OPINION POLL: Plurality of Latinos Say GOP Tax Law Increased Their Taxes





Executive Summary

- A public opinion poll for UnidosUS—the nation's largest Latino civil rights and advocacy organization—found Latino adults felt little
 benefit from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, believing it mostly benefitted the wealthy and corporations. A plurality of respondents
 (43%) said their taxes increased because of the law, and only 7% reported a decrease. A 51% majority said the wealthy benefitted the
 most, followed by corporations and business owners. Only 10% of respondents believe any money from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act has
 gone into their household.
- The poll found that only a small fraction of respondents believe the middle and working class saw any benefit from the law: 6% of respondents believe the middle class benefitted, 4% believe the working class benefitted, and a mere 2% believe workers benefitted.
- Overall, Latino adults are supportive of expanding tax credits to make them more accessible.
- Strong majorities support expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit, including decreasing the minimum age to file and increasing the maximum age.
- Proposals to expand the Child Tax Credit are the most popular, with over 80% of voters supporting making them fully refundable and creating an additional credit for those with children under 6.
- This was a national poll of 800 working-age Latinos, conducted by Lake Research Partners from Dec. 4–15, 2019.
- For methodology please see page 10.





Profile of Latino Adults

| GENDER | AGE | EDUCATION | |
|----------------|--|---|--|
| 50% 50% | 18-30 — 29% 30-39 — 23% 40-49 — 21% 50-64 — 22% 65-70 — 5% | 1-11 th Grade — 14% HS Graduate — 34% Some College — 25% College Grad — 15% Post-Grad — 6% | |

REGION

| New England | 3% | East South Central | 1% |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|
| Middle Atlantic | 10% | West South Central | 20% |
| East North Central | 7% | Mountain | 11% |
| West North Central | 2% | Pacific | 28% |
| South Atlantic | 17% | | |

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN



42%

Foreign-born

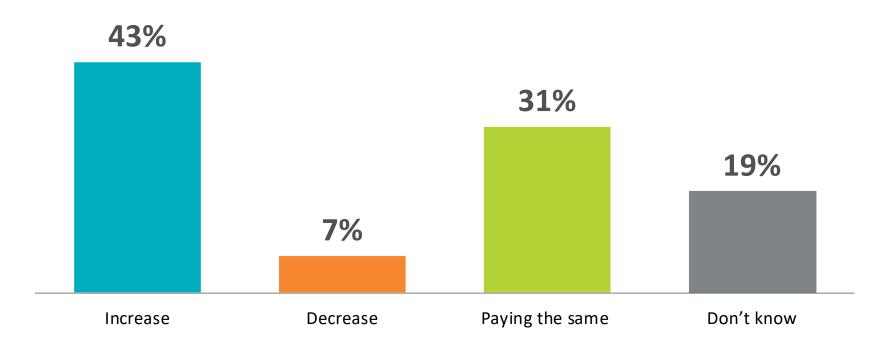






A plurality (43%) of Latinos reported an increase in their taxes since the Tax Cuts and Jobs Acts of 2017. Only 7% noticed a decrease, while 31% are paying the same.

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in your taxes since the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017?



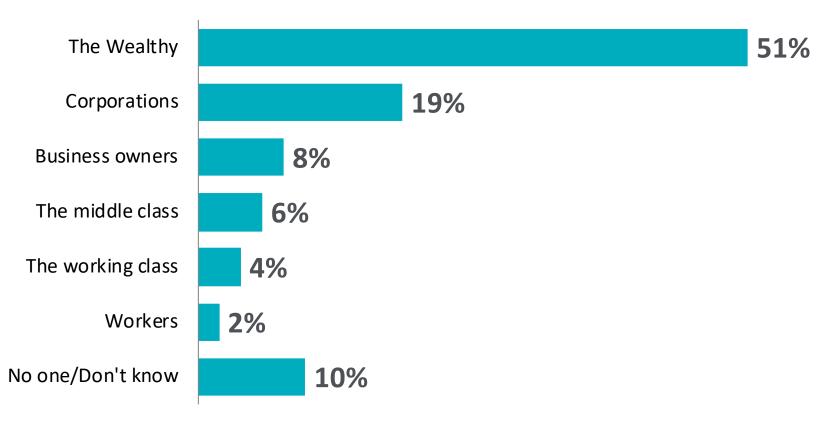
Q6. As you may remember, Congress passed a law two years ago called the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. Supporters of the act said that it would reduce the overall tax rate for businesses and individuals. Since the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 passed, have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of taxes you pay, or are you paying about the same in taxes?





A majority of Latinos believe that the wealthy were the biggest beneficiaries of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, followed by corporations and business owners. Only 2% believe workers benefitted the most.

Who benefitted the most from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017?



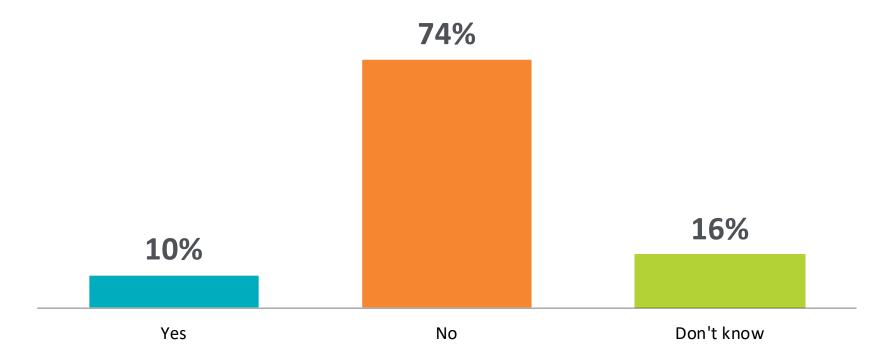
Q7. If you had to guess, which of the following groups do you think benefitted the most from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017?





