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The worst inequality of any state in the nation

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

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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 $400 Billion During The Pandemic

By Tommy Beer, Forbes Staff

https://www.forbes.com/sites/tommybeer/2020/05/21/the-net-worth-of-america-s-600-plus-billionaires-has-increased-by-more-than-400-billion-during-the-pandemic/

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

By Romona Kur, CNN
© Updated 8:43 PM ET, Fri May 8, 2020


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

The released data reinforces earlier revelations that black and Hispanic New Yorkers were both more than twice as likely to be killed by the virus as white people, while also showing a direct link between death and poverty


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

The coronavirus has laid bare two societies divided on lines of class and race – a divide reflected in skewed death figures

NEW YORK HAS LOST MORE THAN TWO MILLION JOBS

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.
THE 1% ARE GAINING WEALTH & INCOME DURING THE PANDEMIC

118 New York billionaires have a total wealth of $566 billion. Their wealth is up 8.6% during the pandemic.

- 32 Billionaires saw their wealth go up by 10% or more
- Richest New Yorker Mike Bloomberg up 22% since March 18
NEW YORKERS SUPPORT HIGHER TAXES ON THE RICH

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...90 percent or more support a 2 percent tax on billionaires, increasing the income tax on residents making more than $5 million a year, and imposing a tax on luxury homes worth more than $5 million that are not a primary residence. The survey said 72 percent of voters were more likely to vote for a candidate who favors passing these taxes.

New Yorkers back tax hikes on the rich instead of service cuts: poll

By Renaudette Honan and Carl Campanile

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.

https://nypost.com/2020/02/10/nyers-back-tax-hikes-on-rich-over-cuts-to-services-poll-shows/

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.
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WHAT'S WORTH MORE TO US?
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**$10 Billion**

- Public Education
- Public Services
- Housing
- Healthcare

**$25 Billion+**

- Fair Taxes on the Ultra-Rich

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BILLIONAIRES TAX $5.5 BILLION

- Outlaws unjust tax shelters to make billionaires pay income tax
- Only applies to the 118 New York billionaires now holding $566 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

[S. 44 / A. 4550](https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2019/s44)

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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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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

If you tax the rich, they won’t leave: US data contradicts millionaires’ threats


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

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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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Demographic distribution by income

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FAIR TAXES ADDRESS EXTREME RACIAL DISPARITIES

The Fullest Look Yet at the Racial Inequity of Coronavirus

By Richard A. Grod, Robert Gebert, H.K. Rebecca Lai, WH Wright and Miles Smith • July 5, 2020

Race or ethnicity with the highest coronavirus rate in each county

Coronavirus cases per 10,000 people

White | All | Black | Latino

White: 25
All: 40
Black: 60
Latino: 70

The New York Times

New Data Shows Record Level School Inequities: Gap Between Wealthiest & Poorest Students Has Grown Under Cuomo

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