

HuffPost: Estate Tax

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1. Who pays

Do you think that most families have to pay the federal estate tax when someone dies or only a few families have to pay it?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Most families have to pay	30%	30%	29%	30%	28%	31%	29%	29%	26%	38%	32%
Only a few families have to pay	37%	41%	33%	28%	29%	40%	48%	41%	35%	19%	26%
Not sure	34%	29%	38%	42%	42%	29%	23%	30%	40%	43%	42%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	985	431	554	176	264	347	198	715	109	80	81

	Total	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Most families have to pay	30%	26%	27%	39%	31%	36%	20%	21%	31%	24%	34%	25%
Only a few families have to pay	37%	40%	35%	34%	33%	37%	55%	34%	31%	42%	38%	36%
Not sure	34%	34%	38%	26%	36%	27%	25%	45%	38%	34%	28%	38%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	985	375	384	226	436	264	140	145	215	231	364	175

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2. Likely to pay

How likely do you think it is that your family will have to pay the federal estate tax at some point?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very likely	12%	14%	10%	6%	15%	17%	7%	13%	13%	5%	9%
Somewhat likely	20%	20%	20%	22%	26%	14%	19%	19%	12%	27%	30%
Not very likely	18%	20%	16%	13%	10%	22%	23%	18%	12%	21%	21%
Not at all likely	20%	21%	19%	10%	15%	23%	30%	22%	18%	14%	11%
Not sure	31%	26%	36%	48%	34%	24%	21%	28%	45%	33%	29%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	987	433	554	177	262	349	199	715	110	81	81

	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very likely	12%	9%	11%	17%	9%	14%	17%	12%	9%	12%	13%	13%
Somewhat likely	20%	15%	21%	25%	19%	24%	22%	15%	18%	17%	24%	16%
Not very likely	18%	17%	18%	18%	17%	21%	21%	11%	14%	18%	17%	24%
Not at all likely	20%	26%	17%	15%	22%	18%	21%	17%	21%	23%	20%	15%
Not sure	31%	33%	32%	25%	33%	23%	20%	45%	39%	30%	26%	33%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	987	377	384	226	438	265	140	144	216	232	364	175

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3. Affected by tax

Which groups do you think are primarily affected by the federal estate tax? Select all that apply.

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
The rich	43%	49%	37%	25%	36%	49%	59%	49%	24%	29%	43%
The middle-class	41%	44%	38%	39%	40%	41%	42%	42%	28%	51%	37%
The poor	22%	21%	22%	30%	23%	21%	11%	17%	32%	38%	24%
Not sure	19%	14%	23%	29%	23%	15%	10%	17%	27%	16%	24%
Unweighted N	1,000	433	567	182	267	351	200	724	112	82	82

	Party ID				Family Income (3 category)				Census Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
The rich	43%	44%	40%	45%	37%	49%	64%	35%	38%	46%	43%	44%
The middle-class	41%	37%	36%	56%	41%	47%	38%	34%	40%	37%	43%	43%
The poor	22%	27%	19%	17%	26%	19%	17%	18%	17%	21%	25%	22%
Not sure	19%	16%	24%	13%	21%	14%	7%	27%	23%	17%	16%	21%
Unweighted N	1,000	380	391	229	443	268	140	149	218	237	369	176

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4. Estate tax without cue

Do you think that the federal estate tax should be:

Asked of half of respondents

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Kept in place	27%	33%	22%	27%	28%	26%	29%	24%	29%	45%	27%
Eliminated	41%	40%	42%	24%	28%	50%	57%	47%	23%	32%	36%
Not sure	32%	27%	36%	49%	44%	23%	14%	29%	48%	23%	36%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	486	208	278	86	130	185	85	354	56	38	38

	Total	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Kept in place	27%	42%	21%	14%	28%	30%	29%	17%	20%	29%	29%	31%
Eliminated	41%	24%	45%	67%	41%	43%	40%	37%	44%	34%	43%	39%
Not sure	32%	35%	34%	19%	30%	26%	31%	46%	35%	36%	28%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	486	194	192	100	222	132	70	62	116	103	182	85

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5. Estate tax with cue

The federal estate tax affects estates that are worth more than five million dollars. Do you think the the federal estate tax should be:

Asked of the other half of respondents

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Kept in place	46%	48%	44%	46%	47%	50%	39%	45%	53%	46%	42%
Eliminated	29%	39%	19%	20%	26%	33%	37%	31%	26%	26%	24%
Not sure	25%	13%	38%	33%	28%	17%	24%	23%	21%	28%	34%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	499	224	275	89	132	164	114	363	51	42	43

	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Kept in place	46%	61%	40%	34%	48%	52%	47%	30%	46%	53%	46%	37%
Eliminated	29%	15%	31%	47%	22%	30%	37%	39%	27%	23%	34%	32%
Not sure	25%	23%	29%	20%	29%	18%	16%	31%	27%	24%	20%	31%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	499	180	192	127	214	134	69	82	100	128	181	90

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Interviewing Dates	September 29 - October 2, 2017
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2014 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2014 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, 2012 and 2016 Presidential votes. The weights range from 0.17 to 5.199, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.715.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.8% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	48 questions not reported.