Only 10% of Latinos feel any money from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act has gone into their household.

Has any money from Tax Cuts and Jobs Act gone into your household?



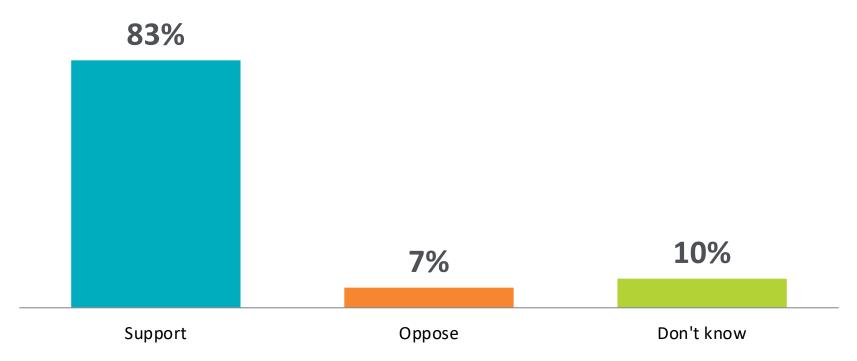
Q8. Do you feel any of the money from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act has gone into your household?





After hearing that the Earned Income Tax Credit provided enough money to low-income households to lift 3.3 million people out of poverty in 2018, 83% of Latino adults support expanding the tax credit in the future. Only 7% oppose.

Do you support or oppose expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit?



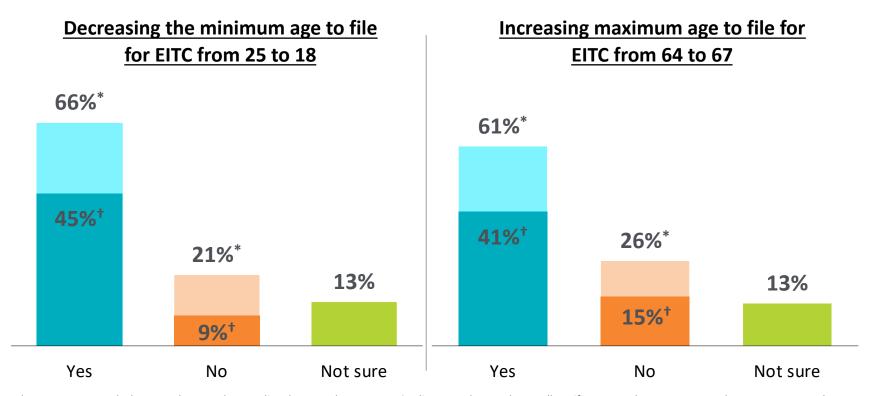
Q12. The Earned Income Tax Credit provided enough money to low-income households to lift 3.3 million Latinos out of poverty in 2018. Would you support or oppose expanding this tax credit in the future?





Latino adults support expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to more workers: 66% support decreasing the minimum age to file from 25 to 18, and 61% support increasing the maximum age to file from 64 to 67.

Do you support...



Q13. Now I am going to read you some proposals that some have made regarding the Earned Income Tax Credit. For each one, please tell me if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose that proposal. If you are not sure, just let me know and we'll move on. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this proposal?

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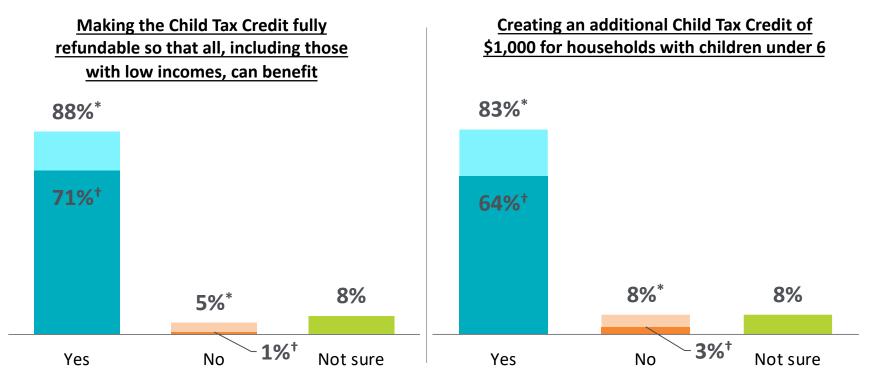




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Latino adults are overwhelmingly supportive of expanding the Child Tax Credit. Nearly 9 in 10 support making the tax credit fully refundable so low income workers can benefit, and more than 8 in 10 support creating an additional tax credit for children under 6.

Do you support...



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Methodology

- Lake Research Partners designed and administered this phone and text-to-online survey of 800 Latino adults nationwide aged 18-70 from Dec. 4–15, 2019, including 217 interviews in Spanish.
- Screening questions for age (18-70) and race (Latino, Hispanic, or Spanish-speaking background) were included.
- Data were weighted slightly by gender, age, education, country of origin, and US region.
- In interpreting survey results, all sample surveys are subject to possible sampling error; that is, the results of a survey may differ from those which would be obtained if the entire population were interviewed. The size of the sampling error depends upon both the total number of respondents in the survey and the percentage distribution of responses to a particular question. The margin of error for this survey is +/- 3.5%. Margin of error for subgroups is greater.





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