



**ASSOCIATED PRESS: TAXES STUDY
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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

REGISTERED VOTERS/ PARTY AFFILIATION

1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

	ALL ADULTS
Yes.....	82
No	18
Refused/not sure	-

2a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these? *

(IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Q.2a, Q.2b ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Q.2a, Q.2c ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Q.2a, Q.2d ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

2b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?

2c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?

2d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	REGISTERED VOTERS
Strongly Republican	19
Moderately Republican	22
Definitely Independent/neither.....	10
Moderately Democrat.....	28
Strongly Democrat	20
Refused/not sure	1
Total Republican	41
Total Democrat	48

* Half the respondents were asked party identification in this location, the other half were asked at the end of the survey with the other demographic questions. Results for the respondents who were asked the question early were 38% Republican, 49% Democrat. For the respondents asked later in the survey, the results were 43% Republican, 48% Democrat.

TAXES STUDY

1. Do you think the federal tax system is too complicated, or not?

Yes	70
No.....	28
Not sure.....	2

2. Would you be willing to give up some deductions and credits to make the tax system simpler, or not?

Yes	45
No.....	51
Not sure.....	4

3. Which comes closest to your view?

People should pay the same rate of tax on their incomes, regardless of how much money they make	40
People who earn more money should pay a higher tax rate on their incomes than people who earn less money.....	57
Not sure	3

4. Do you have the main responsibility for filing the taxes in your household, or not?

Yes	65
No.....	34
Not sure.....	1

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY IN Q.4 THAT THEY HAVE THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR FILING TAXES IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD.)

5. Have you already started working on your tax return for 2004, or not?

Yes	85
No.....	14
Not sure.....	1

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY IN Q.5 THAT THEY HAVE STARTED WORKING ON THEIR 2004 TAX RETURN.)

6. When did you first start working on your return? Would you say ...

Within the last week	9
Within the last month	24
Longer ago than that	52
Not sure when	-
Have Not Started (Q.5).....	15

7. If you had to choose, which would you prefer?

Preparing your taxes	48
Going to the dentist	49
Not sure.....	3

DEMOGRAPHICS

NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.

D1a. In what year were you born?

D1b. Have you already had a birthday this year?

(IF RESPONDENT REFUSES Q.D1a OR Q.D1b, Q.D1c ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

D1c. Are you:

18-34	31
35-49	28
50-64	24
65 and over	16
Refused/not sure	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	63
- Full time.....	51
- Part time.....	12
Not employed	16
Retired.....	21
Refused/not sure	-

D3. What is the last year of school you completed?

Grade school or some high school	6
Completed high school	25
Some community college or university, but did not finish	23
Completed technical school or a community college	12
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	21
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	13
Refused/not sure	-

D4. Are you currently married:

Yes	59
No.....	41
Refused/not sure	-

D5. Including yourself and any children, how many people are currently living in your household?

1	16
2	34
3	19
4	15
5	8
6 or more	7
Refused/not sure	1

(Q.D6a-c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD IN Q.D5.)

D6a. How many children under 6 years are currently living in your household?

D6b. How many children ages 6 to 12 are currently living in your household?

D6c. How many children ages 13 to 17 are currently living in your household?

ANY CHILDREN – NET	41
Under 6.....	21
6-12	18
13-17	16
NO CHILDREN	58
Refused/not sure	1

D7. Do you currently own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds?

Yes	48
No.....	50
Refused/not sure	2

(Q.D8 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY THEY OWN STOCKS, BONDS OR MUTUAL FUNDS IN Q.D7.)

D8. In the past 12 months, how many times did you make changes in your investments - buying or selling stocks or stock mutual funds either within or outside an employer-sponsored 401K plan? Would you say you bought or sold stocks or stock mutual funds four times or fewer or five times or more times in the past 12 months? [IF FOUR TIMES OR FEWER, ASK:] Is that once, twice, three times, four times, or no changes? [IF MORE THAN FOUR, ASK:] How many times did you buy or sell stocks or mutual funds – 5-9 times, 10 to 14 times, 15-19 times, 20-24 times, or 25 times or more?

	<u>INVESTORS</u>
None.....	32
1 time.....	14
2 times.....	13
3 times.....	6
4 times.....	4
5 to 9 times.....	8
10 to 14 times.....	6
15 to 19 times.....	1
20 to 24 times.....	-
25 times or more	5
Refused/not sure	11
Active Investors (5 times or more).....	20

D9a. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	39
No.....	59
Refused/not sure	2

D9b. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or don't you belong to any religious denomination? (IF "SOME OTHER RELIGION, ASK) Is that a Christian denomination, or not? (IF YES, CODED AS "PROTESTANT".)

Protestant	48
Catholic	24
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Other non-Christian religion.....	3
No religion	20
Refused/not sure	1

D10a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D10b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D10a.)

D10b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White	71
Black.....	11
Hispanic.....	12
Asian.....	4
American Indian.....	-
Other.....	1
Refused	1

D11. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2004?

Under \$15,000.....	11
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	6
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	9
\$100,000 or more	12
Refused/not sure	18

REGION:

Northeast.....	19
Midwest	23
South	36
West	22

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	34
Suburban.....	51
Rural.....	15

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52