

1. Of the current proposals to address the expiring tax rates, please indicate which you would support:

		Response Percent	Response Count
One-year extension of current tax rates for households making under \$250,000		45.5%	143
One-year extension of current tax rates for households making under \$1 million		8.6%	27
One-year extension for all income brackets		34.4%	108
Do not support one-year extension		7.6%	24
Do not know		3.8%	12
		answered question	314
		skipped question	0

2. On tax – related issues, Congress has only been able to pass legislation or extend existing tax proposals for 2 year, 1 year or a few months. What has been the biggest challenge in your business relating to Congress’s short-term approach to tax policy? (Choose only ONE.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
This short-term approach creates uncertainty and affects my sales.		16.2%	50
It impacts my ability to properly plan for the coming year.		27.6%	85
Very little. An increased tax rate doesn't impact my bottom line in a substantive way.		16.2%	50
Continues to highlight the federal government's inability to address issues in a timely fashion.		35.1%	108
No challenge. By business plan takes into account fluctuation in both income and sales tax.		4.9%	15
		answered question	308
		skipped question	6

3. As Congress looks to undertake comprehensive tax reform, what do you believe should be the highest priority:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Individual tax reform		11.1%	34
Corporate tax reform		10.8%	33
Both		78.1%	239
		answered question	306
		skipped question	8

4. As it relates to comprehensive tax reform, please indicate all of the current deductions you are able to claim:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Health insurance deduction		70.8%	216
Mortgage interest deduction		66.9%	204
Charitable Contributions		83.9%	256
Credit for Child and Dependent Care		13.1%	40
Home Office Deduction		53.8%	164
State and local income tax paid from previous year		54.1%	165
Qualified medical and dental expenses		59.7%	182
Contributions to retirement accounts		53.8%	164
Student loan interest		10.5%	32
Unreimbursed employee business expenses		25.2%	77
Other (please specify)		6.2%	19
		answered question	305
		skipped question	9

5. One proposal being considered is to significantly lower the individual income tax rate but coupled with the elimination of significant number of deductions, would you support this?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		20.9%	63
No		17.9%	54
Depends to what level they drop the individual tax rate		61.1%	184
		answered question	301
		skipped question	13

6. If the above approach is taken to lower individual income tax rates but eliminate deductions, what do you believe are the three most important deductions that should be remain in effect? (Pick no more than three.):

		Response Percent	Response Count
Health insurance deduction		63.7%	191
Mortgage interest deduction		58.7%	176
Charitable Contributions		39.3%	118
Credit for Child and Dependent Care		15.0%	45
Home Office Deduction		19.3%	58
State and local income tax paid from previous year		18.0%	54
Qualified medical and dental expenses		25.7%	77
Contributions to retirement accounts		41.0%	123
Student loan interest		7.7%	23
Unreimbursed employee business expenses		10.3%	31
Other (please specify)		3.3%	10
		answered question	300
		skipped question	14

7. Would you support increasing the corporate tax rate in an effort to reduce the individual tax rate?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		25.7%	77
No		35.3%	106
Would depend on the level they would increase the corporate tax rate and reduce the individual rate.		39.0%	117
answered question			300
skipped question			14

8. How important do you feel it is for Congress to address comprehensive individual and corporate tax reform?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very important		82.0%	246
Moderately important		14.3%	43
Slightly important		2.3%	7
Not at all important		1.0%	3
No opinion		0.3%	1
answered question			300
skipped question			14

9. What is your self-employed income contribution to your total household income, after taxes?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than \$24,999		23.9%	70
\$25,000 - \$34,999		15.7%	46
\$35,000 - \$49,999		17.4%	51
\$50,000 - \$74,999		16.7%	49
\$75,000 - \$99,999		11.9%	35
\$100,000 - \$149,999		6.8%	20
\$150,000 - \$199,999		3.4%	10
\$200,000 - \$249,999		1.4%	4
\$250,000 or more		2.7%	8
answered question			293
skipped question			21

10. Tell us your thoughts on tax reform. Do you have any additional recommendations or thoughts on how Congress should address comprehensive tax reform?

	Response Count
	161
answered question	161
skipped question	153

Page 5, Q4. As it relates to comprehensive tax reform, please indicate all of the current deductions you are able to claim:

1	Expenses directly related to the operation of my business	Sep 22, 2012 1:46 AM
2	business-related travel expenses	Sep 21, 2012 1:36 PM
3	Business expenses, such as purchases of equipment, etc.	Sep 13, 2012 9:45 AM
4	My own business expenses--travel, training	Sep 12, 2012 10:49 PM
5	business expenses	Sep 12, 2012 8:49 PM
6	Investment interest	Sep 12, 2012 3:40 AM
7	normal business expenses i.e., transportation. Also, charities	Sep 11, 2012 10:08 PM
8	investment interest, real estate taxes,	Sep 11, 2012 7:27 PM
9	overhead and material costs	Sep 11, 2012 5:44 PM
10	none, I take the standard deduction	Sep 11, 2012 3:50 PM
11	State sales tax	Sep 11, 2012 3:12 PM
12	I take the standard deduction and don't itemize.	Sep 11, 2012 2:32 PM
13	Auto and General Business Expenses	Sep 11, 2012 12:57 PM
14	professional fees paid and professional education	Sep 11, 2012 12:48 PM
15	Started my own business yesterday!Out of work = 5 years.Quit waiting on someone else,Roll up your sleeves & do it yourself!	Sep 11, 2012 12:05 PM
16	State and Local Real Property Taxes	Sep 11, 2012 10:56 AM
17	PROPERTY TAXES	Sep 11, 2012 10:40 AM
18	Do not want to respond	Sep 11, 2012 10:12 AM
19	There should be NO, AND I MEAN NO, tax breaks for ANY corporation who outsources jobs overseas. There should be an equalization factor on products imported from foreign companies that makes American made products attractive to the buyer. Any loop-hole currently available to an American company that allows for "avoiding" taxes in America, by outsourcing, or "incorporating" in a foreign country should be CLOSED. NOW.	Sep 11, 2012 10:04 AM

Page 7, Q6. If the above approach is taken to lower individual income tax rates but eliminate deductions, what do you believe are the three most important deductions that should be remain in effect? (Pick no more than three.):

