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Reuters/Ipsos Poll: Economy Poll

A majority of Americans agree that the very rich should contribute an extra share of their total wealth to support public programs

Washington, DC, January 10, 2020 — A new public opinion poll conducted by Ipsos on behalf of Thomson Reuters finds that 64% of Americans agree with the statement “the very rich should contribute an extra share of their total wealth each year to support public programs”. This study, conducted among 4,441 Americans, also shows that Democrats are more likely to agree with the statement (77%), but a majority of Republicans also agree (53%). Approximately one-third of Americans (34%) agree that “the very rich should be allowed to keep the money they have, even if it means increasing inequality”. A majority of Republicans agree with this statement (56%) compared to just 21% of Democrats.

Read the full Reuters story [here](#).

For full results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire.



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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Are you currently registered to vote, or not? (Select one)	Yes	82%	89%	89%	70%
	No	16%	10%	9%	26%
	Don't know / Refused	3%	1%	1%	3%
	Total	4441	1908	1658	479
With which political party do you most identify? Summary	Democrat	42%	100%	0%	0%
	Republican	36%	0%	100%	0%
	Independent	11%	0%	0%	100%
	Other/ Don't know	10%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	4441	1908	1658	479
TM1768Y19_1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - The very rich should contribute an extra share of their total wealth each year to support public programs	Strongly agree	36%	49%	22%	36%
	Somewhat agree	28%	28%	31%	27%
	Somewhat disagree	15%	12%	22%	13%
	Strongly disagree	11%	5%	18%	8%
	Don't know	10%	6%	7%	16%
	Total	4441	1908	1658	479
TM1768Y19_2. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - The very rich should be allowed to keep the money they have, even if that means increasing inequality	Strongly agree	13%	7%	25%	8%
	Somewhat agree	20%	14%	32%	19%
	Somewhat disagree	23%	26%	21%	23%
	Strongly disagree	31%	45%	15%	30%
	Don't know	12%	8%	9%	20%
	Total	4441	1908	1658	479



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Questionnaire Text Below

P1. Are you currently registered to vote, or not? (Select one)

Yes

No

Don't know / Refused

TM1731Y19. Do you, or does a member of your immediate family (parents, spouse, sibling, or adult children) currently work in the manufacturing industry or in a factory setting?

No

Yes

Don't know

TM1726Y19. Do you, or does a member of your immediate family (parents, spouse, sibling, or adult children) currently work in the farming industry?

No

Yes

Don't know

TM1732Y19. Do you work for or own a business that supplies American farmers with materials (fertilizer, equipment, etc.) or services (transportation, veterinary, business consulting, farm lending, crop insurance, etc.) ?

No

Yes

Don't know

[ASK RESPONDENTS WHO SAID YES TO TM1726Y19 OR TM1732Y19, OTHERS SKIP]

TM1733Y19. As someone close to the farm industry, in your opinion, what is the biggest problem facing you, your family, or your employer in the farming industry?

[OPEN-END]

[ASK ALL]

TM1742Y19 For whom did you vote for President in 2016?

[RANDOMIZE FIRST TWO RESPONSES – CLINTON AND TRUMP]

Hillary Clinton (Democrat)

Donald Trump (Republican)

Other

I did not vote in the 2016 presidential election

Unsure / Refuse

CP1a. Generally speaking, would you say the following things are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? (Select one for each row)



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[ROWS; ROTATE]
The national economy
Employment and jobs
Immigration policy

[COLUMNS]
Right direction
Wrong track
Don't know

TM1734Y19. If the 2020 presidential election were held today, for whom would you vote?

[ROTATE 1 AND 2, OTHERS ANCHOR]

Donald Trump
The Democratic candidate
A third-party candidate [ANCHOR]
Other [ANCHOR]
Don't know [ANCHOR]

REUAB11. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

[ROTATE 1-2; 2-1]
Approve
Disapprove
Don't know [ANCHOR]

[IF "APPROVE" OR "DISAPPROVE" TO REUAB11, ASK QUESTION REUAB12.]
REUAB12. Is that strongly [INSERT RESPONSE FROM AB11-] or somewhat [INSERT RESPONSE FROM AB11-]?

[ROTATE 1-2; 2-1]
Strongly [INSERT RESPONSE FROM AB11]
Somewhat [INSERT RESPONSE FROM AB11]

[IF "DK" TO AB11, ASK QUESTION REUAB13]
AB13. If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?

