Tax Day 2016 Webinar

Do you know where your taxes went?

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1. Look around. Those are your tax dollars at work.
2. You pay the federal government’s bills.
Federal Revenues, 2016: $3.64 Trillion

- Individual Income Taxes, $1.79 trillion, 49%
- Payroll Taxes, $1.14 trillion, 31%
- Corporate Income Taxes, $419 billion, 12%
- Excise Taxes, $110 billion, 3%
- Other, $186 billion, 5%
Do you know where your taxes are?
Where Your 2015 Tax Dollar Went

- Pentagon & Military: 25.4c
- Interest on Federal Debt: 13.7c
- Veterans Benefits: 5.9c
- Food & Agriculture: 4.6c
- Housing & Community: 1.9c
- Energy & Environment: 1.6c
- International Affairs: 1.5c
- Transportation: 1.2c
- Science: 1.1c
- Health: 28.7c
- Unemployment & Labor: 8c
- Education: 3.6c
- Government: 2.9c

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## U.S. Average Tax Receipt

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<td>$3,505 for Pentagon and related</td>
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<td>• $759 for military personnel</td>
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<td>• $88 for nuclear weapons</td>
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<td>$1,537 for Medicaid</td>
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<td>$756 for veterans’ benefits</td>
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<td>$389 for SNAP (food stamps)</td>
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<td>$329 for Education</td>
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<td>$83 for TANF (welfare)</td>
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<td>$47 for CHIP (children’s health insurance)</td>
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<td>$43 for Diplomatic and consular programs</td>
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<td>$34 for Federal Prison System</td>
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<td>$11 for Energy efficiency and renewable energy</td>
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4. You might pay a higher tax rate than Warren Buffett.
The Buffett Rule: No household making over $1 million annually should pay a smaller share of their income in taxes than middle class families pay.

source: sirenmedia via Flickr
Corporate Tax Dodgers

Source: Americans for Tax Fairness, Corporate Tax Dodgers 2013 Report
5. Our tax code is full of tax breaks.
JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG

TAX CUTS FOR THE RICH

CORPORATE LOOHOLES

Source: Jubilee USA Network
Tax Breaks Are Larger Than Discretionary Spending (Fiscal Year 2015)

Discretionary Spending: $1.16 trillion
Tax Breaks: $1.24 trillion

Source: OMB National Priorities Project
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<td>Exclusion of Employer-Sponsored Health Care</td>
<td>$191 Billion</td>
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<td>Special Rate on Capital Gains and Dividends</td>
<td>$97 Billion</td>
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<td>Exclusion of Employer-Sponsored Retirement Plans</td>
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<td>Deduction of Home Mortgage Interest</td>
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<td>Deduction of Charitable Contributions</td>
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6. Some tax breaks go to working families.
Earned Income Tax Credit: $64 Billion in 2012

Income of EITC Recipients, 2012

- $10,000-$25,000 (46%)
- $25,000-$50,000 (26%)
- Under $1 (1%)
- $50,000-$75,000 (0%)

Source: IRS Income Tax Stats
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Child Tax Credit: $28 Billion in 2012

Income of Child Tax Credit Recipients, 2012

- $25,000-$50,000 (35%)
- $50,000-$75,000 (23%)
- $75,000-$100,000 (17%)
- $100,000-$200,000 (15%)
- $200,000-$500,000 (0%)
- Under $1-$10,000 (0%)
- $10,000-$25,000 (10%)

Source: IRS Income Tax Stats
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7. Tax breaks are often inefficient.
Home Mortgage Interest Deduction vs. All Discretionary Housing Programs, 2013

- Home Mortgage Interest Deduction, 2013: $71 billion
- All Discretionary Housing & Community Programs, 2013: $63 billion

Source: OMB National Priorities Project
53% Say They Pay ‘About Right Amount’ in Taxes

More Are Bothered by Corporations, Wealthy Not Paying Fair Share Than by What They Pay in Taxes

% saying each bothers them ____ about federal tax system ...

Survey conducted Feb. 18-22, 2015.
Don’t know responses not shown.

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Your Federal Taxes Paid:

Enter a whole number

Earnings Year:

2014

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The U.S. had the fourth lowest taxes of the OECD countries – only Mexico, Chile and Korea had lower taxes.

Citizens for Tax Justice

Notes:
2013 data is used for Australia, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands and Poland due to lack of more recent data.
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