1	Child Tax Credit	Sep 13, 2012 5:22 PM
2	Purchases for improving our businesses	Sep 13, 2012 9:48 AM
3	standard business expenses	Sep 12, 2012 8:50 PM
4	overhead and materials , business exspences	Sep 11, 2012 5:46 PM
5	There should be no deductions whatsoever. Everything should be taxed on the gross, but at a lower rate.	Sep 11, 2012 2:54 PM
6	Auto and Business Expenses	Sep 11, 2012 12:58 PM
7	State and Local Real Property Taxes	Sep 11, 2012 10:57 AM
8	PROPERTY TAXES	Sep 11, 2012 10:41 AM
9	The ENTIRE Income Tax should be eliminated. Why are we penalized because we are successful? There should be a National Sales Tax. Tax should be collected based on our spending, not our earning potential. Under our current tax environment, debt is promoted, not working is sometimes more profitable than working, and we are penalized by earning more (higher tax bracket). It's a stupid concept.	Sep 11, 2012 10:08 AM
10	All should be on the table.	Sep 11, 2012 10:00 AM

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1	Keep it simple. Raise wages to a LIVING WAGE.	Nov 2, 2012 6:32 AM
2	Make it fair and eliminate loopholes that could be unfairly taken advantage of.	Oct 31, 2012 9:11 AM
3	Straight tax like social security. No deductions just 7-10%	Oct 29, 2012 6:23 AM
4	The first thing that I believe would help our economy would be to expand the knowledge for what people need to know and understand about home-based businesses. This would be great for families, our communities, and therefore our economy. Too many people lack the understanding of all the wonderful benefits of small, home-based businesses that they can benefit from. I also believe that they should start with corporate tax reform and then focus on individual tax reform.	Oct 15, 2012 2:48 PM
5	On the Corporate side of comprehensive tax reform, I think that subsidies for big Oil and Manufacturing should be cut out. Deductions for owning Corporate jets should be eliminated. They should drop the capital gains tax to about 10-12% to insensitive for the cut in subsidies and the elimination of deductions such as corporate jets. With a low capital gains this will also encourage new investors to the market. Not to stray from the topic however, here is where my support for Dodd-Frank comes in for tougher oversight and regulation on Wall street. If we can lower the payroll tax paid by Employer and Employee, this will help in both ways....The question on the deficit will also have to be address, I dont know how this will work in the overall Macro Economy, however my Philosophy is for the Government to take less and for the Government to give less.	Oct 10, 2012 4:40 PM
6	Raise the tax on the wealthy , they can afford it and they didn't create very many new jobs in this country which was the purpose of the generous tax break that they received.	Oct 9, 2012 7:01 PM
7	Subject corporate tax rate to something akin to an alternative minimum tax to which corporations would be held who otherwise claim no tax liability to U.S.	Oct 8, 2012 3:02 PM
8	It is not just tax reform - it is the regulations that bureaucrats are making all the time. I'm a small, probably micro, business. I raise goats and rabbits for their fiber, I process the mohair and wool and make handspun yarns and handfelted items like hats and scarves. The USDA, EPA and other agencies are making farming close to impossible for small farmers. I'd like to see our government get rid of half the regulations already in existence, along with making some kind of flat tax rather than the current income tax structure.	Oct 7, 2012 3:10 PM
9	keep up the good work	Oct 2, 2012 1:02 PM
10	couple tax elimination to spending cuts. Cut the waste!	Sep 29, 2012 11:27 PM
11	During the end of the Clinton years when Clinton reduced the Corporate Tax Rate and Income Tax Rate for the wealthiest Americans, we had the best Economy ever. The more you tax everyone the lower the GNP and the lower the Revenue is to the Government. This has been proven time and time again. The only reason the Democrats keep pushing this is because they want to stay in Power and cater to their Radical Base which wants to Manage and Regulate everything we do. Government Regulations are also killing business investment	Sep 27, 2012 8:52 AM

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and our cost of Energy. The crippling Government Regulations have to be eliminated for good. The States all have the power to provide their own regulations. Get the Government out of the Regulation Business.

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| 12 | The tax code has become too complex for most people to handle efficiently. It has been used to make allowances for all kinds of special business or personal issues. This puts a burden on all taxpayers because everyone has to comply with the tax code and therefore must consider rules that don't obviously concern them. Overall, my opinion is that such relief would be better done in some other way thus relieving most individuals and small to medium businesses with less overhead in tax preparation. | Sep 26, 2012 6:09 PM |
| 13 | The bottom line is that it should be balanced. | Sep 24, 2012 8:19 PM |
| 14 | It should be fair to all . The people in the middle cant hold on for to much longer. | Sep 22, 2012 2:37 PM |
| 15 | Key to inacting any income tax increases is to first address cutting spending. Previous tax cuts have not accomplished their intended goals because simultaneous proposed spending cuts were never done. And the lack of such spending cuts has raised government spending to its highest percentage of GDP in modern history. This represents a distorted baseline against which we now are expected to raise additional revenue. The baseline needs to return to no more than 19% of the GDP for government spending and from there we can determine what additional revenue is needed. | Sep 22, 2012 1:58 AM |
| 16 | I would like to see a repeal of the self employment tax. I think it is absurd for me to have to pay a 10% tax on top of my income tax just because lam self employed!!! | Sep 20, 2012 6:47 PM |
| 17 | The uncertainty on estate taxes is huge. We are opposed to allowing the exemption to fall to \$1,000,000 since this effects many small business owners and ranchers. Often, the family farm must be dissolved just to pay estate tax. We currently are considering gifting the farm in 2012, and would lose "step up in basis" on farm assets. This would be done in order to avoid the potential \$1,000,000 estate tax implications and rates in 2013. | Sep 20, 2012 1:24 PM |
| 18 | Remove all loopholes and corporate welfare system. Tax the polluters and those that financially gain at the behest of the poor, the elderly, and those who have less voice and money. | Sep 20, 2012 12:13 AM |
| 19 | Please, please, please let Congress know they need to simplify the tax code. I should not be afraid to submit my taxes each year because they are so complicated, I can't do them myself and have to rely on external help to complete them. Corporations shouldn't be taxes, it simply takes away money that would otherwise go to productive uses. | Sep 19, 2012 10:26 PM |
| 20 | I would like to see a complete overhaul of our tax system by switching to a flat tax that is no higher than 15% for individual and corporation alike with a bullet-proof way to make sure NO one uses a loophole to avoid or reduce their 15%. This addresses the democrat's concern that the rich and corporations are not paying their fair share and significantly would reduce my tax load. It also would make it much simpler to pay our taxes and save on the cost of taking our taxes | Sep 19, 2012 4:44 PM |

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to an accountant because of the current complexity of the tax code.