[ROTATE 1-2; 2-1]
Approve
Disapprove
Don't know / Refused [ANCHOR]

TM1735Y19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the following issues?

[PROGRESSIVE GRID, ROTATE 1-6;6-1]
Strongly approve
Somewhat approve
Lean towards approve
Lean towards disapprove
Somewhat disapprove
Strongly disapprove



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Don't know [ANCHOR]

[GRID DOWN: RANDOMIZE]

American farming
American coal mining
American manufacturing/factory workers
Tariffs

TM1128Y17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the following issues?
(Select one per row)

[PROGRESSIVE GRID, ROTATE 1-6;6-1]

Strongly approve
Somewhat approve
Lean towards approve
Lean towards disapprove
Somewhat disapprove
Strongly disapprove
Don't know [ANCHOR]

[GRID DOWN: RANDOMIZE SPLIT SCREEN SHOWING 7 ON EACH]

The U.S. economy
U.S. foreign policy
Healthcare reform
Employment and jobs
Dealing with Congress
International trade
Taxation
Corruption
The environment
Immigration
The way he treats people like me
The effort he is making to unify the country
Russia
Iran

TM1736Y19. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion?

[RANDOMLY ROTATE SCALE, 1-3, 3-1]

Recently, the federal government has made it tougher for American farmers to succeed
Recently, the federal government has had no impact on American farmers' ability succeed
Recently, the federal government has made it easier for American farmers to succeed
Don't Know [ANCHOR]

TM1737Y19. Which of the following closest to your opinion?

[RANDOMLY ROTATE SCALE, 1-3, 3-1]

Recently, the federal government has made it tougher for American coal miners to succeed
Recently, the federal government has had no impact on American coal miners' ability to succeed
Recently, the federal government has made it easier for American coal miners to succeed
Don't know [ANCHOR]



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TM1738Y19. Which of the following closest to your opinion?

[RANDOMLY ROTATE SCALE, 1-3, 3-1]

Recently, the federal government has made it tougher for American factory workers to succeed

Recently, the federal government has had no impact on American factory workers' ability to succeed

Recently, the federal government has made it easier for American factory workers to succeed

Don't know [ANCHOR]

TM469Y15. For each of the policies/issues below, please indicate whether you believe that they should be the responsibility of independent experts or elected officials?

[PROGRESSIVE GRID]

Setting interest rates

Overseeing the banking system

Printing money

Managing the Federal budget

Managing trade agreements

[RANDOMLY ROTATE 1 AND 2]

Elected officials

Independent experts

Don't know

TM470Y15. How familiar are you, if at all, with the U.S. Federal Reserve, also sometimes referred to as "the Fed"?

[RANDOMLY ROTATE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]

Very familiar

Somewhat familiar

Have heard of it, but know very little

Have never heard of it

TM1739Y19. To what extent do you think each of the following is responsible for the current state of the American economy?

[PROGRESSIVE GRID, RANDOMIZE]

Congressional Democrats

Congressional Republicans

Former President Barack Obama

President Donald Trump

The Federal Reserve

China

American consumers

[RANDOMLY ROTATE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]

A great deal

A fair amount

Only a little

Not at all

Don't know [ANCHOR]



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TM1740Y19. Some people believe the Federal Reserve is an independent institution, that does its job without influence from politicians/politics. Others believe the Federal Reserve is influenced by politicians/politics when it makes its decisions. Which comes closest to your opinion?

[ROTATE 1-2, 2-1]

The Federal Reserve is influenced by politicians/politics.

The Federal Reserve is an independent institution

Don't know [ANCHOR]

TM1741Y19. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion?

[RANDOMIZE 1-3]

The Federal Reserve makes decisions to intentionally help the president

The Federal Reserve makes decisions to intentionally hurt the president

The Federal Reserve makes decisions to neither help nor hurt the president

Don't know [ANCHOR]

TM1768Y19. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

[RANDOMIZE]

The very rich should contribute an extra share of their total wealth each year to support public programs

The very rich should be allowed to keep the money they have, even if that means increasing inequality

[FLIP 1:4; 4:1]

Strongly agree

Somewhat agree

Somewhat disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know [ANCHOR]



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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between December 17-23, 2020 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 4,441 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The sample includes 1,908 Democrats, 1,658 Republicans, and 479 independents. Weighting was then employed to balance demographics to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within ± 1.7 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Americans been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error. The poll also has a credibility interval ± 2.6 percentage points for Democrats, ± 2.7 percentage points for Republicans, and ± 5.1 percentage points for independents.

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