

QUESTIONNAIRE 114
PROPOSED POLICY REVISIONS
re: U.S. FISCAL PRIORITIES
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RETURN DEADLINE:
Within 7 Days

INSTRUCTIONS

Please take a moment to complete this questionnaire and return it within the next seven days if possible. Your answers will be coded for anonymity and kept strictly confidential. So please be completely candid with your answers.

The reason you are being asked to participate in this questionnaire is because, as a result of research and policy analysis conducted and shared by experts at the non-profit, non-partisan Heritage Foundation, there is currently a serious debate taking place in Washington regarding the proper use of U.S. taxpayers' money, and the appropriate, constitutional role of the federal government. Your response is extremely important to providing Congress with data showing public support for proposed major reforms in U.S. fiscal policy.

BRIEF QUESTIONS

Even if you do not complete the entire questionnaire, please at least

- 1) Answer these first 5 brief questions;
- 2) Fill out the Registration at the end of the questionnaire; and
- 3) Return this entire form within 7 days.

1. How would you describe current levels of taxation imposed on Americans?

☐ Taxes are TOO HIGH

☒ Taxes are TOO LOW

☐ Current tax rates are about right

☐ UNDECIDED



2. Do you believe the federal government is spending too much money?
☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ UNDECIDED
3. Do you see the federal government as too large and powerful?
☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ UNDECIDED
4. Do you believe that lawmakers have drifted too far from the constitutional principles that should guide America's laws?
☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ UNDECIDED
5. Are you concerned that Republicans in Congress have failed to represent U.S. conservatives and lead the way for limited government and lower taxes?
☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ UNDECIDED

IN DEPTH QUESTIONS (OPTIONAL)

Please answer as many of the following questions as possible. Your answers will provide a deeper, clearer picture of the prevailing opinion and attitudes about fiscal policy in America today.

6. Over the past 20 years, spending has grown 63 percent faster than inflation, and it is estimated by Heritage Foundation experts that total annual spending will grow from \$3.5 trillion in 2014 to \$5.8 trillion in 2024. The federal government spent nearly \$29,000 per household in 2014. That figure is projected to grow by 30 percent through 2025. *Do you believe America can sustain such a high level of spending?*
☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNDECIDED
7. To pay for bigger government, the Obama Administration and Congress are amassing enormous debt. The national debt has surpassed \$19 trillion. According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the country is projected to borrow another \$9.6 trillion over the next 10 years. *Do you think this massive current and projected debt proves that lawmakers must cut the federal budget and stop overspending?*
☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ UNDECIDED

8. Current high levels of federal spending are also being financed by higher taxes. Under President Obama, taxes have increased by an estimated \$3 trillion. *Do you believe that ever-increasing taxes are beneficial to the U.S. economy?*

☒ YES

☐ NO

☐ UNDECIDED

9. Even as the federal budget expands, Social Security ran a \$71 billion deficit in 2013. According to the 2014 annual report from the programs' trustees, the unfunded obligation of the overall Social Security program is \$13.4 trillion — a \$1.1 trillion increase from the previous year. *Are you concerned that, without significant reforms to Social Security, benefits will have to be cut and/or taxes will have to be sharply increased?*

☐ YES

☒ NO

☐ UNDECIDED

10. Heritage Foundation research has revealed that welfare spending is approaching the \$1 trillion mark, and roughly 100 million people — one-third of the U.S. population — receive aid from at least one means-tested welfare program each month. *Are you concerned that high levels of welfare spending will contribute to the bankrupting of America, while also encouraging more dependency and less individual initiative?*

☐ YES

☒ NO

☐ UNDECIDED

11. Amnesties for illegal immigrants now being debated in Congress and imposed by the Obama Administration stand to cost U.S. taxpayers trillions of dollars, according to Heritage Foundation research. *Do you want your U.S. Representative and your state's Senators to vote against amnesty for illegal immigrants?*

☐ YES

☒ NO

☐ UNDECIDED

12. Obamacare imposes numerous tax hikes costing nearly \$800 billion over 10 years. Overall Obamacare is projected to cost taxpayers \$2 trillion or more in the coming years, with costs continuing to increase over time — even as Americans are losing the health care coverage they wanted to keep, and losing access to the doctors they like. *Would you vote for a congressional or presidential candidate who supports Obamacare?*

☒ YES

☐ NO

☐ UNDECIDED

