



Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy

The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy **makes the spreadsheets that power the movement**, providing one-of-a-kind data and analysis that advocates, journalists, and policymakers nationwide use to create **more economically and racially just tax policy**.

A Voice for Tax Justice

ITEP is the key research partner advancing **equitable, sufficient, sustainable taxation**. ITEP's expertise transforms federal, state, and local policy debates and **informs the nation's top journalists**.

Our research supports tax codes that generate **enough for all of us**. Our trusted partnerships nationwide deliver equitable taxes. **Our data empowers advocates, lawmakers, and researchers on the ground.**

The New York Times

States Brace for Added Burdens of Trump's Tax and Spending Law

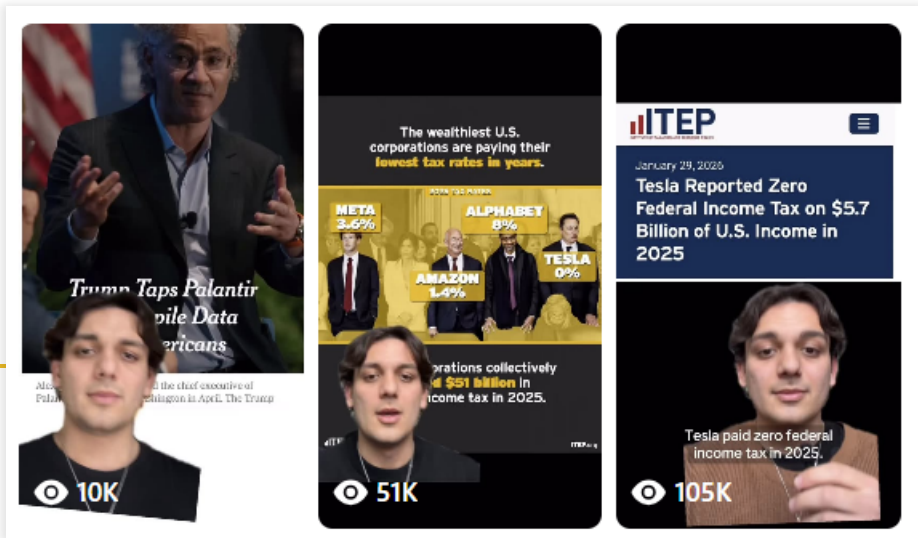
"They can scale back their investments in health and food assistance that are directly affected by the federal legislation. They could shuffle money around to preserve health insurance — 'Hey, we don't want 600,000 North Carolinians to lose health insurance, but we're going to take money away from education to do it. Or, we can see tax increases."

- Carl Davis, ITEP Research Director

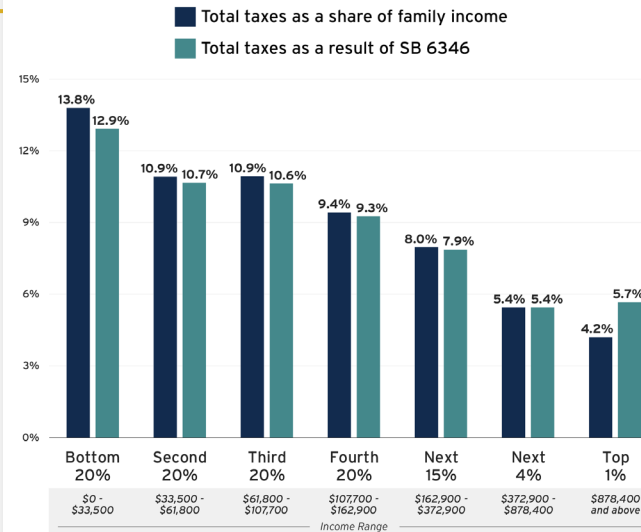
By the Numbers

Our strategic communications team gets our research in the right hands at the right time to make a difference.

Whether an in-depth report, an infographic, or a short viral video, our comms team ensures that ITEP is shaping the debate over taxes.



Washington Millionaires Tax and Enhanced WFTC Provide Important Steps Toward a More Equitable Tax System



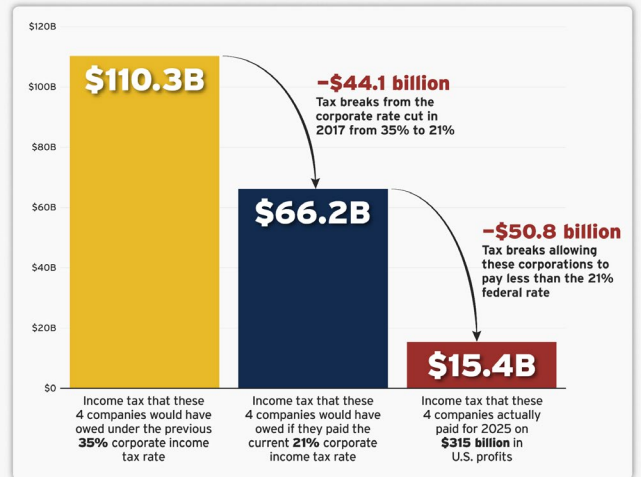
Note: This analysis updates Washington's Who Pays? result, capturing major changes since 2024 and the major tax components included in SB 6346 – the millionaires' tax, Working Families Tax Credit expansion, sales tax exemptions, and Business & Occupations Tax effects – based on ITEP's review of the statutory language of the bill and fiscal note.

Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy Tax Microsimulation Model, March 2026

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Two rounds of Trump's tax breaks have lowered taxes for Alphabet, Amazon, Meta, and Tesla by nearly \$95 billion

Trump's tax bills from 2017 and 2025 massively cut taxes for some of the richest corporations in America.



Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, March 2026

By the Numbers, 2025



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We published
150 reports,
many with
50-state data.