21	Make the wealthy pay fair share.	Sep 19, 2012 3:30 PM
22	close loopholes, keep the lobbyists completely out of the process.	Sep 18, 2012 3:49 PM
23	Now not later, close all loop holes at the top, for corporate and personal, below 250,000\$.	Sep 18, 2012 7:31 AM
24	Income tax rates need to be higher and more progressive. Eliminate corp taxes but require corps to pay a large percentage of profits in dividends, retaining only enough for clearly defined expansion/acquisition plans. Eliminate preferential treatment of cap. gains. Remove cap on Social Security taxes. Better yet, eliminate FICA taxes and roll it into income tax rate and make SS a means tested welfare/retirement plan as it was originally intended to be.	Sep 17, 2012 9:03 PM
25	Corporate taxes need to be more competitive. Taxes should not go up, they should stop spending so much money. Capital gains needs to remain competitive because most people who rely on them are not millionaires. They need to make it as easy as possible for small businesses as well as the large ones to have enough money to reinvest in their business to help it grow. We also need long term stability for planning. Eliminate burdensome regulations. Large corp. are able to deal with them in house and they can afford teams of lawyers. That gives them an unfair advantage over small and medium businesses. It makes it more difficult for us to expand, which means fewer jobs are created. Also, get more oil out of the ground in this country to keep us independent and keep energy more affordable. These gas prices are killing us. They are preventing us from showing a profit and get out of debt.	Sep 17, 2012 9:00 PM
26	Leave Middle Class tax deductions alone. For the wealthy, retain only tax deductions for investments that can be shown to benefit everyone...such as inner-city rejuvenation.	Sep 17, 2012 2:53 AM
27	I like the New Flat Tax proposal by the Thomas A. Roe Institute and The Heritage Foundation. I believe that we need to pay taxes to support our government but, it should be simple and equal for all income brackets.	Sep 16, 2012 6:23 PM
28	I don't know enough about the entire systemic issues to make an educated recommendation. Who's got the time? I think campaign finance reform is more important than tax issues.	Sep 15, 2012 4:40 PM
29	The top 1% needs to pay a lot more taxes OR THEY NEED TO START CREATING A LOT MORE JOBS WITH THE TRILLION\$ THEY HAVE SOCKED AWAY.	Sep 14, 2012 12:10 AM
30	Possibly put temporary cuts to local community funding. Areas that are important, but must unfortunately take a back seat to bigger priorities until the economy is more stable.	Sep 13, 2012 7:25 PM
31	We keep concentrating on tax rates when the real issue, as any business should be able to tell you, is the cost of complexity. Its like riding on a bus that is out of control, democrats and republicans screaming about whether to turn left or right.	Sep 13, 2012 12:10 PM

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It costs \$0.22 on every dollar collected to account for tax collection. This is absurd. We need to forget about rates and concentrate on a SIMPLE tax code. The problems with this is that congress can't "do favors" for big business or the rich. No special exemptions, no tax havens, nothing. The lobby industry would die a death if congress couldn't mess with the tax rates. I'm not suggesting a flat tax although the idea is appealing. I suggest a flat transfer tax on any funds. If every movement of money in the US had a 4% fee collected through the banks immediately with NO TAX RETURNS EVER we would save billions. We could have a tariff rate for imports i.e. money moved offshore taxed at 10%, while export moneys - revenues in from overseas could be taxed at 2%, or even 0% to encourage overseas sales. Want to change the tax rate? You've only got three options and everyone understands what they are. We have the power, not congress. Congress will never put up with this, though, because they wield power and influence through the tax code. I hold absolutely no hope whatsoever that our government can act in our favor. Frankly, I see us descending into a corporate government system and the ultimate failure of our economy. Good luck with trying to influence congress but in my opinion nothing will change until things are so bad we will have no choice. We're just riding on the crazy bus with everyone else until then.

32	Get rid of the FED	Sep 13, 2012 9:49 AM
33	Individual: EVERYONE should pay something. A FLAT TAX with deductions for food and for childrens' clothing/shoes makes sense. Corporate: Close the loopholes, lower the rate.Create an incentive to keep jobs in the USA.	Sep 13, 2012 7:06 AM
34	I agree with giving tax credits to companies that bring jobs back to this country. I would be interested in seeing how a flat tax would pencil out...	Sep 12, 2012 11:17 PM
35	I am sick and tired of congress taking extreme ideological positions and refusing to compromise or pass reasonable legislation. Less-than-ideal legislation is better than gridlock!!! Congress also needs to pass legislation that will be effective for 2 or more years, so people can plan ahead, if they want the economy to thrive. For tax reform, create incentives for businesses to hire more people.	Sep 12, 2012 11:01 PM
36	There should be a special tax on Political Campaign advertising and Internet advertising...	Sep 12, 2012 9:18 PM
37	Flat tax for everyone. Everyone pays their fair share. Get rid of the entitlement programs that are causing the problems across the board. Anyone that works pays taxes....and no more benefit for being an illegal immigrant.	Sep 12, 2012 9:10 PM
38	A flat rate with one bracket with a flat exemption (say a 20% rate with the first \$40,000 exempt, which is about what is necessary to provide the same level of tax revenue as now exists). No deductions, credits, etc. except for expenses of earning income (most Schedule A deductions would disappear). Fringe benefits should be taxed as income and the whole code should be indexed for inflation (no need for capital gains tax and no incentive for the politicians to inflate the economy). Politicians and senior beaurcrats would recieve no exemptions, credits, deductions, etc. and would always be taxed at the highest rate (which would give them an incentive not to increase taxes without a good reason), this	Sep 12, 2012 9:03 PM

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	would apply to former officials as well. Then spending should be examined and cut so that the rate could be lowered.	
39	As a small business owner, I am extremely disgusted with the mega-corporations being able to eliminate all income taxes! Just the typical rich get richer and the rest of us suffer. Incidentally, I live in a no-person-income-tax state and have a C-corp.	Sep 12, 2012 8:16 PM
40	Flat tax. No child deductions after two children.	Sep 12, 2012 7:38 PM
41	Congress needs to stop paying attention to marketing a useless plan, and spend their time like responsible adults making a reasonable business plan to fund the NECESSARY jobs of government. Federal government has no business giving half of us food stamp, unemployment, welfare, and student loans. Government has no business throwing billions away in stimulus grants. Government has no business taking the accountability out of education grants. Congress is spending MY money, as if it was free money. My personal plan is to vote everyone possible out of office. I have never been so disgusted and I voted for this administration. What a disappointment. The only plan is waste and rhetoric even with a Democratic Congress for 2 years.	Sep 12, 2012 5:15 PM
42	Bring back the Eisenhower tax rates. Way too much money is flowing to the top creating an oligarchy that can own politions. We are in desparate need of infrastructure, and the middle class is disappearing before our vary eyes.	Sep 12, 2012 5:08 PM
43	Give everybody a flat tax and pay it before investing it	Sep 12, 2012 4:59 PM
44	vote rep.	Sep 12, 2012 11:35 AM
45	When considering which deductions to eliminate, take into account the macro effects of encouraging or not encouraging related behavior such as charitable giving or saving for retirement. Also, phase-outs above a (generous) specified (possibly indexed) income level are reasonable.	Sep 12, 2012 11:01 AM
46	Want to see a flat tax. 10%. EVERYONE PAYS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Sep 12, 2012 10:31 AM
47	The Fair Tax	Sep 12, 2012 9:01 AM
48	us tax code 10,000 pages. ARE YOU KIDDING ME!	Sep 12, 2012 8:44 AM
49	get rid of alternate minimum tax,earned income credit....we need a flat tax with minimum deductions	Sep 12, 2012 8:27 AM
50	Keep Individual taxes as is, Tax buisness that make over 1 millian, Give tax brakes to business that only make 250,000 and work on programs and tax breaks for business that make less that 150,000. Lets jumpstart a new tax base by helping out the little guy, if they make it than they will start to hire new employees and spend money. this helps every level and brings in taxes form every level. cuts unemployment. This will give confidance to all that things are recovering.	Sep 12, 2012 7:44 AM
51	We need Growth in this economy...or cuts will be much harder. Identify what helps growth and what hurts	Sep 12, 2012 7:22 AM

