

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
APRIL 2017 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
APRIL 5-11, 2017
N=1,501**

QUESTIONS 1-3, 11-13, 19-21, 25-26, 30-32, 36-37b, 41-43, 46-50, 55-57, 61-63 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

NO QUESTIONS 4-10, 14-18, 22-24, 27-29, 33-35, 38-40, 44-45, 51-54, 58-60, 64

Now thinking about taxes ...

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=755]:

Q.65F2 How fair do you think our present federal tax system is? Overall would you say that our tax system is
[READ IN ORDER]

	<u>Very fair</u>	Moderately <u>fair</u>	Not too <u>fair</u>	Not fair <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Apr 5-11, 2017	2	40	29	27	1
Feb 18-22, 2015	4	46	24	24	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	3	40	31	24	3
CNN: Apr 9-11, 2010	4	45	30	20	1
NPR/Kaiser/Harvard: March 2003	4	47	32	16	1
Time/CNN: March 1997	3	42	31	23	2
Time/CNN: May 1985	2	41	31	24	2

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=746]:

Q.66F1 Considering what you get from the federal government, do you think you pay more than your fair share of taxes, less than your fair share, or about the right amount?

	<u>More than fair share</u>	<u>Less than fair share</u>	<u>About the right amount</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
Apr 5-11, 2017	40	5	54	2
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	40	4	54	2
Feb 18-22, 2015	40	4	53	2
Dec 7-11, 2011	38	5	52	5
Mar 11-21, 2010	43	3	50	3
Feb, 2000	55	1	41	3
Oct, 1997	52	2	45	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON

*Considering what you get from the
FEDERAL government, do you think
you pay more than your fair share of
federal taxes, less than your fair share,
or about your fair share?*

NPR/Kaiser/Harvard: May, 2000 55 2 42 1

ASK ALL:

Q.67 Please tell me how much, if at all, each of the following bothers you about the federal tax system? First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** does this bother you a lot, some, not too much, or not at all? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Does this bother you a lot, some, not too much, or not at all?]**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The amount you pay in taxes					
Apr 5-11, 2017	27	26	25	21	1
Feb 18-22, 2015	27	26	27	19	2

Q.67 CONTINUED ...

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
b. The complexity of the tax system					
Apr 5-11, 2017	43	29	16	10	2
Feb 18-22, 2015	44	28	17	8	3
c. The feeling that some wealthy people don't pay their fair share					
Apr 5-11, 2017	60	18	9	12	1
Feb 18-22, 2015	61	18	10	10	2
d. The feeling that some poor people don't pay their fair share					
Apr 5-11, 2017	20	20	22	36	2
Feb 18-22, 2015	20	22	22	34	2
e. The feeling that some corporations don't pay their fair share					
Apr 5-11, 2017	62	18	9	9	1
Feb 18-22, 2015	64	18	9	8	1

NO QUESTIONS 68-69, 73-79, 85-91, 93-94**QUESTIONS 70, 82-84 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUESTIONS 71-72, 80-81, 92, 95-96 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) <u>No preference</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
Apr 5-11, 2017	24	31	42	2	1	*	17	20
Feb 7-12, 2017	23	34	37	3	1	2	15	18
Jan 4-9, 2017	25	28	41	4	*	1	18	19
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	24	33	35	5	1	3	15	16
Oct 20-25, 2016	26	33	36	3	*	2	15	17
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	27	32	33	5	*	3	11	16
Aug 9-16, 2016	27	32	35	2	1	2	13	16
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	33	37	4	1	2	16	16
Apr 12-19, 2016	25	32	37	3	1	2	16	17
Yearly Totals								
2016	25.4	32.0	36.5	3.4	.5	2.2	14.6	17.0
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED ...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	No	Other	DK/Ref	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
				preference	party			
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 <i>Post-Sept 11</i>	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 <i>Pre-Sept 11</i>	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

NO QUESTIONS 97, 99**QUESTION 98 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**