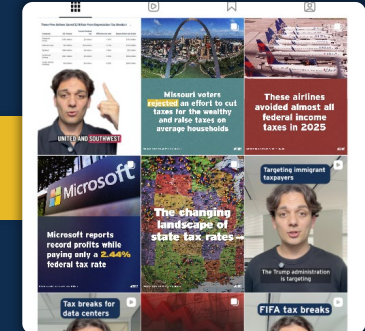
8,000

We received
nearly **8,000**
media mentions
– a boost of 40%
over 2024.



3 million

ITEP web traffic
spiked by nearly
60% to about **3**
million views.



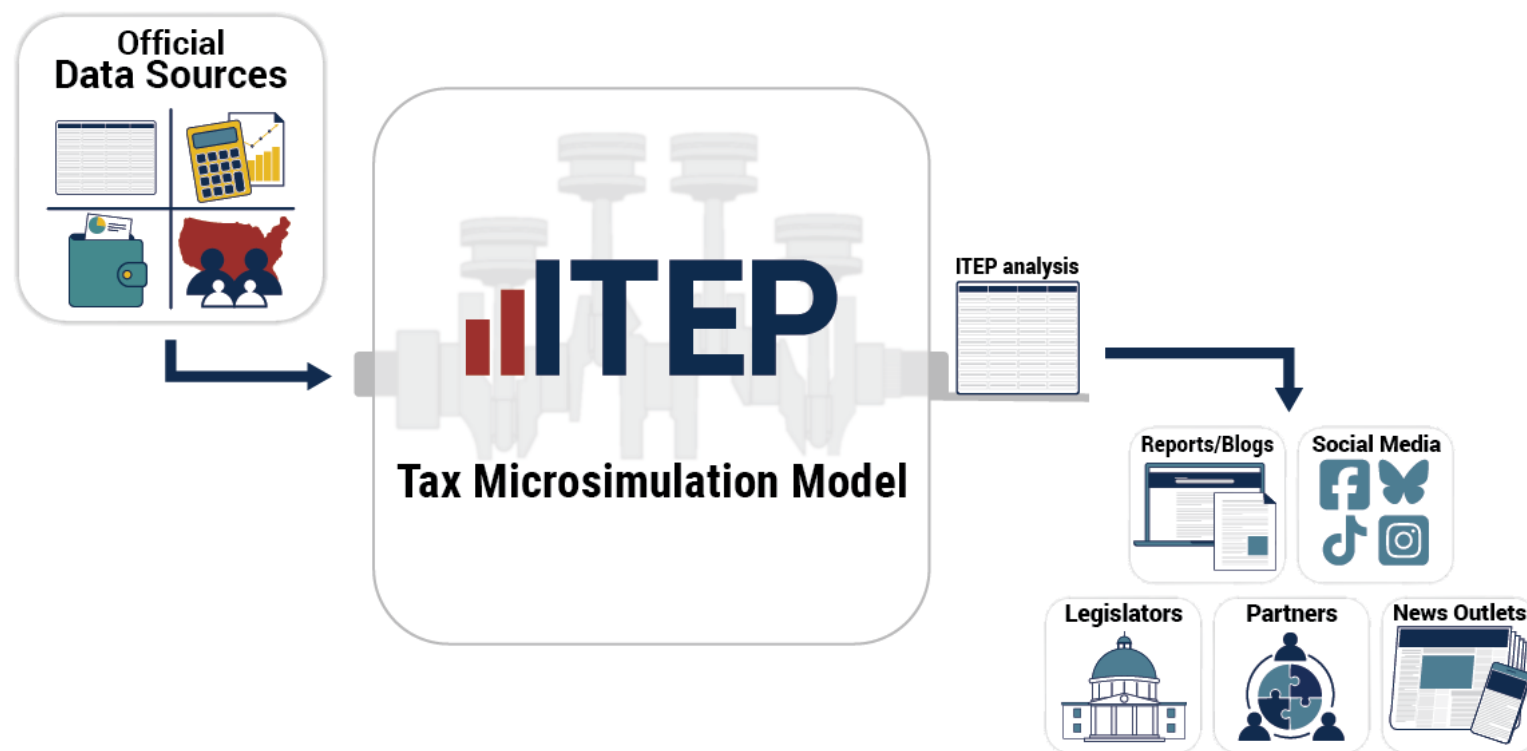
4 million

We generated
close to **4 million**
views across our
social media
channels.

Tax Microsimulation Model

ITEP is the only organization with the tools to analyze distribution of tax proposals at the federal and state level across income, race and ethnicity.

It has the **only microsimulation model** that incorporates data about race, can thoroughly explain sales taxes (the most regressive part of tax codes), and has state-level data for every state.



Theory of Change

Core Strategies

What ITEP does

Produce unique, accurate, and powerful analysis of federal, state, and local tax policy

Communicate our analysis accurately, strategically, and compellingly

Equip, educate, and collaborate with partners to advocate for fair taxes

Identify existing policies and create new policies that tackle racial and economic inequality and raise more revenue

Enabling Outcomes

How our strategies shift discussion and policy

The public conversation more deeply supports taxing the rich and corporations, raising more revenue, and funding a robust public sector

The public, partners, movement leaders, and lawmakers are better informed, better know ITEP's work, and make decisions aligned with our mission