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52	Income from investments should be paid at the same rate as income from labor. Loopholes in both individual an corporate tax law need to be closed. Incomegtax rate should be progressive at rates similar to rates prior to 1980.	Sep 12, 2012 7:05 AM
53	Flat Rate for All.	Sep 12, 2012 5:54 AM
54	Protect middle class at all costs!! Corporations need to pay a fairer share as do those that are the upper 1%!! Middle class business folks are carrying the major tax burden as it now is!! Fair share tax burdens are American and patriotic!!	Sep 12, 2012 4:07 AM
55	Tax rates have had almost no effect on my business. But the rising cost of health care has and the fact that I have been unable to get decent health care because of a minor pre-exisiting condition has nearly tanked my business. The new health care law will help my business more (in the long run) than any tax rate reduction.	Sep 11, 2012 11:03 PM
56	set the tax rates back to what they were during the Clinton administration and eliminate all tax credits and deductions except for the child credit, EIC, education and medical/dental deductions. Expire all of Bush's tax breaks immediately. And impose a 2% tax increase for the people earning more then \$1M a year. Also charge a hefty tax on corporations that sell their products in the USA and do not conform to our federal labor laws. That tax will off set our cost for global foreign aid.	Sep 11, 2012 10:59 PM
57	FLAT TAX.	Sep 11, 2012 10:46 PM
58	Simplify the tax code to the point that a single human being can comprehend and easily pay and plan to pay the appropriate amount. A single tax rate for all, with no funky deductions for some but not others, or credits for some but not others is the only fair way to tax. I should not need a team of attorneys and accountants to figure out the amount of taxes I need to pay. I should not be hassled over obscure rules that "might" have been misapplied a half a decade or more in the past!	Sep 11, 2012 10:21 PM
59	I believe strongly that before anyone starts messing with our individual taxes they should look to reducing the size of the federal government. It has grown to large and is unmanageable. No one knows who is doing what and when someone does something wrong it gets swept under the carpet until someone finds out about it and blows the whistle. Government should remember that we pay their salaries. Money is taken out of our pay and given to the government to work with. I'd like to know where my money went. What program did it go to? Who's special project did it help? We'd all like an accounting of where our money is going and how it is being used. In our personal lives we do this every day. So should the government. They should let us know what the heck is going on and why. If three quarters of the people on capitol hill worked for me they would have been fired by now for lack of performance or poor performance. If we had done our jobs they way the government works we would have been let go immediately. Guess what...they should be to. If you are not doing the job you were hired to do we should let you go. That means anyone and everyone.	Sep 11, 2012 10:17 PM
60	I seem to hear about a lot of corporate 'loopholes' that enable corporations to pay far less than they should. I am a small business owner and I understand the need for certain tax breaks or I wouldn't survive at all. But perhaps for larger	Sep 11, 2012 10:11 PM

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corporations, the bonuses should be less and the tax burden a bit more. In all honesty, I am not sure the best way to handle it other than my Biblical principles which cause me to believe that no one should pay more than what God asks which is 10%. Perhaps if Corps. paid a flat 10% it would be more than what they pay after deductions?

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| 61 | everyone should pay their fair share. Just because you have lots of tax lawyers should not enable you to hide your money or simply not pay tax. The middle class has been stuck paying the bill for all the big business disasters with out tax money. It is about time big business should pony up and pay. I think a sliding scale flat rate would work. 10% people under 50K household 15% people under 125k 20% people under 250k 28% on everyone above 250k | Sep 11, 2012 9:09 PM |
| 62 | They should be making the oil companies, drug companies, health insurance, & lawyers pay the taxes they owe and stop stuffing politicians pockets to keep screwing the little guys over. They all worry about the greedy rich people making over their \$250,000 (which I do not know any one who makes that), instead of the realistic families making under \$100,000. Take care of us who make very little to just enough to live in this greedy country. | Sep 11, 2012 8:16 PM |
| 63 | Theoretically it would be best to eliminate the entire tax act as it is and start from scratch to simplify it so that someone can file a one or two page individual return and a much simpler corporate tax form with standardized accounting rules required on business income statements. | Sep 11, 2012 7:32 PM |
| 64 | I feel the new tax reform should consider the ramifications on the people of America, we are struggling and do not see growth in our country. If we have any higher tax hikes, we the people cannot survive it. Corporate America cannot expand and hire more people. Small companies will be shutting the doors as with the lack of jobs, who can spend money with the small businesses? | Sep 11, 2012 6:52 PM |
| 65 | number 1 thing to address with respect to taxes is to cut the dad gum spending. Smaller government = better government and then we will not be required to have taxes so high we can't function and run businesses out of specific states...and quite frankly we have run them out of our country because of ridiculous rates. | Sep 11, 2012 6:19 PM |
| 66 | Simplify!! | Sep 11, 2012 6:16 PM |
| 67 | Dividend and Capital gains should be taxed at the person marginal tax rate | Sep 11, 2012 6:08 PM |
| 68 | None | Sep 11, 2012 6:02 PM |
| 69 | no | Sep 11, 2012 5:57 PM |
| 70 | The corporate tax should be lowered to at least 25% to compete with the rest of the world. The present individual rates should be lowered evenly across the board and deductions should be eliminated so the 47% that do not pay taxes pay some kind of tax. Or, abolish the income tax altogether and go with a national sales tax with food being exempt. Of course the only way it is going to work is if they cut spending... good luck with that. | Sep 11, 2012 5:54 PM |

