



Napolitan News Service Survey
Of 1,000 Registered Voters
Conducted August 10-11, 2026

1 Generally speaking, are taxes in America too high or too low?*

35% Much too high
39% Somewhat too high
8% Somewhat too low
2% Much too low
8% About right
7% Not sure

Total			
	Too high	Too low	Net
August 10-11, 2026	74%	10%	+64
May 13-14, 2026	85%	7%	+78
May 10-15, 2023	75%	10%	+65

Source: Napolitan News Service

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2 Are you currently paying your fair share of taxes, more than your fair share, or less than your fair share?*

40% More than my fair share
51% My fair share
3% Less than my fair share
6% Not sure

Total				
	More than my fair share	My fair share	Less than my fair share	Not sure
August 10-11, 2026	40%	51%	3%	6%
May 13-14, 2026	45%	45%	4%	6%
April 7-8, 2025	36%	51%	5%	8%
April 10-11, 2024	44%	51%	2%	3%
May 10-15, 2023	34%	56%	3%	7%
Source: Napolitan News Service				

3 Suppose you had a choice between two Congressional candidates. One candidate promised to increase government spending and pay for it by raising taxes on the rich. The other promised to cut government spending and cut taxes for the middle class. For whom would you vote?*

35% The candidate who promised to increase government spending and raise taxes on the rich.
54% The candidate who promised to cut government spending and cut taxes for the middle class.
10% Not sure

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4 Which of the following would do the most to help the economy?*

- 37% Cutting taxes and government spending
- 11% Increasing taxes and government spending
- 36% Balancing the federal budget
- 8% None of the above would help the economy
- 8% Not sure

5 Which of the following would do the most to hurt the economy?*

- 14% Cutting taxes and government spending
- 56% Increasing taxes and government spending
- 10% Balancing the federal budget
- 8% None of the above would hurt the economy
- 12% Not sure



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6 Is it possible to balance the federal budget within ten years?*

42% Yes
28% No
30% Not sure

Totals			
	Yes	No	Net
August 10-11, 2026	42%	28%	+14
May 5-6, 2025*	48%	24%	+24
November 1, 2024	42%	24%	+18
April 12-13, 2022	47%	23%	+24
Source: Napolitan News Service			

**Previously asked as "Is it possible to balance the budget by simply slowing the growth of federal spending over time?"*

7a [Among all voters] Okay, is it possible to cut taxes and still balance the budget within ten years?*

58% Not asked, did not say yes
31% Yes
6% No
5% Not sure



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7b [Among those who say yes] Okay, is it possible to cut taxes and still balance the budget within ten years?*

74%	Yes
14%	No
12%	Not sure

8 Is the following statement true or false: Government has an important role to play in society, but it is not the lead role. Positive change in America almost always begins outside of politics and government.*

65%	True
15%	False
19%	Not sure

9 Okay, is the following statement true or false: Most voters want the federal government to cut spending but most politicians want to increase government spending?*

67%	True
17%	False
16%	Not sure



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Methodology

This survey of 1,000 Registered Voters was conducted online by Scott Rasmussen on August 10-11, 2026. Field work for the survey was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. Certain quotas were applied, and the sample was lightly weighted by geography, gender, age, race, education, internet usage, and political party to reasonably reflect the nation's population of Registered Voters. Other variables were reviewed to ensure that the final sample is representative of that population.

The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 3.1 percentage points.

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