Federal, state, and local tax codes reduce inequality and raise more revenue

Desired Impact

Big picture, long-term difference ITEP seeks

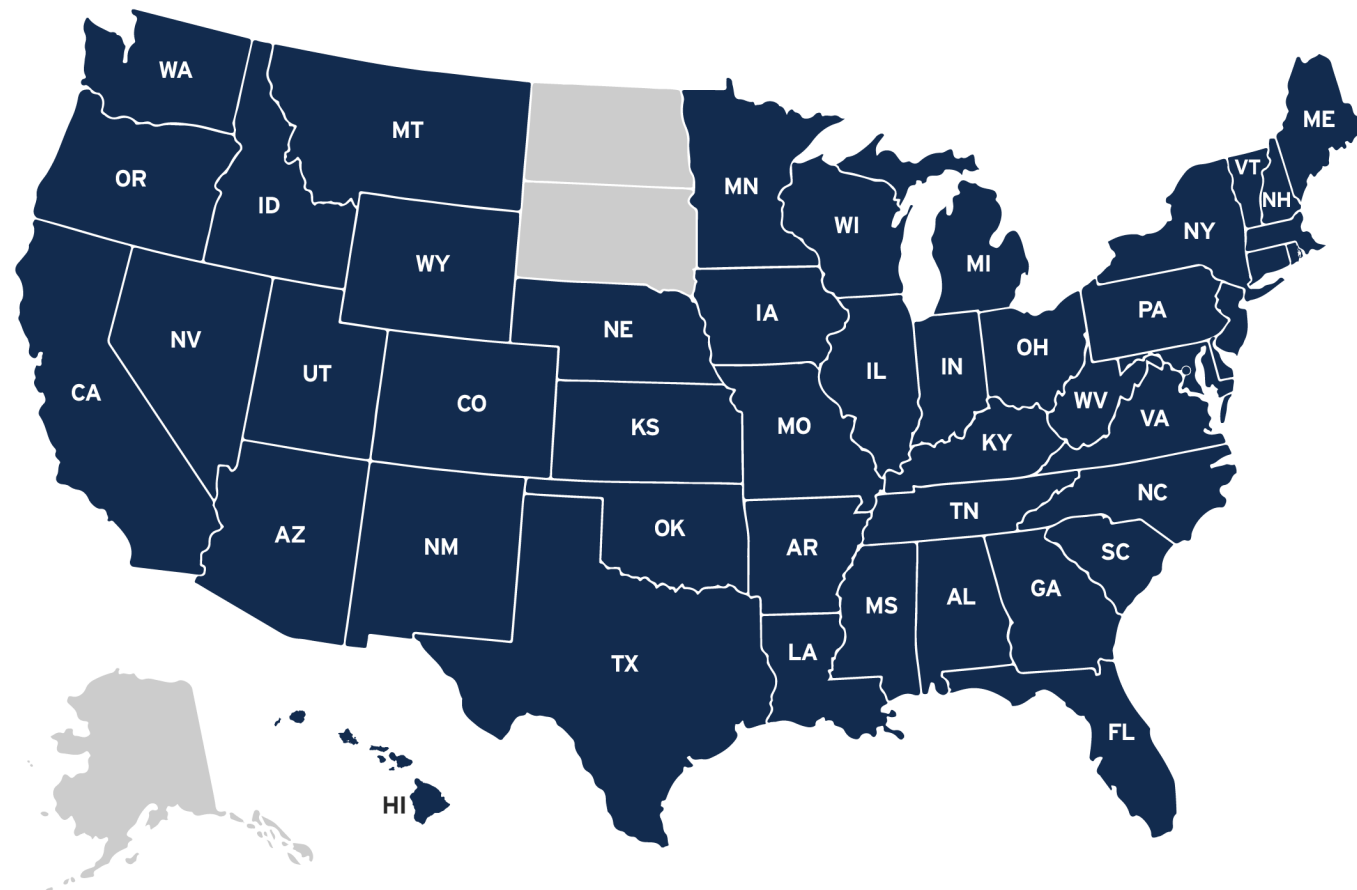
America, its states, and its local communities:

- Raise adequate revenue
- Raise it in ways that reduce inequality
- Fund the needs of people and communities

State Partners

Our data and strategic insight undergird an ecosystem of tax and budget advocacy across the country, winning policies that reduce inequality, raise revenue, and create a more just and healthy country.

ITEP reaches partners in 47 states and DC



A Signature Report: Who Pays?

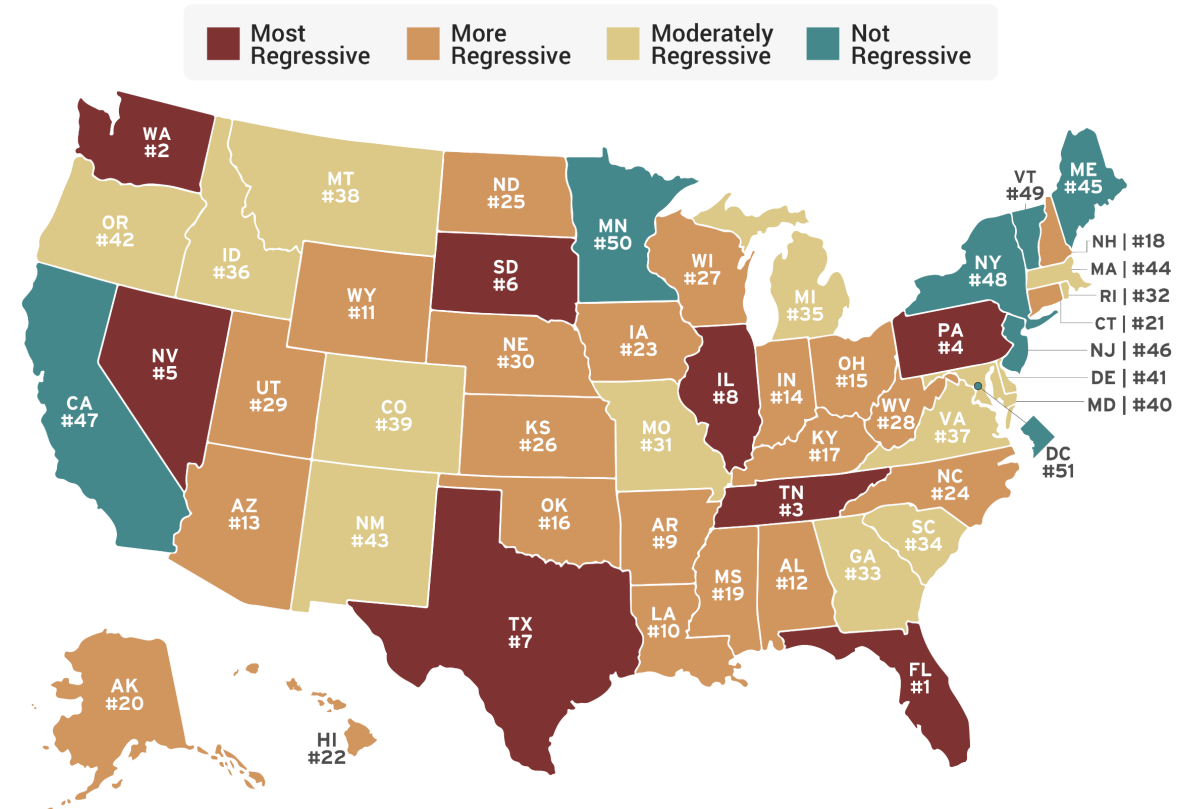
Who Pays? shows the distribution of taxes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