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71	Flat tax or national sales tax to eliminate burdensome tax paper work. Regardless of what they do, I have problems with how taxes are spent and wasted.	Sep 11, 2012 5:51 PM
72	Start by lessening taxes and regulations on businesses that make them NOT want to hire new workers. Payroll taxes, FUTA taxes, and one-size-fits-all regulations that weigh heavier on small business depress our economy. Remember, we should be taxing what we DON'T want, not positive things like entrepreneurship and business.	Sep 11, 2012 5:50 PM
73	Replace the individual income tax with a national sales tax.	Sep 11, 2012 5:44 PM
74	Major tax reform!!! Nearly 50% pay nothing. Everyone should pay something, to make them aware of what is going on with their money. Graduated flat tax, for everyone, starting at a minimal percentage, with a max of 17%.	Sep 11, 2012 5:31 PM
75	This uncertain climate makes it difficult if not impossible for long range financial plans. Any hope of expansion is a risky proposition, which is the exact OPPOSITE for economic growth !! More jobs? How can we create more jobs when we don't know what our expenses will be???	Sep 11, 2012 5:20 PM
76	We need to delete the tax cuts for millionaires, and make wealthy people pay their fair share. Eliminate loopholes and tax shelters for the wealthy and for corporations. Make corporations pay a fair share of taxes. Continue to allow deductions for business expenses, health care expenses, retirement contributions, and charitable contributions.	Sep 11, 2012 5:07 PM
77	Address a long term simplified approach to taxes. By long term I mean more than five years.	Sep 11, 2012 4:53 PM
78	Simplify the tax code to a single tax rate for anyone making over the poverty level. Reduce the deductions to only those that apply to family and health care. Tax shelters should be eliminated. Capital gains over 1 million dollars should be taxed. Aggressively prosecute anyone that has not paid, under paid taxes or filed tax returns for more than one year. Settling for pennies on the dollar is outrageous.	Sep 11, 2012 4:14 PM
79	They should eliminate the capital gains tax as well as the death tax	Sep 11, 2012 4:11 PM
80	Eisenhower & Reagan are rolling over in their grave with the current Republicans who just block everything so nothing gets done. Do something or quit the job and let someone take over who is willing to work for the American people. The Democratic plan is overwhelmingly praised as the most fair to preserve the middle class.	Sep 11, 2012 4:10 PM
81	Deductions and credits are the main way government has to direct social/economic activities. Important tools, but every one of them needs to be current and relevant.	Sep 11, 2012 4:00 PM
82	I want a flat tax for everyone	Sep 11, 2012 3:34 PM
83	Many benefits have been provided to large corporations in the way of taxes,	Sep 11, 2012 3:33 PM

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CEOs and other high level management people receive absurd pay and incentives even if they perform poorly and unethically. The excuse that taxation is limiting jobs is ridiculous, jobs are being outsourced to areas to increase the wealth of the corporation. It is not completely valid that products from these other countries measure up to par. Corporations further locate overseas to avoid payment of taxes to the country and yet ask for more incentives. In my area, large aerospace industries have paid NO income tax for several years, the upper management receives millions and pays a much lower percentage of income tax than their employees. Finally, and perhaps most important, a corporation is NOT an individual as the Court allows, if there are ethical or fraudulent misdeeds the corporation as a whole is not sentenced to a penal institute. It seems to me, Congress really should concentrate on developing a fair and equitable tax form which works for all. This is definitely NOT an endorsement for a "flat tax" which is in fact any thing but equitable. Example if a family of four can afford \$100 per week on groceries and is taxed at 15 % that leaves only \$85 for th weeks groceries, but another family of four can afford \$1000 per week for groceries and is taxed at 15% this family can afford \$850 per week for groceries. The question of who will eat or have access to a more nutritious diet for all family members should be obvious. A flat tax in my opinion as it has been explained by supporters, would certainly not be the remedy.

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| 84 | We already have the highest corporate tax rate in the world. This discourages business growth in this country and leads to higher unemployment. | Sep 11, 2012 3:18 PM |
| 85 | Tax levels should return to those in effect during the Clinton years when our deficit was being paid down. People with the highest levels of income should pay at the the same levels as those with middle income, whether income is passive or earned, and without events, such as deductions that people in lower brackets cannot take, reducing their taxes. Obsolete deductions and credits should be eliminated. Meaningful credits to incentivize environmental protections including alternative energy use and development should be employed. Business should not be the overriding concern with regard to society. Tax policy should discourage rather than encourage exploitation of individuals and society's finite resources. Rather it needs to be one important part of society's collective efforts to provide effectively and efficiently for members, especially when they are unable to provide for themselves. In spite of the Supreme Court's unfortunate ruling, corporations are not people and should not be afforded the same rights as individuals. Until that ruling is changed, let them be taxed heavily as individuals with the highest earnings and and no ceiling. Also, until it is changed, let them bear all of the restrictions imposed on individuals. Health and related services should be removed from the market based economy and subsidize from a collective pool (Cap CEO salaries and perks: return savings to services and lower overhead administration of them. Impose taxes on American business locating overseas. Withdraw related subsidies | Sep 11, 2012 3:15 PM |
| 86 | Flat tax would work for me! | Sep 11, 2012 3:09 PM |
| 87 | Practically speaking, all deductions should be eliminated and all individuals should be taxed on gross income in a gradually increasing rate up to 1/3rd of their income for the top 1%. Taxes should be filed for each adult on their Individual income and if claiming any dependents, should not have to pay taxes if their income is at the poverty rate for the area in which they primarily reside | Sep 11, 2012 3:03 PM |

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(indexed each year to poverty charts). There should be NO differences among the sources of income (passive, active, portfolio) as to how they are taxed. Corporations (and ALL business forms including LLCs, LPs, etc.) should also pay a national sales tax on total gross revenue instead of an income tax with no exceptions or deductions. The tax rate should be low 1-3% and should exclude certain necessities such as food, transportation services and affordable housing.

