

The logo for the CNN | ORC POLL. It features the text "CNN | ORC" in a bold, black, sans-serif font on a light gray background. Below this, the word "POLL" is written in a larger, bold, white, sans-serif font on a solid black background.

# **CNN | ORC POLL**

**Interviews with 1,015 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on April 13-15, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 910 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).**

**The sample includes 759 interviews among landline respondents and 256 interviews among cell phone respondents.**

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23. I'd like to know whether the following statement describes or does not describe the way you feel:  
 "The present tax system benefits the rich and is unfair to the ordinary working man or woman."  
 (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 506 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B –  
 SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

April 13-15  
2012

Describes	68%
Does not describe	29%
No opinion	4%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>Describes</u>	<u>Does not describe</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1997 Mar 11-12	69	26	5
1995 Mar	74	21	5
1993 Mar	75	*	*

24. Do you consider the amount of federal income tax you have to pay as too high, about right, or too low?

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Too high	45%
About right	50%
Too low	3%
No opinion	2%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP AND GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Too high</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>Too low</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Apr 4-7	51	44	2	3
2004 Apr 5-8	50	43	3	4
2003 Apr 7-9	50	46	2	2
2003 Jan 10-12 ^	47	50	1	2
2001 Apr 6-8	65	31	1	3
2000 Apr 7-9	63	33	1	3
1999 Sep 10-14	68	28	1	3
1999 Jul 16-18	60	37	*	3
1999 Apr 6-7	65	29	2	4
1998 Apr 17-19	66	31	1	2
1997 Mar 24-26	58	38	1	3
1996 Apr 9-10	64	33	1	2
1994 Dec 16-18	66	30	1	3
1994 Apr 16-18	56	42	*	2
1993 Mar 29-31	55	41	2	2
1992 Mar 26-29	56	39	2	3
1991 Mar 28-30	55	37	2	6
1990 Mar 8-11	63	31	2	4
1985 Jun 7-10	63	32	1	4
1982 May 14-17	60	32	*	8
1973 Feb 16-19	65	28	1	6
1969 Mar 12-17	69	25	*	6
1967 Mar 9-14	58	38	1	3
1966 Feb 10-15	52	39	0	8
1964 Feb 28-Mar 5	56	35	1	9
1963 Jan 11-16	52	38	1	8
1962 Jun 28-Jul 3	63	32	1	4
1962 Feb 8-13	48	45	0	7
1961 Feb 10-15	46	45	1	8
1959 Mar 4-9	51	40	2	7
1957 Apr 6-11	61	31	*	8
1956 Feb 16-21	55	35	1	9
1953 Feb 1-5	59	37	*	4
1952 Feb 9-14	71	26	*	3
1951 Feb 4-9	52	43	1	4
1950 Feb	57	40	0	3
1949 Mar	43	53	1	4
1948 Mar	57	38	1	4
1947 Nov	63	32	0	5
1947 Mar	54	40	0	6

^ Asked of a half sample.

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Question 23

I'd like to know whether the following statement describes or does not describe the way you feel:  
 "The present tax system benefits the rich and is unfair to the ordinary working man or woman."

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Describes	68%	63%	72%	70%	N/A
Does not describe	29%	36%	22%	28%	N/A
No opinion	4%	1%	6%	2%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Describes	68%	N/A	N/A	69%	60%	70%	65%
Does not describe	29%	N/A	N/A	30%	36%	25%	33%
No opinion	4%	N/A	N/A	1%	4%	5%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Describes	68%	76%	63%	75%	62%
Does not describe	29%	20%	37%	22%	34%
No opinion	4%	4%	1%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Describes	68%	84%	67%	47%	N/A	68%	56%
Does not describe	29%	15%	28%	48%	N/A	25%	42%
No opinion	4%	1%	5%	5%	N/A	6%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.5		+/-7.5	+/-6.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Describes	68%	N/A	73%	62%	N/A	72%	65%	N/A
Does not describe	29%	N/A	26%	35%	N/A	21%	33%	N/A
No opinion	4%	N/A	1%	3%	N/A	7%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5		+/-8.5	+/-7.5		+/-8.0	+/-6.5	

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Describes	68%	37%	73%	86%
Does not describe	29%	58%	25%	11%
No opinion	4%	5%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-8.0

\* percentage less than 1%

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Question 24

Do you consider the amount of federal income tax you have to pay as too high, about right, or too low?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Too high	45%	42%	48%	44%	50%
About right	50%	53%	47%	52%	44%
Too low	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Too high	45%	41%	51%	51%	36%	46%	45%
About right	50%	54%	45%	45%	58%	50%	51%
Too low	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%
No opinion	2%	2%	*	2%	3%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Too high	45%	47%	47%	51%	41%
About right	50%	49%	50%	43%	56%
Too low	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%
No opinion	2%	1%	*	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Too high	45%	41%	44%	53%	36%	46%	50%
About right	50%	54%	51%	44%	60%	50%	45%
Too low	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	*	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Too high	45%	56%	41%	47%	38%	45%	47%	43%
About right	50%	41%	56%	47%	57%	52%	46%	54%
Too low	3%	1%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	1%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	3%	*	1%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Too high	45%	53%	47%	34%
About right	50%	44%	48%	60%
Too low	3%	2%	2%	5%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%