



10 Facts the Media Won't Tell You About the GOP Tax Cuts

1. **Thanks to tax reform, middle class families are seeing [increased](#) take-home pay:**
 - A family of four with annual income of \$73,000 (median family income) will see a [tax cut](#) of more than \$2,058, a 58 percent reduction in federal taxes.
 - A single parent with one child with annual income of \$41,000 will see a [tax cut](#) of \$1,304, a 73 percent reduction in federal taxes.
 - Married small business owners with annual income of \$100,000 will see a tax cut of \$2,603, a 24 percent reduction in federal taxes.

2. **Americans at [every income level](#) are seeing significant tax reduction because of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act:**
 - 90 percent of households with income between \$40,000 and \$64,000 saw a tax cut. Average size of that tax cut: \$810.
 - 91 percent of households with income between \$64,000 and \$108,000 saw a tax cut. Average size of that tax cut: \$1,400

3. **Taxes are down 25 percent this year and biweekly paychecks are up by \$50 on average:**
 - Households are paying lower taxes, down 24.9 percent on average following passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, according to a report [released](#) by H&R Block based on their clients' tax returns.
 - The tax cuts caused biweekly paychecks to increase \$50 per paycheck.
 - The report also breaks down change in tax liability by state. Taxpayers in every state have seen average tax reduction of at least 18 percent: *"all 50 states and D.C. saw their average tax liability decrease anywhere from 18.0 percent to 29.1 percent."*

4. **Tax rates were cut and pro-middle class provisions were implemented across the board:**
 - The middle class marginal tax rates were slashed from 15 and 25 percent to 12 and 22 percent
 - The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act doubled the standard deduction for an individual from \$6,000 to \$12,000 and for a family from \$12,000 to \$24,000.
 - The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act doubled the child tax credit from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per child.
 - The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act raised the threshold of the Alternative Minimum Tax so fewer taxpayers are forced to comply with the provision. [4,464,430 families](#) and individuals paid the Alternative Minimum Tax in 2015.

5. **Wages are growing and the job market is strong:**
 - Over [2.6 million jobs](#) were created in 2018 and over 5.4 million jobs have been created since the beginning of 2017 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
 - Nominal wages have grown by [3.4 percent](#) over the last year, a ten-year high.

6. **Unemployment is hitting historic lows:**
 - The [unemployment rate](#) is at 3.8 percent. In September, the unemployment rate hit 3.7 percent, a [50 year-low](#).
 - The Hispanic unemployment rate in March 2019 was 4.7 percent, and reached a record low of 4.3 percent in February 2019
 - The African American unemployment rate in March 2019 was 6.7 percent, hitting a record low of 5.9 percent in May 2018.
 - The number of people collecting unemployment benefits is at a 50-year low, and jobless claims have dropped to the [lowest level](#) since 1969.

7. **Thanks to tax reform, American families saw relief from the highly regressive Obamacare individual mandate tax penalty:**
 - Obamacare imposed a tax penalty of \$695 for an individual and \$2,085 for a family of four for failing to buy “qualifying” health insurance as defined by the federal government. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act repealed this unfair tax.
 - The Obamacare individual mandate tax penalty is one of the most regressive taxes in the code as it disproportionately impacts low and middle-income families:
 - [6,665,480 individuals and families](#) paid a total of \$3,079,255,000 in individual mandate tax penalties in 2015.
 1. [37.35 percent of taxpayers](#) (2,489,490 households) that paid the individual mandate made less than \$25,000 in annual income.
 2. [78.98 percent of taxpayers](#) (5,264,380 households) that paid the individual mandate made less than \$50,000 in annual income.

8. **Business confidence is hitting all-time highs following tax reform:**
 - Small business optimism is strong, hitting a [record high](#) of 108.8 in August 2018 and [continues to trend](#) above the historical average at 101.2.
 - Optimism amongst manufacturers hit a [record high](#) of 92.4 percent in 2018 according to the National Association of Manufacturers.
 - Optimism among middle market businesses hit a [record high](#) of 136.7 in 2018.

9. **Employers large and small have responded to tax reform by raising pay, creating new jobs, increasing employee benefits, and expanding operations.**
 - Americans for Tax Reform has compiled a list of powerful stories of business owners explaining how the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act has helped them grow their businesses and help their employees.
 - Click [here](#) for ATR’s list of over 800 in-their-own-words examples of how the Republican tax cuts have helped businesses large and small.

10. **Utility companies in all [50 states](#) are passing on the tax savings in the form of lower rates for customers:**
 - This means lower electric bills, lower gas bills, and lower water bills for Americans than if the corporate rate cut had not occurred.