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| 88 | Make it fair across the board!! Take out loop holes, same rules apply to all individuals. I current pay over 30%, Why should someone making billions be paying half or less of a percentage? | Sep 11, 2012 3:01 PM |
| 89 | Elect Republicans who know how business is run. Time to clean house of tax crazy Democrats. | Sep 11, 2012 2:50 PM |
| 90 | I like the flat rate tax and do away with most deductions. taxes would be sooooo much simpler to file, and everyone pays the same rate! | Sep 11, 2012 2:44 PM |
| 91 | Reduce income tax for all under \$250,0000 - allow Bush tax cuts to expire - tax all income sent offshore both Individual and corporate. | Sep 11, 2012 2:44 PM |
| 92 | Budget reform is way more important than tax reform. A balanced budget is way more important. | Sep 11, 2012 2:34 PM |
| 93 | People with high income, from work or investments, should pay a larger tax rate | Sep 11, 2012 2:24 PM |
| 94 | Should consider the Fair Tax. The states that have implemented this plan are operating in the green. | Sep 11, 2012 2:16 PM |
| 95 | Congress should have to live under the same rules as the individuals who pay their salaries-health care costs and coverage, retirement plans, etc. | Sep 11, 2012 2:07 PM |
| 96 | If Congress would consider a flat tax percentage on earned income only, I would agree to eliminating most or all exemptions. The first \$40,000.00 (an arbitrary amount for illustration purposes) or set amount (like above the poverty level), plus interest, dividends &/or capital gains would be exempt from any income tax calculation. Simplification of the tax code will enhance collection & be less costly to corporations, the government & individuals. | Sep 11, 2012 1:54 PM |
| 97 | I believe the most important issue for congress to solve related to tax reform is to remove all of the loopholes and incentives in Corporate taxes while also lowering the corporate tax rate. I also think that the tax rate on capital gains should be higher. | Sep 11, 2012 1:23 PM |
| 98 | Taxation in every direction is completely out of hand. Military spending is astronomically out of hand. Both need curbing. | Sep 11, 2012 1:18 PM |
| 99 | I have lost faith in elected officials. If Obama is re-elected, I do not anticipate my opinion of them will change. | Sep 11, 2012 1:07 PM |
| 100 | Stop kicking the issue down the road! We need to address tax reform as well as the entitlement programs such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid. The longer we wait the bigger the penalty. This country cannot continue to operate on a credit card basis. We have got to start making some tough choices and | Sep 11, 2012 1:03 PM |

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decisions.

101	Lobbying, corporate influence, and the revolving door policy between government, corporations, and special interests have all combined to ensure that the average middle class American does not have any say. Get the special interest money out of politics at all levels.	Sep 11, 2012 12:46 PM
102	Higher income people need to be paying more=higher rates than their lowest and lower pay employees. Also self-employed should be able to deduct health insurance premiums before self-employment taxes, as we did for 2010. There should also be a significant tax addition for corporations whose executives make more than 100 times what their lowest paid worker makes. And those executives also should pay a significantly higher rate than earners in the same bracket who are not executives of such immoral corporations.	Sep 11, 2012 12:38 PM
103	To bring back large Corporations they need to decrease their tax rate. Other countries are benefiting instead of the USA!	Sep 11, 2012 12:31 PM
104	I believe that we need to remove those members that have been there for more than two terms and have not accomplished anything substantial on their voting record. The only way we are going to get reform is to have someone working for us that can hide behind empty promises term after term and then accomplish nothing and always blame the other party or people. There needs to be a difficult decision made that will impact most Americans and we need to have the people in office that are not afraid to make them. Too much special interest groups control the votes of our politicians.	Sep 11, 2012 12:28 PM
105	Simplicity, please. I am happy to pay my taxes, but let's SIMPLIFY. Even new deductions aimed at benefiting small businesses bring yet another variable to keep track of. For me, less is more.	Sep 11, 2012 12:22 PM
106	Tie Congress pay to their performance. If that was current policy, they'd be living on food stamps. One key problem is Congress is exempt from many laws that would send us to jail. Insider trading is one. Tax avoidance is another. Corruption and cronyism is a big problem. It's not really a Congress problem. There are two parties. The Democrats are 100% at fault on problem-solving. For example: 1) the President has not submitted a budget that warrants even one vote from Congress, 2) Harry Reid will not produce a budget, 3) Harry Reid will not allow a vote on the House budget which Paul Ryan prepared. The Republicans are being responsible, the Democrats are less responsible than a drop-out teenager!	Sep 11, 2012 12:17 PM
107	Congress should pass tax reform without contributions from big business and outrageous groups such as NRA.	Sep 11, 2012 12:12 PM
108	I think NASE should support President Obama's proposal. The wealthy should pay more. We need to address tax reform and trickle down economics never has worked.	Sep 11, 2012 12:11 PM
109	I believe that taxing the people to compensate for the inaccuracies of running the government should not be allowed. Reign in spending, All jobs being offered for those assistances are usually government jobs. We have too many employees in the government. Give the corporations a chance to run some of the	Sep 11, 2012 12:11 PM

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government run programs and hire outside of government, so the rest of us don't have to be burdened. When there is a need, let the people stand to fix them, not the government. The lower income families can't afford the taxes, no matter how small. And, the licensing fees are ridiculous for small businesses. Regulation is adding expenses to the bottom line.

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| 110 | The only comprehensive Individual Tax reform I TRULY support is a flat tax with a very low minimum income exemption applicable to all (ex. flat percentage applied to all income above \$7,800) and applied equally to all types of income. With regard to Corporate Tax, I believe that there should be ZERO Corporate Income Tax. Corporations should pay ONLY carefully calculated Impact Fees/Taxes; but, NEVER Income Tax. Corporate profits either go toward building the business or into the pockets of stakeholders. When they get top the pocket of the Stakeholder, the should be taxed as described above. As long as they remain inside the company, they should not be taxed. | Sep 11, 2012 12:11 PM |
| 111 | For a business to properly plan,it MUST have assurances that the plans they do put in place won't become irrelevant overnight by Congress's partisan bickering.Congress has NO ONE to blame but themselves for the present state of affairs...GOD help us from our elected officials! | Sep 11, 2012 12:10 PM |
| 112 | I AM A PROPONENT OF A FLAT TAX RATE FOR ALL, WITH DEDUCTIONS THAT APPLY TO ALL, NO MATTER THE INCOME. | Sep 11, 2012 12:09 PM |
| 113 | Both parties need to compromise. The Republicans are bound by their Grover Norquist and Tea Pary zealotry. The Democrats need to make some accommodations to make things work. I must say, that of the last three or four surveys NASE has sent out this one is more balanced and nuanced. That is a step in the right direction. Earlier surveys have shown a very biased slant toward the far right. I am an independent who tends to lean toward the Democratic point of view. I have considered dropping my membership in NASE due to its earlier biases, but this survey gives me hope that more objective, less doctrinaire minds are at work in the organization. Time will tell. | Sep 11, 2012 12:07 PM |
| 114 | As I see it, there are two general problems with the current tax code. First, the tax system is far too complicated, forcing individuals and small business owners like myself to either spend too much time processing their taxes, or to spend money hiring a professional to do it for them. I believe that almost all of the deductions should be eliminated, and we should return to a simple, tiered, progressive tax system. Second, the marginal tax rates at almost every income level are too low. We should return to at least Clinton-era tax rates, if not Reagan-era ones or older. Without a significant increase in federal revenues it will be impossible to balance the budget, eliminate deficits, and reduce the federal debts. No amount of cutting in government programs will be sufficient to deal with the current situation. | Sep 11, 2012 12:05 PM |
| 115 | All the gov. wants is more, more, more. It is out of control. Why are 50% of the population paying nothing? It is wrong and needs to be fixed. I plan on doing my part to fix it in the upcoming elections. | Sep 11, 2012 12:02 PM |
| 116 | Simplify. I would prefer a flat tax but if we keep the current convoluted structure, keep special interest groups out of the process (such as alternative energy | Sep 11, 2012 11:59 AM |

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points for instance). The code could be cut in half without so many of these exception clauses.

