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Base: 1,044 Americans
Margin of Error: ±3.1 for all adults

Ipsos Poll conducted for Reuters, April 2012

Taxation Breakout

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from March 12th – 15th, 2012. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,044 adults aged 18 and older across the United States was interviewed by Ipsos via live telephone interviewing on landlines and cell phones. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate within 3 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult population in the U.S. been polled.

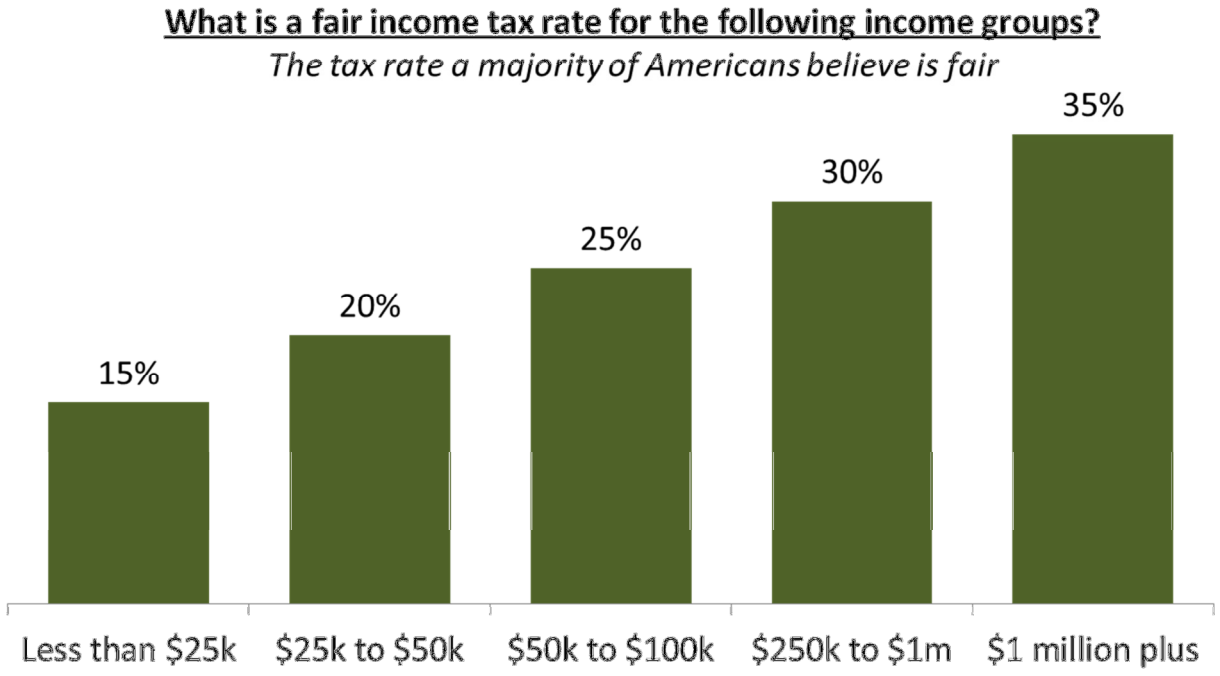
All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. These data were weighted to ensure that the sample composition reflects that of the actual U.S. population according to U.S. Census figures. Respondents had the option to be interviewed in English or Spanish. Please note that throughout this document, figures based on Independent voters are indicative only due to small sample size. Figures marked by an asterisk (*) indicate a percentage value of greater than zero but less than one half of a per cent. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. Responses are based on the full sample of adults unless otherwise noted.

POLITICAL TRACKER

1. When you think about the US budget deficit, which of the following solutions comes closest to your opinion?

	4/12-15/12	2/2-6/12	1/5-9/12	12/8-12/11
Cutting existing programs	22	23	22	20
A mix of both, but with more spending cuts than tax increases	36	36	40	37
A mix of both, but with more tax increases than spending cuts	17	17	18	21
Raising taxes	7	9	8	10
Unsure	13	11	10	11
Don't know/Not sure	5	4	3	1
Total: cut programs	**58**	**59**	**62**	**57**
Total: raise taxes	**24**	**26**	**26**	**31**

2. We are now going to talk about tax rates for different income levels. For each of the following income levels I'm going to read a series of federal income tax rates.

When we get to a tax level you think is unfair, please stop me. How about for people making [INSERT INCOME LEVEL], do you think a [INSERT TAX LEVEL] rate is fair? How about [NEXT TAX LEVEL]

	Less than $25,000 a year	$25,000 to $50,000 a year	$50,000 to $100,000 a year	$100,000 to $250,000 a year	$250,000 to $1 million a year	More than $1 million a year
10%	35	14	8	10	5	4
15%	20	20	12	10	6	6
20%	13	20	17	15	10	6
25%	9	14	16	12	10	8
30%	7	8	16	16	18	19
35%	5	8	10	10	12	11
40%	2	4	6	8	11	13
45%	2	3	4	1	6	6
50%	1	2	4	9	13	20
Don't know/ Not sure	*7*	*8*	*7*	*9*	*8*	*6*
Net: 10-15%	55	34	20	20	11	10
Net: 20-25%	22	34	33	27	20	14
Net: 30-35%	12	16	26	26	30	30
Net: 40-50%	5	9	14	18	30	39