It is the only report that assesses progressivity of state taxes by measuring all state and local tax rates across income groups, providing detailed analyses of every state tax code.

This helps advocates and lawmakers shape tax policy to better tackle racial and economic inequality.

ITEP Tax Inequality Index Rankings

Ranking state and local tax systems from most to least regressive



Securing Tax Fairness in States

We've provided data and strategy for every state win on taxing the top, including:

Washington's **new millionaire tax** that will raise more than \$3 billion a year from the wealthiest

Maine's **new millionaire tax** that puts a 2% surcharge on income over \$1 million

The Massachusetts **millionaire tax** that is raising billions more than expected

Our work is also elevating revenue-raising pushes in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawai'i, New York, Rhode Island and more.



***Garrett Martin**, President and CEO of the Maine Center for Economic Policy*

I can't thank you and your team enough.
The millionaires tax just passed in Maine!
We wouldn't have gotten there without ITEP.

State partners depend on ITEP



***Jan Moller**, Executive Director of Invest in Louisiana*

ITEP has been an indispensable partner in Louisiana. During our 2024 fight against a deeply regressive tax scheme in a hastily called special session, ITEP provided timely analyses of the governor's tax bills that allowed us to explain to policymakers and the media how the changes would benefit wealthy people and corporations at the expense of Louisianans with low incomes. **They are the only group that does what they do, and we could not do our work without them.**



***Marie-Frances Rivera**, Former President at the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center*

The Massachusetts millionaire tax would not have been achievable without ITEP – full stop!
The rigorous analysis and top-notch communications you all have worked with us on for decades helped make the case to voters on the need for a seismic shift in our state tax code.

Our research has won new or improved **Child Tax Credits in 15 states** and new or improved **Earned Income Tax Credits in a whopping 31 states plus DC.**

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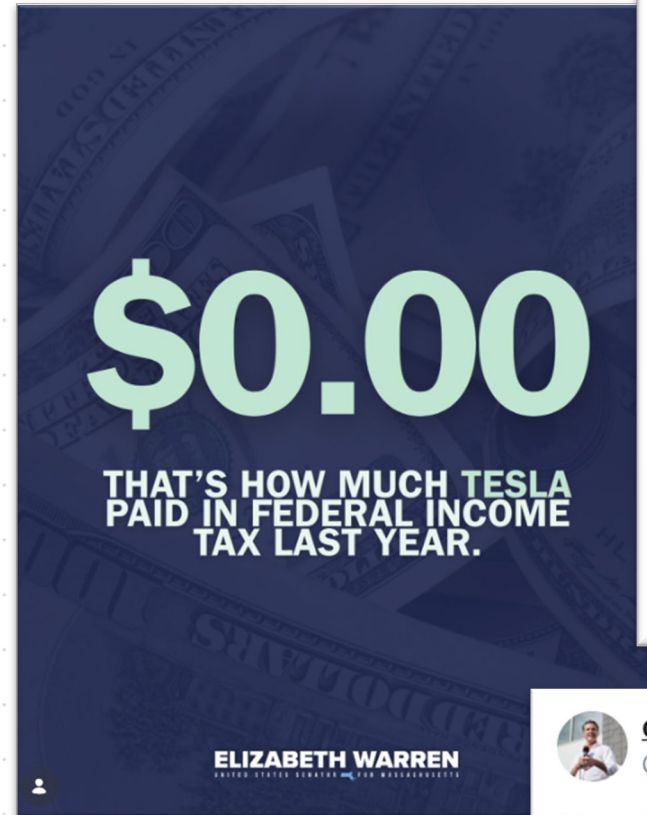
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ITEP's Impact

ITEP has a powerful history of winning against corporate interests and - with activists and advocates - positioning tax equity movements for success.

Our research is frequently cited by **Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Sen. Bernie Sanders, California Gov. Gavin Newsom**, and countless others to build the case for tax reform.



Bernie Sanders ✓
@BernieSanders

If you paid \$1 in federal income taxes this year, you paid more than:

Walt Disney
Citigroup
CVS
Kohl's
Ticketmaster
Tesla
United Airlines
GoDaddy
Paypal
Palantir
Roku
HP
3M
PG&E
Halliburton

That's absurd. We need real and progressive tax reform.



Gavin Newsom ✓
@GavinNewsom

16 states tax their LOW wage earners more than California taxes its HIGH wage earners. 40% of the middle class in Texas pays more in taxes than they do in California.