117	Corporate subsidies should be addressed/reduced; instead provide some sort of credit or deduction for companies that create jobs in the U.S.	Sep 11, 2012 11:39 AM
118	Flat taxes, reduce the paperwork so I don't need to pay an accountant hundreds of dollars each year	Sep 11, 2012 11:33 AM
119	Since 1957 was the last year the national debt decreased, I think we should return to 1957 tax laws and rates.	Sep 11, 2012 11:33 AM
120	I think it has been really counter-productive to split the level of SSI taxes the employee at 4.2% and the employer at 6.2% in a time when SSI is in jeopardy to begin with. It also makes computation of monthly tax deposits more complicated. I feel that the tax system definitely needs to eliminate many of the tax loopholes that wealthy Americans and large corporations are now able to manipulate to lower their taxes while the middle income American is quite frankly, not that clever and can't possibly afford to hire the type of expertise which would be able to manipulate the system in such a fashion.	Sep 11, 2012 11:32 AM
121	There are so many byzantine tax laws that increase the total cost of taxes in this country and make business difficult to start, grow, and conduct. It is irrelevant what tax reform congress enacts if they cannot, or will not, address government size and spending in any meaningful way. Social Security, however, should not be touched, as it is a pay-in plan and not an entitlement as some people claim. Giving government more money to spend irresponsibly is not going to change anything. The nation MUST learn to live on a budget just like every household and business on this planet.	Sep 11, 2012 11:31 AM
122	1. Eliminate the ability of corporations to make any contributions to any political campaign 2. Eliminate the deductions for more than 2 children per household 3. Move to a flat tax for individuals and corporations	Sep 11, 2012 11:30 AM
123	Flat tax, no deductions other than taxes paid.	Sep 11, 2012 11:23 AM
124	I believe in a value added tax in lieu of any income tax. Too many people are working under the table or hiding income and the tax system is no longer fair. I also believe the corruption in Washington will never allow this.	Sep 11, 2012 11:22 AM
125	Fair system where higher income individuals pay a little more than they currently do-Support Obama's proposal for people making over 250K to pay higher rate and please don't repeal the affordable health care act. I hear polls that people in general don't want this and I wonder if they are getting a representative voice in those polls. As a cancer survivor and my health insurance gotten from my husband's last employer and which will expire in March 2013 (Cobra), I'm sweating bullets that Romney wins since he said the first thing he will do is repeal it!!	Sep 11, 2012 11:19 AM
126	Would prefer a flat sales tax...(Food being the ONLY exception). If went to a flat income tax, then NO deductions for anything nor anybody.	Sep 11, 2012 11:07 AM

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127	The ceiling on SS/Medicare payments should be raised more, since both the rich and poor take advantage of Medicare benefits. Health care reform needs to go further: 1) There should be a ceiling on the amount any individual should have to pay for health insurance premiums. 2) Although Obamacare says that everyone will be entitled to health insurance (no one denied for pre-existing conditions), no one should have to pay more for their insurance because of their pre-existing conditions.	Sep 11, 2012 11:06 AM
128	The Tax Cuts on high income taxpayers enacted during the George W. Bush presidency have crippled the economy and, together with unfunded war expenditures, have directly caused all of the current national debt in excess of approximately \$5 trillion. Those cuts must be allowed to expire. Near term spending by the Federal Government, using the additional revenues resulting from "increased" marginal tax rates, will spur economic growth. Economic growth is the only way to pay down the national debt. Contrary to the current blather, Keynesian economics is not only conservative, it is reality. Keynesian economics explains how capitalism works, yesterday, today and tomorrow.	Sep 11, 2012 11:05 AM
129	tax reform for ALL that is including anyone that is receiving gov assistance also. they use and have access to all services, fire, police, public schools, libraries, free cell phones, adult education and training etc, and to use a phrase from our president No Skin in the Game. But first cut spending so you know exactly what amount of tax is needed!!!!	Sep 11, 2012 11:02 AM
130	raise maximum rate to 40-50% for very high incomes, eliminate second home mortgage deduction, collect social security taxes on all income.	Sep 11, 2012 10:57 AM
131	It would be nice if they would just do something and then leave it alone for a long time. The uncertainty is what is hurting businesses. They are entities that thrive on predictability. This is needed to make plans and invest in the future. If the future is uncertain and changing all the time, then outlooks become very short sighted and it hurts everyone.	Sep 11, 2012 10:56 AM
132	I am concerned at the way the Republicans block ANYTHING brought before them. Their way didn't work and brought on the current recession, yet they refuse to allow the president to do his job while complain he hasn't done enough.	Sep 11, 2012 10:54 AM
133	Corporations are not people. End corporate tax loopholes and breaks for companies who outsource jobs outside the US. GE paying "negative" taxes is a crime.	Sep 11, 2012 10:51 AM
134	Somethings really wrong when small business pay taxes but large ones do not! Even receiving money from the government & they do not have to follow the same laws we do & get fined for. ie Oil companies as well as others.	Sep 11, 2012 10:49 AM
135	Don't play games with reform - its numbers and it should just be more straight forward without all the holes and loops! Once again, put it on a spreadhseet and disuss percentages not if it should be done	Sep 11, 2012 10:48 AM
136	All US citizens should be able to keep 80% of their income. Taxes should not be more than 20%.	Sep 11, 2012 10:46 AM

