

Americans skeptical of Trump’s trickle-down tax plan, FAU poll finds



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Americans are split on President Donald Trump’s tax plan, and nearly two-thirds say he should release his own tax returns before overhauling the tax code. That’s according to a national survey by the [Florida Atlantic University Business and Economics Polling Initiative](#).

In one caveat, the online poll of 812 adults sampled more Democrats than Republicans.

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After hearing about Trump's tax proposals, 34 percent support his plan, 41 percent oppose it and 25 percent are undecided, FAU said. More than 40 percent disagree with the idea that lowering taxes for affluent individuals and corporations will stimulate the economy.

Analysts who have studied Trump's tax plan say it would create trillions of dollars of deficits, but Trump argues that lower taxes would offset those effects by stimulating the economy.

"Americans are a little bit skeptical of trickle-down economics," said Monica Escaleras, director of FAU's polling institute. "They don't believe cutting taxes to the wealthiest individuals and corporations will benefit households across all income levels."

Roughly half of the respondents oppose a proposal on reducing the top marginal tax bracket from 39.3 to 35 percent, while 53 percent support doubling the standard deduction that people can claim on their income tax returns.

"President Trump has a long way to go in order to convince Americans to follow the White House proposal," FAU political scientist Kevin Wagner said.

Respondents also gave the president an approval rating of 38 percent.

The national online survey of was administered April 28-30 and has a margin of error of 3.4 percent. Breakdown by political party was 41 percent Democrats, 26 percent Republicans, 25 percent independents and 8 percent not registered.

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