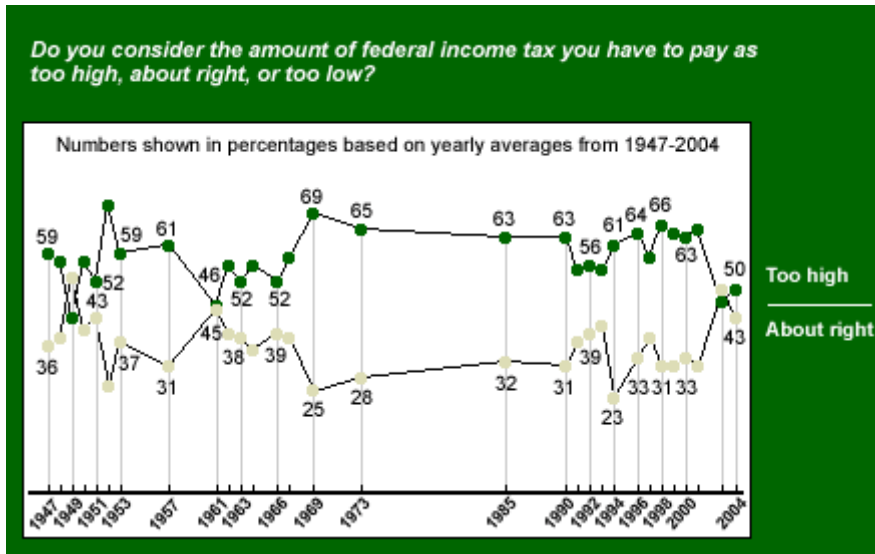


Taxes

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As you may know, the federal income tax cuts passed into law since George W. Bush became president are set to expire within the next several years. Would you favor or oppose making those tax cuts permanent?

[BASED ON –478–NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A]

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
	%	%	%
2004 Dec 17-19	52	40	8
2002 Nov 8-10 ^	64	29	7

^ WORDING: As you may know, the federal income tax cuts passed into law last year are set to expire in 2011. Would you favor or oppose making those tax cuts permanent?

Which of the following statements best represents what you feel about the federal income tax system – [ROTATED: it needs to be completely overhauled, it needs major changes, it needs minor changes, (or) it is basically fine the way it is]?

[BASED ON –524–NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B]

	Completely overhauled	Major changes	Minor changes	Fine the way it is	No opinion
2004 Dec 17-19	24%	35	29	11	1
2000 Jan 13-16	26%	35	28	9	2

Do you think the tax cuts which Congress passed and George W. Bush signed into law have – [ROTATED: mostly helped the U.S. economy, have had no effect, or have mostly hurt the U.S. economy]– over the past three years?

[BASED ON –484–NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A]

	Mostly helped	No effect	Mostly hurt	No opinion
2004 Oct 9-10	39%	23	35	3

2004 Aug 23-25	32%	29	32	7
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Do you think the tax cuts which Congress passed and George W. Bush signed into law have – [ROTATED: mostly helped your family, have had no effect, or have mostly hurt your family]– over the past three years?

[BASED ON –531–NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B]

	Mostly helped	No effect	Mostly hurt	No opinion
2004 Oct 9-10	34%	48	16	2
2004 Aug 23-25	30%	48	20	2

If John Kerry is elected president, do you think your federal income taxes would be increased, decreased, or remain the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Remain the same	No opinion
2004 Oct 9-10	48%	13	34	5

If George W. Bush is re-elected president, do you think your federal income taxes would be increased, decreased or remain the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Remain the same	No opinion
2004 Oct 9-10	25%	13	57	5

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	No opinion
	%	%	%	%
2004 Apr 5-8	50	43	3	4
2003 Apr 7-9	50	46	2	2
2003 Jan 10-12 ^	47	50	1	2
2001 Apr 6-8	65	31	1	3
2000 Apr 7-9	63	33	1	3
1999 Sep 10-14	68	28	1	3
1999 Jul 16-18	60	37	*	3
1999 Apr 6-7	65	29	2	4
1998 Apr 17-19	66	31	1	2
1997 Mar 24-26	58	38	1	3
1996 Apr 9-10	64	33	1	2
1994 Dec 16-18	66	30	1	3
1994 Apr 16-18	56	42	*	2
1993 Mar 29-31	55	41	2	2
1992 Mar 26-29	56	39	2	3
1991 Mar 28-30	55	37	2	6
1990 Mar 8-11	63	31	2	4
1985 Jun 7-10	63	32	1	4
1982 May 14-17	60	32	*	8
1973 Feb 16-19	65	28	1	6
1969 Mar 12-17	69	25	*	6
1967 Mar 9-14	58	38	1	3

1966 Feb 10-15	52	39	0	8
1964 Feb 28-Mar 5	56	35	1	9
1963 Jan 11-16	52	38	1	8
1962 Jun 28-Jul 3	63	32	1	4
1962 Feb 8-13	48	45	0	7
1961 Feb 10-15	46	45	1	8
1959 Mar 4-9	51	40	2	7
1957 Apr 6-11	61	31	*	8
1956 Feb 16-21	55	35	1	9
1953 Feb 1-5	59	37	*	4
1952 Feb 9-14	71	26	*	3
1951 Feb 4-9	52	43	1	4
1950 Feb	57	40	0	3
1949 Mar	43	53	1	4
1948 Mar	57	38	1	4
1947 Nov	63	32	0	5
1947 Mar	54	40	0	6

^ Asked of a half sample.