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137	I am bothered by the line between the middle class and the rich being drawn at \$250,000. in many parts of the country, especially California and much of the Northeast, families earning \$250,000 are by no means rich and very often just making ends meet, due to high housing costs and the overall high expense of living in these areas. I hear people argue that those of us in this situation should just move somewhere else less expensive. Given the obligations many of us have with regard to family members and business contacts, this is a silly argument.	Sep 11, 2012 10:35 AM
138	Congress must get their own house in order. Cut spending across the board, do entitlement reform to ensure Social Security and Medicare for those 55 and older. Then allow younger than 55 a choice to continue Social Security/Medicare at a reduced level or go to private investments. Tax reform should mirror these changes and be reduced for both individuals and corporations asap. Anything less than total tax reduction and spending reduction by the government will not work and is a waste of time.	Sep 11, 2012 10:35 AM
139	sales tax the more you buy the more tax this way every body pays tax	Sep 11, 2012 10:35 AM
140	Stop partisanship and compromise a little from each side. Remember who they work for.	Sep 11, 2012 10:34 AM
141	I am for a FLAT tax without loopholes Certain exemptions like mortgage interest, health insurance, and legitimate business expenses should be allowed.	Sep 11, 2012 10:34 AM
142	1. Our governments need to shrink and get out of the business of social affairs and let communities and local governments handle those issues. This will lower the debt and cost of government, therefore lowering all taxes needed. 2. Stop trying to create wedges between employees and employers (the rich). If you raise taxes on the producers (the rich), then that affects the bottom line. The employer then has to do one of 2 things, cut cost or raise prices. If costs are cut, then wages are less, employees are cut, or we send it to China to be made or India for technical support. If prices are raised the increased taxes are still passed on to the consumer. When you tax the rich (employers/producers), you are ultimately taxing everyone and cutting out American jobs! It's simple, but Congress just can't get it. 3. Every individual in America has the same opportunity to succeed or fail. Luxuries such as TV, Internet, Cell Phones, Automobiles, Health Care etc. are not rights. Every American should be responsible for themselves, their family and their community. If not, they have the right to suffer the consequences. They are responsible for figuring it out. God gave us a brain, but it's our choice to use it. And yes, this has all to do with taxes.	Sep 11, 2012 10:31 AM
143	Removing the tax breaks to farmers and to those corporations doing R&D may be cutting off one's nose..., but cutting them down to 50% would be one possibility. Another way is to put a minimum surtax of 2% on every corporation that earns over 1 million a year net, no exception. And putting a .2% surtax on every salary and commission paid over \$1 million/year. That only amounts to \$2000.00 per million but that is still a lot. Another thought is to charge every individual and business entity, either for profit or non profit or not for profit a .1% of gross income surcharge for 5 years.	Sep 11, 2012 10:30 AM
144	Both of the parties have GOT to find a middle ground to address tax policy and	Sep 11, 2012 10:28 AM

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entitlement reform. Taxes are going up. Deductions are being eliminated. Entitlements are being reduced. I get it. The sooner we can get a plan in place, the sooner everyone can plan accordingly.

145	A flat tax would be the best	Sep 11, 2012 10:28 AM
146	I would like to see the tax rate substantially increased for those making more than \$1 million per year. Trickle down economics do not work	Sep 11, 2012 10:28 AM
147	The tax code has become a scheme to provide job security to bureaucrats and a cash cow to accountants and lawyers. It is also become a social engineering tool to provide government with power to regulate commerce by taxing those things government deems to be undesirable while increasing the costs of those things deemed socially appropriate. It has also become a weapon in class warfare in an effort to destroy the rich and subjugate the poor and middle class to governmental overlordship. We need a simple tax code that encourages investment and entrepreneurial initiative while allowing all of society to pay its fair share to the common coffers: thus enabling governmental performance of essential duties and provide equity in caring for those in need.	Sep 11, 2012 10:26 AM
148	The cost of living is not static across the United States. Therefore, you can't just take a number, and income, and blanketly say "these people should pay more taxes" when it may cost them more to live in their town, city, etc. In addition, the issue with "taxing the rich" is a loophole which allows a substantially lower tax rate on Capital Gains. Most of the Wall Streeters the Dems vilify earn income via Capital Gains, not a salary or income as the tax code defines it for the rest of us. Change that loophole. Don't tax me out of my home because I make X-dollars to solve that problem.	Sep 11, 2012 10:24 AM
149	Congress needs to end loopholes for corporations and end the bush era tax cuts on the wealthy. Congress needs to balance the budget, but not at the expense of education, the poor or the middle class, so we know the economy will be healthy for the long term. Trickle down economics does not work, and we need policies that benefit the working class people like myself.	Sep 11, 2012 10:23 AM
150	Just do it. Get it done. Stop "trying to get reelected" and have some backbone. Simplify, lower tax rates, make them long-term. I've had to reduce spending; the government has to as well.	Sep 11, 2012 10:19 AM
151	Eliminate tax loop-holes. Eliminate special interest laws. Penalize corporations who off-shore American jobs. Eliminate the Income Tax concept completely. Implement a National Sales Tax based on spending rather than earnings. Penalize Corporations who "shelter" their earnings through off-shore activity. Stop giving refunds to individuals/corporations who have never actually paid taxes. EVERYONE pays their fair share. Whatever that ultimately is determined to be. That doesn't mean the poor pay nothing and the rich pay 75%. It means EVERYONE contributes to some extent.	Sep 11, 2012 10:14 AM
152	Congress should reform the corporate tax structure it is one that gives more deductions to corporations.	Sep 11, 2012 10:11 AM
153	Flat Tax, stimulate the economy by reducing the regulations & taxes on	Sep 11, 2012 10:11 AM

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	business, hence increasing employment & tax receipts to the government / Elect Mitt Romney & Paul Ryan & replace Harry Reid.....	
154	Leave the current tax laws regarding tangible and intangible expenses ALONE!	Sep 11, 2012 10:10 AM
155	Everyone pays 15% across the board doesn't matter how little or how much you make. Fair is Fair. Simple is Simple problem solved.	Sep 11, 2012 10:09 AM
156	reduce spending in Washington!!!!	Sep 11, 2012 10:09 AM
157	Get rid of capital gains tax rate and tax capital gains investments as ordinary income.	Sep 11, 2012 10:08 AM
158	I am for a flat tax of 18%	Sep 11, 2012 10:07 AM
159	Several countries have gone to a very low flat tax (13% to 17%) and not only seen their income tax revenues increase, but also seen their economies flourish. The US should look at that. I need to be able know what my taxes will be as I'm making the money, so that I can pay as I go, rather than worrying about whether I bought an EnergyStar appliance or whether I'm buying a sustainable car powered by fermented wheat germ and solar instead of the car I need. The current system is too complex, and too full of bad surprises.	Sep 11, 2012 10:06 AM
160	We are in desperate need of serious tax reform that is fair and based on a progressive taxation structure. We have lost the sense of community, that corporations do not simply exist in a vacuum where they only need to respond to shareholders but should see themselves as part of the larger national and local community with attendant responsibilities.	Sep 11, 2012 10:03 AM
161	Eliminate Bush-era tax cuts on income over \$250k!!!	Sep 11, 2012 10:01 AM