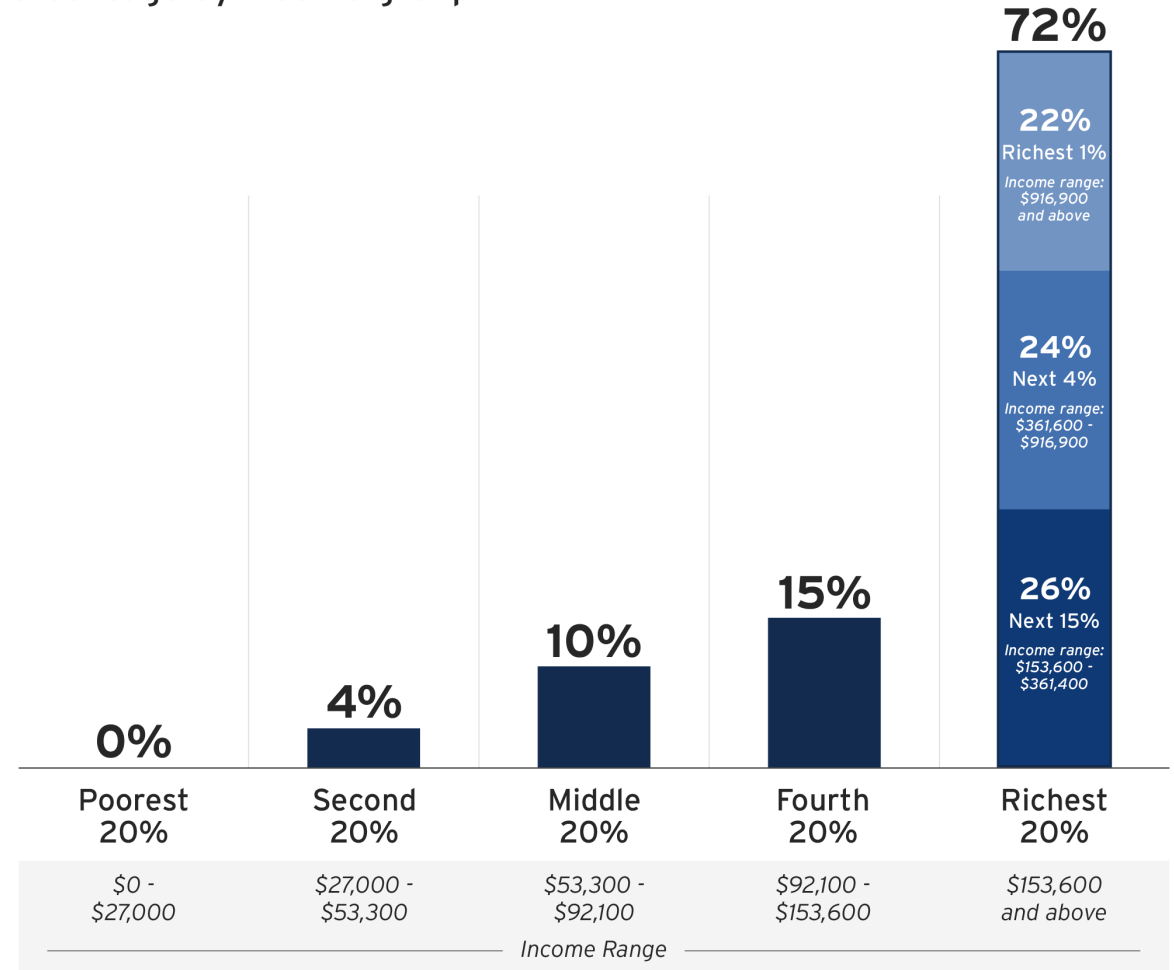
California's progressive tax rates support working families.

Fighting for fair federal taxes

Our analysis of the 2025 federal tax bill provided numbers for every state – it will transfer a staggering trillion dollars to the top 1% over the next decade, in an era of vast wealth concentration.

Share of Tax Cuts from Trump Megabill in 2026 in the U.S.

Percentage by income group



Federal Wins Generate Billions

Catalyzed Ronald Reagan to **rein in his corporate tax cuts.**

1986

Played crucial role in passing Bill Clinton's landmark bill **raising taxes on wealthy people and corporations.**

1993

Were instrumental in **winning the federal Net Investment Income Tax** under President Obama.

2010

Provided the most powerful piece of evidence to **create a corporate minimum tax** as part of the Inflation Reduction Act under President Biden.

2022

National partners adore ITEP



Sarah Pray,
*Executive Director for Better Taxes
for a Better America*

ITEP is the intellectual infrastructure of the tax justice movement. Their unparalleled data, rigorous analysis, and steadfast commitment to equity provide the foundation upon which advocates, policymakers, and organizers at both the state and federal levels build campaigns, shape policy, and advance a fairer tax system. Simply put, the movement is stronger because ITEP is part of it.



Heidi Shierholz,
*President of the Economic
Policy Institute*

At EPI, we spend our days fighting for policies that raise wages and strengthen worker power. For the tax policies that help make those gains possible—by reducing inequality, raising revenue for the public investments working families rely on, and building a more just economy—we rely on ITEP’s expertise again and again.



Jaimie Worker,
*Director of Public Policy at Caring
Across Generations*

ITEP pushes the envelope on what’s possible in terms of revenue, which is critical for the care economy. ITEP shows that we actually CAN all have nice things.

Holding Corporations Accountable

Our work exposing how scores of profitable corporations pay paltry federal income tax receives a slew of attention from members of Congress and on social media.

We showed how firms run by the four tech billionaires who surrounded President Trump at his inauguration avoided billions in taxes. This is defining the debate.



