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NEW YORK BEFORE THE PANDEMIC

“The worst inequality of any state in the nation


“Top 1 percent make 44 times more than bottom 99 percent statewide...”

https://dailygazette.com/article/2018/07/19/study-finds-n-y-income-disparity-greatest-in-nation
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DECADES OF AUSTERITY BUDGETS, DISINVESTMENT & DISPARITIES

1995–2006
Pataki cut taxes on the rich, cut budgets & raised taxes for regular New Yorkers.

2008–2010
Paterson closed $32 billion in budget gaps, cut over 100,000 public jobs.

2011–2020
Cuomo cut taxes on the rich, enforced austerity with purely political 2% spending cap.

RESULTS
Deep racial disparities in education, healthcare, housing & jobs.
COVID-19 MADE IT ALL WORSE

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The Net Worth Of America's 600-Plus Billionaires Has Increased By More Than $4,000 Billion During The Pandemic


The coronavirus pandemic is hitting black and brown Americans especially hard on all fronts


ZIP Code Breakdown Reveals Stark Racial, Economic Disparities in NYC’s Virus Toll


A tale of two New Yorks: pandemic lays bare a city's shocking inequities

NEW YORK HAS LOST MORE THAN TWO MILLION JOBS

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2,026,869+

New unemployment claims, March 21–May 9
https://nypost.com/2020/05/15/1-9m-new-yorkers-left-jobless-during-coronavirus-pandemic/

98% of job loss in categories of workers making $68,000/year or less

State budget cuts will eliminate 250,000 more jobs and destroy essential services we all need.
119 New York billionaires have a total wealth of more than $600 billion. Their wealth is up 14.8% during the pandemic.

- 32 Billionaires saw their wealth go up by 10% or more
- Richest New Yorker Mike Bloomberg up 22% since March 18
WHO WILL PAY TO CLOSE THE BUDGET GAP?

K-12 and Higher Education

Public Services

Healthcare

Housing


https://nypost.com/2020/05/12/gov-cuomo-ny-faces-massive-cuts-without-$1-billion-in-aid/
Nine out of ten New Yorkers say the ultrarich should pay more to prevent $10 billion in cuts to public schools, hospitals and front-line government services.
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SHARED SACRIFICE IS NORMAL IN A TIME OF CRISIS

1931, 1933
FDR and Herbert Lehman raised taxes on the wealthy by 2% during the Great Depression.

1958, 1961
Nelson Rockefeller raised taxes on the wealthy by 3% during the “Eisenhower Recession” of 1958-59, and by 4.9% during the recession of 1961.

2003
Legislative leaders raised taxes on the wealthy by 1.1% in 2003 during the post-9/11 recession over George Pataki’s vetoes.

2009
David Paterson raised taxes on the wealthy by 1.1% after the financial collapse in 2009 with the first Millionaires Tax.
WHAT’S WORTH MORE TO US?
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$10 Billion

$45 Billion+

BUDGET CUTS

FAIR TAXES ON THE ULTRA-RICH

Public Education
Public Services
Housing
Healthcare

$23 Billion
$2.5–4.5 Billion
$13 Billion
$3.2 Billion

BILLIONAIRES TAX
ULTRAMILLIONAIRES TAX
STOCK TRANSFER TAX
STOCK BUYBACK TAX

$650 Million
$500 Million

MEZZANINE DEBT / PREFERRED EQUITY TAX

Healthcare

$500 Million

Public Services

$3.2 Billion

Public Education

$13 Billion

Housing

$23 Billion

$650 Million
BILLIONAIRES TAX $23 BILLION

- Makes billionaires pay income tax on investment gains
- Only applies to the 119 New York billionaires now holding $600+ billion in wealth

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ULTRAMILLIONAIRES TAX $2.5–$4.5 BILLION

- Tax increases on those earning above $5 million, $10 million and $100 million per year

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PIED-À-TERRE TAX

$650 MILLION

- Sliding-scale tax on non-primary residences worth over five million dollars

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STOCK TRANSFER TAX
$13 BILLION

- Repeals rebate of .25% state sales tax on stock trades
- Physical location of trades not relevant post-Wayfair

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STOCK BUYBACK TAX
$3.2 BILLION

- New .5% sales tax on stock buybacks

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Senator Jen Metzger
Assemblymember Yuh-Line Niou
MEZZANINE DEBT/ PREFERRED EQUITY TAX
$500 MILLION

- Fee on mezzanine debt and preferred equity financing equal to mortgage recording tax

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MYTH OF THE MOVING MILLIONAIRES

- 83% more millionaires since the NYS millionaires tax
- 10% more millionaires in the first year after it was imposed
- 30% more millionaires in two years after 2003 NYC tax on wealthy
- Comptroller report found millionaires “least likely to move” after NYC tax increase
- Repeated academic studies show working and middle-class people far more likely to move than the super rich
MIDDLE CLASS & LOW-INCOME NEW YORKERS PAY HIGHER TAX RATES THAN BILLIONAIRES & MULTI-MILLIONAIRES

- Top 1% pays less than low-income and middle-class
- New York is 44th in the nation in tax fairness
- Billionaire wealth up 1,130% from 1990–2020
- Billionaire taxes down 79% from 1980–2018

Total State and Local Taxes in New York as a Share of Family Income

- **Lowest 20%** ($<19,400): 11.4%
- **Second 20%** ($19,400–$36,400): 11.3%
- **Middle 20%** ($36,400–$60,900): 12.4%
- **Fourth 20%** ($60,900–$107,800): 12.9%
- **Next 15%** ($107,600–$251,800): 12.6%
- **Next 4%** ($251,800–$780,000): 11.6%
- **Top 1%** ($780,000+): 11.3%

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NEW INCOME TAX RATES LESS THAN NJ, CA & LOWER THAN NY IN 1975

Tax rates for the richest New Yorkers are comparatively low.
FAIR TAXES ADDRESS EXTREME ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

Average annual income of the top .01%

$74,501,406

Average annual income of the top 1%

$2,202,480

Average annual income of everyone else (the bottom 99%)

$49,617
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FAIR TAXES ADDRESS EXTREME ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

Demographic distribution by income

The top 1% make 44 times more than the bottom 99%

The top .01% make 1,500 times more than the bottom 99%
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FAIR TAXES
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DISPARITIES

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