



# AMERICANS *for* TAX REFORM

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## Rangel Tax Hike Fact of the Day #8

Every day, Americans for Tax Reform will release a new fact about Charlie Rangel's trillion-dollar tax hike. All prior facts of the day can be found on [www.atr.org](http://www.atr.org). Today's fact is:

### *“The Rangel Tax Hike Will Raise the Top Marginal Tax Rate to 47%”*

There's an old adage that people willingly surrender their freedoms incrementally, even if the same loss of freedom all at once would cause a revolt. Charlie Rangel hopes the same is true with taxes.

Under current law, the top marginal tax rate on entrepreneurs is an ungodly 37.9%. Rangel wants to raise this rate by nearly ten full points.

How does he do it? By eating the elephant one bite at a time:

- Immediately impose a surtax of 4.6%
- Wait for the Bush tax cuts to expire, which raises the rate another 4.6%
- Make sure that all small businesses have to pay the 2.9% Medicare tax

Put all that together, and you have a top marginal tax rate of 47.1%. That would be the highest marginal tax rate in over twenty years.

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