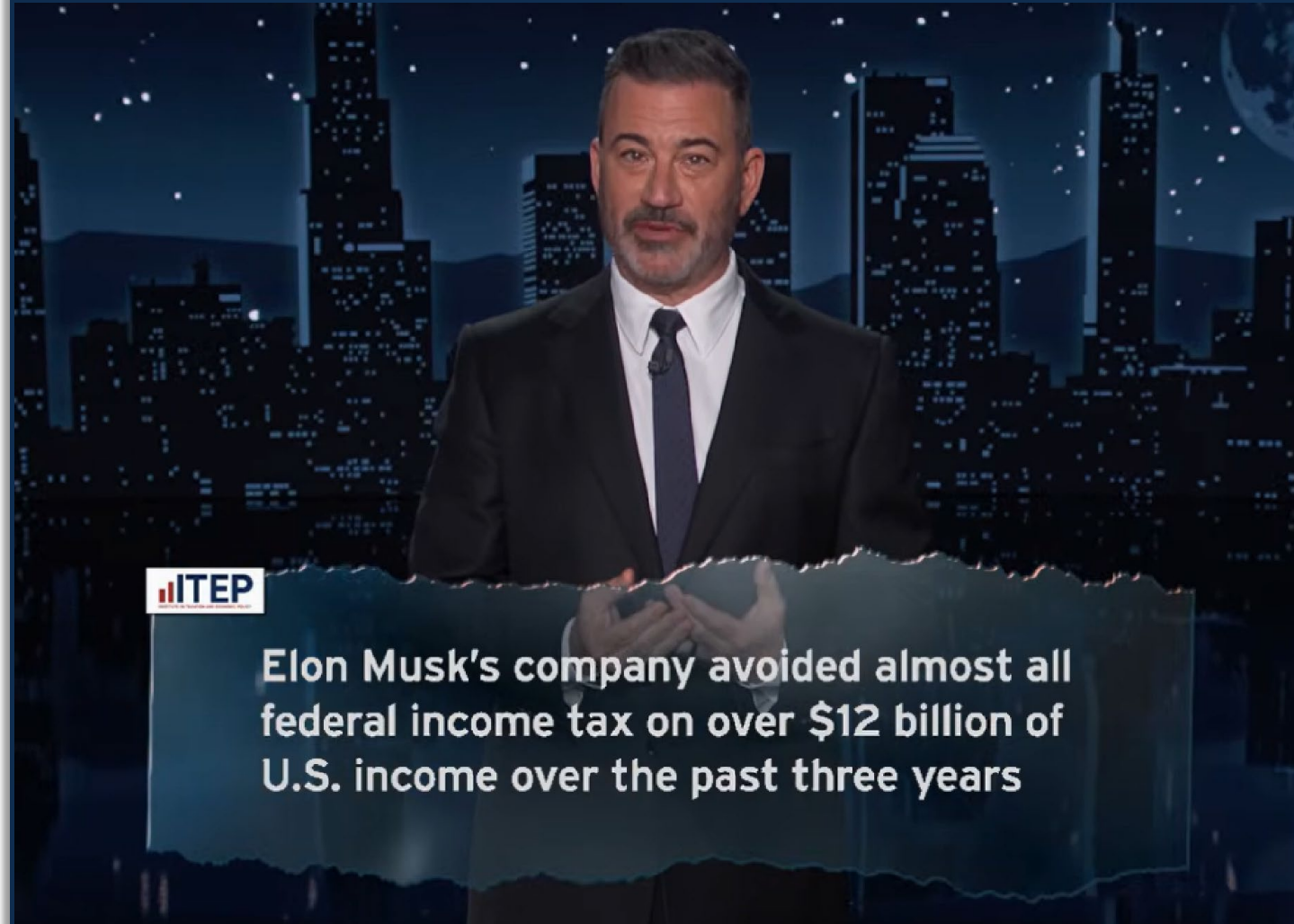
How many \$35 co-pays would people on Medicaid have to pay to fund just this one tax break for Meta?

400 million co-pays.

If every human being in America paid a co-pay, that still wouldn't be enough to cover what Meta is going to get in this ONE tax giveaway.

Exposing Corporate Tax Avoidance

We pride ourselves on informing the most rigorous news organizations in the country. We also inform the nation's comedians. Jimmy Kimmel cited ITEP research on Tesla's tax avoidance in a monologue on Musk becoming a trillionaire.



Fighting Corporate Tax Avoidance

ITEP is the leading research force documenting corporate tax avoidance.

President Biden mentioned ITEP's corporate tax findings in every State of the Union he delivered – and it was a key reason why he and Congress passed a minimum corporate tax for the biggest corporations.

I think a lot of you at home agree with me that our present tax system is simply unfair.

The idea that in 2020, **55 of the biggest companies** in America made \$40 billion in profits and **paid zero in federal income taxes?**

That's simply not fair.

- President Biden, citing **ITEP** at the 2023 State of the Union



Exposing Corporate Tax Avoidance

311 companies avoided

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in federal income tax on **\$1.1 trillion** of profit in 2025

ITEP pioneered a corporate tax avoidance tracker that is constantly updated to show staff and external audiences how profitable corporations avoid taxes each year.



Reimagining Local Taxes

Our local team helps policymakers and advocates navigate complex decisions by:

- Identifying innovative revenue options
- Analyzing who really pays
- Creating a vision
- Tracking how federal and state policies cascade down to local budgets.

Since launching our local team, we've helped with local mansion taxes like the one New York City Mayor Mamdani recently secured.



