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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted April 6-10, 2016 with a random sample of **~1,015**—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is **±4** percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of **~525**-- adults employed full- or part-time, the margin of sampling error is **±5** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **~617**-- stock owners, the margin of sampling error is **±5** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **~337**-- retirees, the margin of sampling error is **±7** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **~678**-- non-retirees, the margin of sampling error is **±5** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **~687**-- homeowners, the margin of sampling error is **±5** percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 60% cell phone respondents and 40% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2015 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2015 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

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26. 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]?

<i>2016 Apr 6-10</i> <i>(sorted by "fair share")</i>	Fair share	Too much	Too little
Middle-income people	39	53	6
Lower-income people	31	46	20
Upper-income people	21	15	61
Corporations	16	12	67

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**Q.26 (PERCEPTIONS OF TAXES PAID) CONTINUED**

**FULL TRENDS:**

**A. Lower-income people**

	<u>Fair share</u>	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Apr 6-10	31	46	20	3
2015 Apr 9-12	30	45	21	4
2014 Apr 3-6	33	41	23	3
2013 Apr 4-7	37	40	19	4
2012 Apr 9-12	33	40	24	3
2011 Apr 7-11	37	40	21	2
2010 Apr 8-11	35	39	22	4
2009 Apr 6-9	41	39	16	4
2008 Apr 6-9	32	51	13	4
2007 Apr 2-5	34	45	17	4
2006 Apr 10-13	36	46	12	6
2005 Apr 4-7	36	51	10	3
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**

	<u>Fair share</u>	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Apr 6-10	39	53	6	2
2015 Apr 9-12	44	46	6	3
2014 Apr 3-6	42	49	7	2
2013 Apr 4-7	53	42	3	2
2012 Apr 9-12	56	36	6	2
2011 Apr 7-11	50	44	5	1
2010 Apr 8-11	49	43	6	2
2009 Apr 6-9	50	43	5	2
2008 Apr 6-9	50	43	4	3
2007 Apr 2-5	44	47	7	2
2006 Apr 10-13	50	43	5	3
2005 Apr 4-7	52	41	4	3
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

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## Q.26 (PERCEPTIONS OF TAXES PAID) CONTINUED

### C. Upper-income people

	<u>Fair share</u>	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Apr 6-10	21	15	61	3
2015 Apr 9-12	25	11	62	3
2014 Apr 3-6	24	13	61	2
2013 Apr 4-7	26	11	61	2
2012 Apr 9-12	25	10	62	3
2011 Apr 7-11	25	13	59	2
2010 Apr 8-11	26	15	55	4
2009 Apr 6-9	23	13	60	3
2008 Apr 6-9	24	9	63	4
2007 Apr 2-5	21	9	66	4
2006 Apr 10-13	21	8	67	4
2005 Apr 4-7	22	7	68	3
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

	<u>Fair share</u>	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Apr 6-10	16	12	67	5
2015 Apr 9-12	16	9	69	6
2014 Apr 3-6	20	8	66	5
2013 Apr 4-7	21	8	66	5
2012 Apr 9-12	21	11	64	4
2011 Apr 7-11	20	9	67	4
2010 Apr 8-11	22	9	62	7
2009 Apr 6-9	18	8	67	6
2008 Apr 6-9	15	6	73	6
2007 Apr 2-5	19	5	71	5
2006 Apr 10-13	18	5	70	7
2005 Apr 4-7	21	4	69	6
2004 Apr 5-8	19	5	69	7

34. Do you feel that the distribution of money and wealth in this country today is fair, or do you feel that the money and wealth in this country should be more evenly distributed among a larger percentage of the people?

	<u>Distribution is fair</u>	<u>Should be more evenly distributed</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Apr 6-10	34	59	7
2015 Apr 9-12	31	63	6
2013 Apr 4-7	33	59	7
2011 Apr 7-11	35	57	8
2009 Mar 27-29	35	59	6
2008 Oct 23-26	37	58	5
2008 Apr 6-9	27	68	5
2007 Apr 2-5	29	66	5
2003 Jan 10-12	31	63	6
2000 Sep 11-13	38	56	6
1998 Apr 23-May 31	31	63	6
1996 Apr 25-28	33	62	5
1990 May 17-20	28	66	6
1984 Dec 7-10	31	60	9

35. People feel differently about how far a government should go. Here is a phrase which some people believe in and some don't. Do you think our government should or should not redistribute wealth by heavy taxes on the rich?

	<u>Yes, should</u>	<u>No, should not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Apr 6-10	52	46	2
2015 Apr 9-12	52	45	2
2013 Apr 4-7	52	45	3
2011 Apr 7-11	47	49	4
2009 Mar 27-29	50	46	4
2008 Oct 23-26	46	50	4
2008 Apr 6-9	51	43	5
2007 Apr 2-5	49	47	4
1998 Apr 23-May 31	45	51	4
1939 Mar ^	35	54	11

^ Roper for Fortune Magazine.