Do you regard the income tax which you will have to pay this year as fair?

	Yes, fair	No, not fair	No opinion
	%	%	%
2004 Apr 5-8	62	33	5
2003 Apr 7-9	64	33	3
2002 Apr 5-7	58	37	5
2001 Apr 6-8	51	46	3
1999 Apr 6-7	45	49	6
1997 Mar	51	43	6
1946 Nov	60	34	--
1946 Feb	62	38	--
1945 Mar	85	15	--
1944 Mar	87	13	--
1944 Feb	90	10	--
1943 Feb	85	15	--

As I read off some different groups, please tell me if you think they are paying their FAIR share in federal taxes, paying too MUCH or paying too LITTLE? First, how about -- [ITEMS A-C ROTATED, ITEM D READ LAST]?

A. Lower-income people

	Fair share	Too much	Too little	No opinion
	%	%	%	%
2004 Apr 5-8	35	49	12	4
2003 Apr 7-9	36	49	12	3
1999 Apr 6-7	34	51	11	4
1996 Apr 9-10	40	48	9	3
1994 Apr 16-18	43	42	12	3
1993 Mar 29-31	37	51	9	3
1992 Mar 26-29	32	57	8	3

B. Middle-income people

	Fair share	Too much	Too little	No opinion
	%	%	%	%
2004 Apr 5-8	47	46	4	3
2003 Apr 7-9	51	40	7	2
1999 Apr 6-7	35	59	4	2
1996 Apr 9-10	34	58	5	3
1994 Apr 16-18	39	57	3	1
1993 Mar 29-31	39	54	5	2
1992 Mar 26-29	36	57	5	2

C. Upper-income people

	Fair share	Too much	Too little	No opinion
	%	%	%	%
2004 Apr 5-8	24	9	63	4
2003 Apr 7-9	24	10	63	3
1999 Apr 6-7	19	10	66	5
1996 Apr 9-10	19	9	68	4
1994 Apr 16-18	20	10	68	2
1993 Mar 29-31	16	5	77	2
1992 Mar 26-29	16	4	77	3

D. Corporations

	Fair share	Too much	Too little	No opinion
2004 Apr 5-8	19%	5	69	7

Now we have a question about your 2004 income tax filing with the IRS, for what you earned in 2003. Have you used, or will you or your family use a computer program to help you prepare your taxes, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
	%	%	%
2004 Apr 5-8	32	66	2
2001 Apr 6-8	29	69	2
1999 Apr 6-7	26	67	7
1997 Mar 24-26	36	59	5
1991 Mar 9-12	14	83	3
1990 Mar 14-17	9	87	4

If John Kerry were to win the election in November, do you think your federal income taxes would go up, or not?

	Yes, would	No, would not	No opinion
2004 Mar 26-28	58%	27	15

Would you like to see the amount Americans pay in federal income taxes increased, decreased, or remain about the same?

Remain

	Increased	Decreased	about the same	Other (vol.)	No opinion
2004 Jan 12-15	9%	55	35	1	*
2003 Jan 13-16	4%	63	32	*	1

Do you think the tax cuts which Congress passed and George W. Bush signed into law have – [ROTATED: mostly helped the U.S. economy, have had no effect, or have mostly hurt the U.S. economy]– in the past year?

	Mostly helped	No effect	Mostly hurt	No opinion
2004 Jan 2-5	41%	35	20	4

Do you think the tax cuts recently signed into law by George W. Bush were – [ROTATED: a good idea (or) a bad idea] – at this time?

	Good idea	Bad idea	No opinion
	%	%	%
2003 Sep 8-10	49	46	5
2003 May 30-Jun 1	47	43	10
2003 May 19-21 ^	45	46	9
2003 May 5-7 ^	52	41	7
2003 Apr 22-23 ^	42	47	11

^ Asked of a half sample. WORDING: Do you think the tax cuts being proposed by George W. Bush are – [ROTATED: a good idea (or) a bad idea] – at this time?

Do you think the new tax cut law will – or will not – help your family's financial situation?

	Yes, will	No, will not	No opinion
2003 Jun 27-29	34%	56	10
2003 May 30-Jun 1 ^	35%	56	9

^ Asked of a half sample.

Which of the following best describes your situation – you have noticed an increase in your take-home pay in recent weeks because of the new tax cut, you expect to see an increase in your take-home pay, but you have not seen it yet, or you do not expect to see an increase in your take-home pay because of the new tax cut?