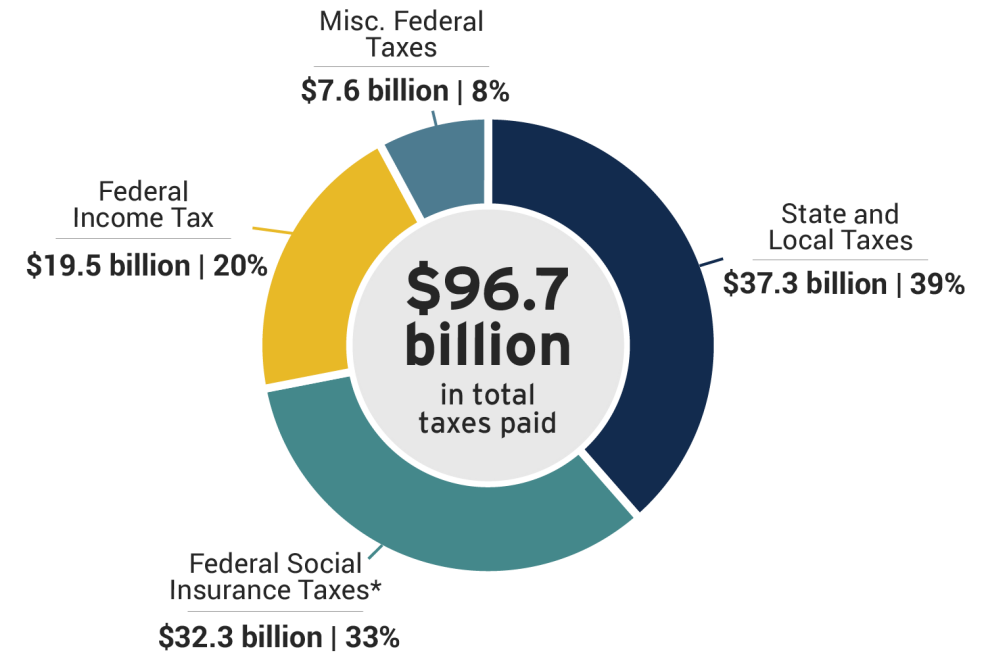
ITEP Local Policy Analyst Rita Jefferson (right) with Former NYC Comptroller Brad Lander at the Local Progress 2025 National Convening

Immigrants and the Tax Code

Our work on tax contributions by undocumented immigrants **fight**s misinformation about our **most vulnerable residents** at a time of deep attacks.

Over the last year, we tracked more than **2,400 media mentions** of our report alongside extensive use by partners and advocates.

Tax Contributions by Undocumented Immigrants in 2022



What's Next: Taxing the Very Rich

Our microsimulation tax model is the best in the space. We are now building in **both wealth and income of the top 0.1%** – the tiny sliver of the richest 1 in 1,000 people.

This pathbreaking work will be an indispensable tool for advocates and policymakers seeking **to tax wealth, income from wealth, or corporate income.**



What's Next

We proposed a practical, obtainable way for states to **tax passive income** and raise **enormous revenue** from the **wealthiest investors**.

Partners in a dozen states are trying to turn this **Wealth Proceeds Tax** into policy, and we've shown what can be raised in every state.

State	4% tax rate	State	4% tax rate
Alabama	\$298.2 million	Montana	\$243.4 million
Alaska	\$57.4 million	Nebraska	\$160.8 million
Arizona	\$760.2 million	Nevada	\$744.6 million
Arkansas	\$391.6 million	New Hampshire	\$215.2 million
California	\$6.6 billion	New Jersey	\$1.2 billion
Colorado	\$988.8 million	New Mexico	\$131.5 million
Connecticut	\$915.1 million	New York	\$4.1 billion
Delaware	\$76.2 million	North Carolina	\$896.7 million
District of Columbia	\$234.8 million	North Dakota	\$103.4 million
Florida	\$6.8 billion	Ohio	\$760.8 million
Georgia	\$900.7 million	Oklahoma	\$306.5 million
Hawai'i	\$209.2 million	Oregon	\$367.7 million
Idaho	\$203.4 million	Pennsylvania	\$1.2 billion
Illinois	\$1.5 billion	Rhode Island	\$111.8 million
Indiana	\$342.3 million	South Carolina	\$416.9 million
Iowa	\$215.2 million	South Dakota	\$119.9 million
Kansas	\$231.2 million	Tennessee	\$761.0 million
Kentucky	\$266.2 million	Texas	\$5.0 billion
Louisiana	\$323.7 million	Utah	\$403.6 million
Maine	\$99.7 million	Vermont	\$61.6 million
Maryland	\$554.6 million	Virginia	\$991.8 million
Massachusetts	\$1.5 billion	Washington	\$1.4 billion
Michigan	\$689.2 million	West Virginia	\$69.6 million
Minnesota	\$365.5 million	Wisconsin	\$396.9 million
Mississippi	\$144.4 million	Wyoming	\$253.9 million
Missouri	\$516.9 million		

What's Next

ITEP will be pushing to **get at the wealth of the extremely wealthy before it hits their portfolios** by better taxing corporations.

We have a **suite of corporate tax proposals** that will be the most resilient approach to **tackling inequality through the tax code** in the face of a hostile Supreme Court.

*At Least 88 Profitable U.S. Corporations Paid
Zero Federal Income Tax in 2025*



**ITEP's dedicated, passionate, insightful staff
leaders transform the tax debate.**



ITEP's board of directors includes a diverse array of tax experts from academia, policy, law, advocacy, and research.

