

Talking Points: The House and Senate Tax Plans

Both House and Senate bills give huge tax breaks to the wealthy and well-connected at the expense of low- and middle-income taxpayers. The wealthy already don't pay their fair share, but this plan gives them trillions more in new tax breaks.

KEY FACTS: The Senate tax plan

- The [top 0.1% get a \\$208,000 tax break](#) and cuts corporate tax rates by 43%.
- Half of Americans (94 million), including [87 million middle-class families](#) (households earning less than \$200,000), get a tax hike
- The [top 1% of earners would get 62% of the benefit](#)
- Includes sneaky health care repeal that CBO says will leave uninsured [13 million people and raise premiums 10%](#), an [average increase](#) of just under \$2,000
- Forces [\\$25 billion cut to Medicare](#) next year

KEY FACTS: The House tax plan

- The [top 0.1% get a \\$320,000](#) tax break
- Tax hike for [45 million](#) households
- Raises taxes on the [9 million people with high medical costs](#) and raises taxes on nearly [12 million people paying student loan bills](#)
- President Trump and his family will get at least [\\$1 billion in tax cuts](#)
- Force [\\$25 billion cut to Medicare](#) next year

These plans will lead to cuts in services right away.

- By eliminating most deductions for state and local taxes, states will face pressure to reduce taxes, since their constituents will start to face paying federal taxes on their state and local taxes. That will put pressure on states and localities to cut Medicaid, education, public safety, and road repair.

These plans will increase the deficit. Despite years of promising to rein in the debt, these plans increase the debt by at least [\\$1.5 trillion](#) to pay for their tax breaks.

Now the growing deficit will be used as the excuse to cut Medicaid, SNAP, education, housing, Medicare, Social Security, and aid for people with disabilities.

- Senator Rubio [spilled the beans](#) recently: “We have to do two things. We have to generate economic growth which generates revenue, while reducing spending. That will mean instituting structural changes to Social Security and Medicare for the future.”
- **But don't forget: the tax cuts do *not* generate revenue** – even when taking into account estimates of economic growth from cutting taxes, they still lose far more revenue than they gain. That's why the deficit will increase. And that's why, in addition to Senator Rubio's plans to cut Social Security and Medicare, President Trump has been calling for “welfare reform” – code words for renewed attempts to cut Medicaid, SNAP/food stamps, SSI and SSDI, housing, education, and more.
- **Right now, some members of Congress are insisting on cutting programs in order to pay for emergency disaster relief for hurricane and wildfire victims.** They don't mind deepening the deficit to pay for tax cuts for the rich and corporations, and then using that deficit to press for cuts in needed services.

Constituents get it. Americans understand that these tax plans do not help them. The American people have rejected these bills because nonpartisan analysis shows it's the largest middle-class tax increase in history just to give massive tax breaks to the rich and to the biggest corporations.

This tax plan has been overwhelmingly rejected by the public according to multiple polls.

- Voters oppose this plan by a 2-to-1 margin in the [latest Quinnipiac national survey](#) (25% support, 52% oppose).
- More voters believe the plan will increase their taxes (35%) than decrease them (16%)
- By 26pts (59%-33%), voters believe it will cut taxes for the **wealthy at the expense of the middle class**
- GOP operatives have already warned this plan will fuel an electoral “tsunami” against them

The grassroots outrage is already fierce and the backlash is only beginning. There have been more than 610 events coordinated in over 40 states denouncing this scam and over [650,000 calls to Congress](#) opposing the bill.

Billionaires are spending millions to secure their tax breaks. Groups funded by billionaires like the Koch Brothers, Todd Ricketts, and Sheldon Adelson, have spent more than \$30 million to push this tax plan that delivers big tax breaks for them and their companies.

- [Over 6200 lobbyists](#), 57% of all the lobbyists in DC, are lobbying on this bill according to Public Citizen
- Members of Congress have already admitted that they're only doing this to [please donors](#).

See who would gain or lose from these tax plans in your state:

- [Senate plan analysis](#) by Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy
 - Example: in 2027 in New Jersey, on average, the top 1% will get a tax cut of \$8,490 (that's 45,000 taxpayers); on average the middle fifth will pay \$80 more in taxes (that's 583,000 taxpayers)
- [House plan analysis](#) by Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy
 - Example: in 2027, in New York, on average, the top 1% will get a tax cut of \$34,130; on average, the middle fifth will get a tax cut of \$360