[BASED ON –583—ADULTS EMPLOYED FULL OR PART-TIME]

	Noticed an increase in take-home pay	Expect to see increase in take-home pay	Do not expect increase in take-home pay	No opinion
2003 Jun 27-29	15%	30	50	5

Do you expect to receive a check from the government this summer as a result of the provision in the new tax law increasing the tax credit for children under age 17, or not?

[BASED ON –314—ADULTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN UNDER AGE 17 LIVING AT HOME]

Yes, expect check	No, do not	No opinion
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2003 Jun 27-29 53% 37 10

What will you do with the additional money you will be receiving from the new tax cut legislation? [ROTATED: spend it, save or invest it, pay off bills, (or) donate it to charity]?

[BASED ON –338—ADULTS who have seen an increase in their take-home pay, expect to see an increase in take-home pay, or expect to receive a CHILD TAX CREDIT check]

	Spend it	Save/ invest it	Pay off bills	Donate to charity	No opinion
2003 Jun 27-29	22%	31	45	1	1

Do you think the new tax cut law will – or will not – help the U.S. economy?

[BASED ON –505—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B]

	Yes, will	No, will not	No opinion
2003 May 30-Jun 1	47%	47	6

Thinking about the trade-offs the government must make when creating a federal budget, would you rather see the government give a higher priority to – [ROTATED: reducing the federal budget deficit (or) cutting federal income taxes]?

	Reducing the budget deficit	Cutting taxes	Both/equally (vol.)	No opinion
2003 May 5-7 ^	51%	44	2	3
2003 Jan 13-16	48%	42	5	5

^ Asked of a half sample.

Just your best guess, what percentage of Americans cheat on their federal income taxes?

	2003 Apr 7-9
	%
None	1
Less than 10%	6
10% to less than 25%	24
25% to less than 50%	26
50% to less than 75%	20
75% or more	9
All	2
No opinion	12
Mean	36.9%
Median	30.0%

Are you planning to, or did you already, send your tax return to the IRS by mail, or electronically by computer?

	Mail	Electronically	Not sure (vol.)	Doesn't apply/not filing (vol.)	No opinion
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2003 Apr 7-9	52%	34	3	11	*
2001 Apr 6-8	62%	28	2	7	1
1999 Apr 6-7	66%	20	4	9	1
1997 Mar 24-26	77%	15	2	6	*

Which do you think is the worst tax—that is the least fair—federal income tax, federal Social Security tax, state income tax, state sales tax, or local property tax?

	Federal income tax	Federal Social Security tax	State income tax	State sales tax	Local property tax	No opinion
	%	%	%	%	%	%
2003 Apr 7-9	21	11	11	13	38	6
1994 Jun 17-Jul 6	27	13	7	14	28	11
1992 Jun 23-28	25	10	9	16	25	15
1990 May 4-22	26	15	10	12	28	9
1989 Jun 9-22	21	18	9	14	28	10
1988 Jun 11-19	26	17	9	15	24	9

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

[BASED ON –519—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B]

	Too high	About right	Too low	No opinion
2003 Jan 10-12	25%	33	38	4

Would you favor new federal income tax cuts in addition to those passed last year, or do you think the tax cuts passed last year are sufficient?

	Favor additional tax cuts	Last year's tax cuts sufficient	No opinion
2002 Nov 8-10	40%	52	8

Now, I would like to ask you a question about taxes that are paid on money or assets which are inherited when someone dies. As you may know, federal inheritance taxes currently apply only to estates valued at more than \$1 million. Which of the following would you prefer to see Congress do—[ROTATED: change the laws to eliminate all inheritance taxes on all estates, (or) leave inheritance tax laws unchanged]?

	Eliminate all inheritance taxes	Leave inheritance tax unchanged	No opinion
2002 Nov 8-10	50%	46	4

Do you have the main responsibility for filing taxes in your household, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
2002 Apr 5-7	73%	26	1

Which of the following best describes how you do your income taxes -- you prepare and file them well ahead of the April 15 deadline, you prepare and file them at the last minute, or you get an extension from the IRS?

[BASED ON --744-- WHO HAVE THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR FILING TAXES; ±3 PCT. PTS.]

	Prepare/file well ahead of Apr. 15	Prepare/file at last minute	Get an extension	No opinion
2002 Apr 5-7	76%	18	5	1

Just your best guess, do you think that the tax cut law passed last year has lowered the amount of federal income tax you paid or will pay in 2001, or not?

	Yes, lowered	No, not lowered	Raised the amount (vol.)	Doesn't apply/ don't file (vol.)	No opinion
2002 Apr 5-7	34%	50	*	4	12

How concerned are you that the Internal Revenue Service, or I.R.S., will audit your income tax return this year -- very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not concerned at all?

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not concerned at all	Doesn't apply/ don't file (vol.)	No opinion
2002 Apr 5-7	5%	7	28	54	4	2