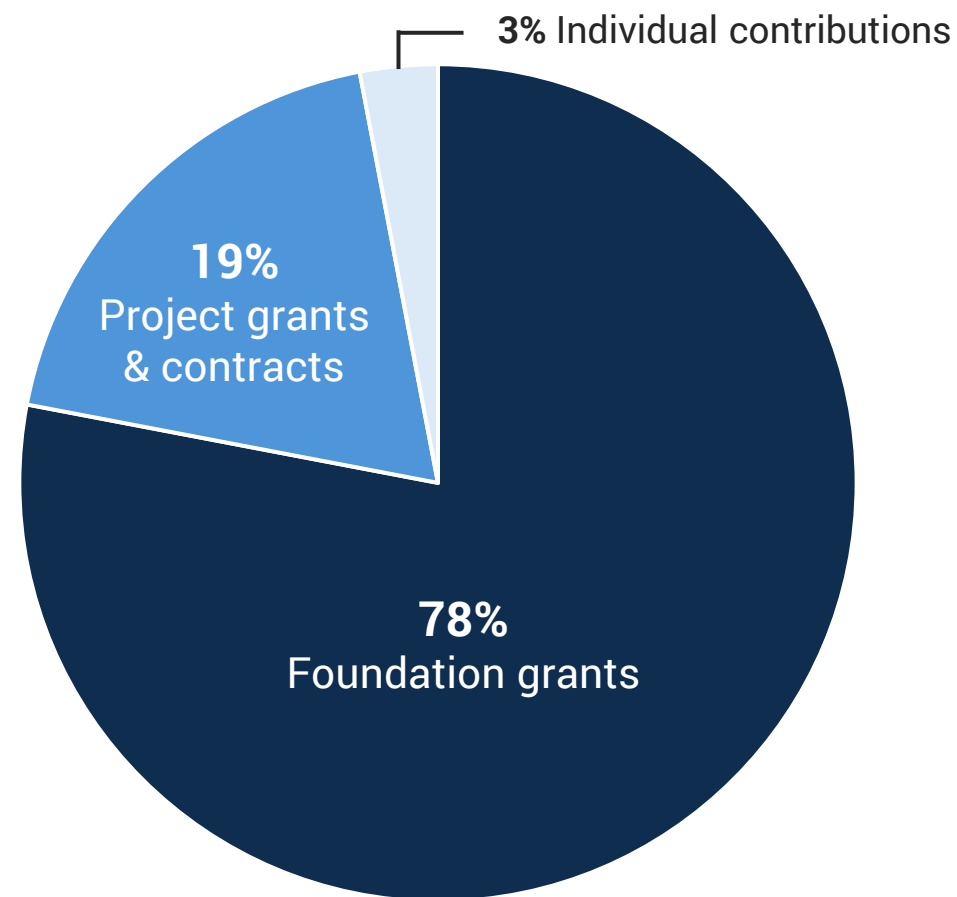
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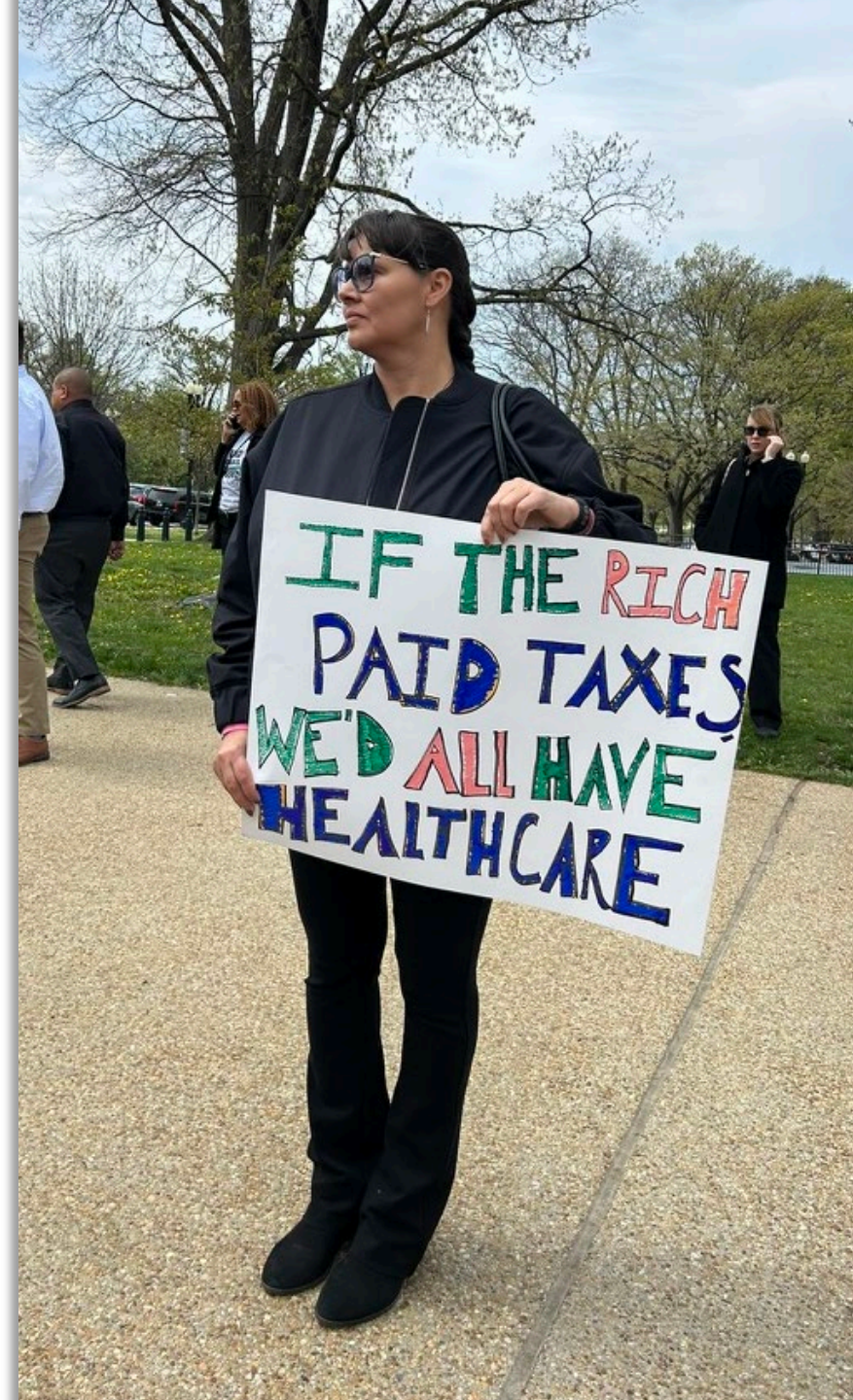
**ITEP Contributions Received and Released,
2025**



Join Us!

ITEP needs to raise \$450,000 in 2026 to put forth a strong vision for tax justice and to meet the demands of local, state and federal partners seeking fairer tax codes in every corner of the United States.

Contact steven@itep.org to learn how you can help.





Whenever there's a tax debate, ITEP is there with the data that empowers movement leaders and policymakers to demand better.



State tax rates are not central to migration patterns, says ITEP's Matthew Gardner

