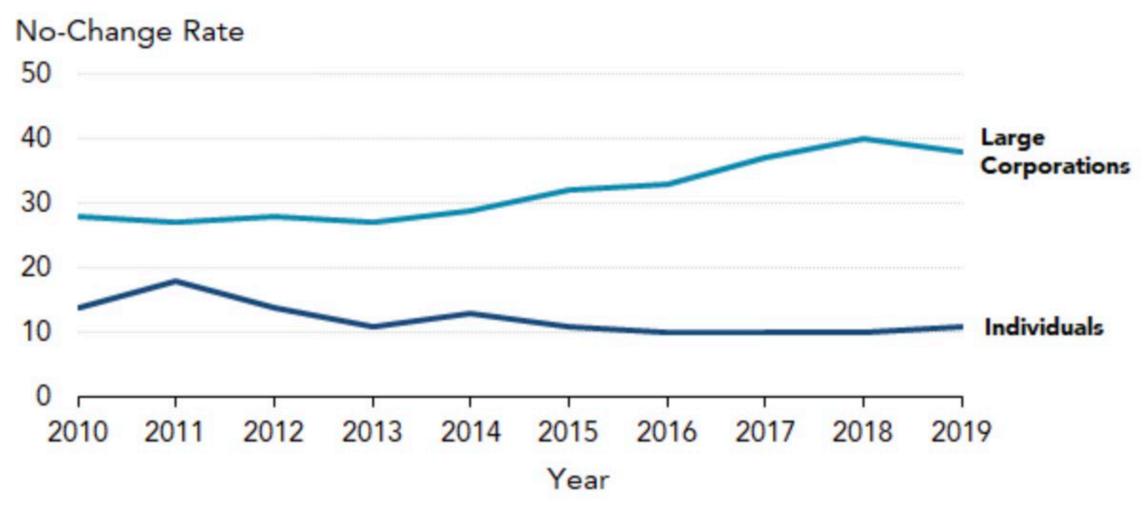
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## Percentage of Income Tax Returns Audited With No Change





Source: Internal Revenue Service Data Book, various years.