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WHILE BILLIONAIRE TRUMP WAS DODGING MILLIONS IN TAXES, 'REGULAR JOE' BIDEN WAS PAYING HIS EVERY YEAR

Democratic Candidate Paid 30% Tax Rate Over Years Trump Was Mostly Tax Free

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Many recent years when America's billionaire president was paying zero (or close to it) in federal income taxes, his Democratic opponent was paying tens of thousands of dollars. In 2017, when Donald Trump paid a grand total of \$750, Joe Biden paid \$3.7 million.

This analysis is based on the recent [New York Times investigative story](#) on Trump's rampant tax dodging between 2000 and 2017, and an analysis of Biden's taxpaying history over the same period compiled by Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund.

Biden, who was raised in a working-class family in Scranton, PA, paid taxes every year of that 18-year span, a total of nearly \$5 million on \$16.4 million of income—a cumulative tax rate of 30%. **[See table below]**

Trump, who was given [millions of dollars by his father](#) to begin his real estate empire, paid zero federal income taxes in 11 of those years 18 years, and in two—2016 and 2017—paid just \$750 each year, according to the New York Times.

Trump's singular legislative accomplishment in his first term was an overhaul of the tax code that gave the [bulk of the benefits to wealthy families like his](#) and to the corporations they mostly own. Biden wants to [raise taxes on corporations](#) and those who make over \$400,000—which in recent years would include him—to invest more in America's working families and communities.

Trump could not completely avoid paying taxes during the height of his success with "The Apprentice" in the first decade of the century. Those years of tax payments and a few others over the two decades [average out to \\$1.4 million annually](#). The Times reported that typical taxpayers in Trump's elite income bracket paid on average \$25 million a year over that 18-year span.

"Joe Biden abides by his patriotic duty to pay his taxes, while Donald Trump does everything in his power to wriggle out of his responsibilities," said **Frank Clemente, executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund**. "We can't reform our tax system so that the wealthy pay a fair share and we raise the revenues we need to rebuild our economy if rich tax cheats like Donald Trump are serving their own ends instead of their country's."

JOE BIDEN'S TAX RETURNS, 1998-2019					
Year	Biden AGI	Source	Biden Federal Income Taxes	Source	Tax Rate
TOTAL 1998-2019	\$22,377,286		\$6,785,194		30.3%
TOTAL 2000-2017	\$16,385,387		\$4,882,200		29.8%
2019	\$985,233	Page 1, Line 8b	\$299,346	Page 2, Line 16	30.4%
2018	\$4,580,437	Page 1, Line 1	\$1,528,208	Page 4, Line 18	33.4%
2017	\$11,031,309	Page 4, Line 37	\$3,744,640	Page 5, Line 63	33.9%
2016	\$396,456	Page 1, Line 37	\$93,229	Page 2, Line 63	23.5%
2015	\$392,233	Page 1, Line 37	\$91,546	Page 2, Line 63	23.3%
2014	\$388,844	Page 1, Line 37	\$90,506	Page 2, Line 63	23.3%
2013	\$407,009	Page 1, Line 37	\$96,378	Page 2, Line 63	23.7%
2012	\$385,072	Page 1, Line 37	\$87,851	Page 2, Line 61	22.8%
2011	\$379,035	Page 1, Line 37	\$87,900	Page 2, Line 61	23.2%
2010	\$379,178	Page 1, Line 37	\$86,626	Page 2, Line 60	22.8%
2009	\$333,182	Page 1, Line 37	\$71,147	Page 2, Line 60	21.4%
2008	\$269,256	Page 1, Line 37	\$47,764	Page 2, Line 61	17.7%
2007	\$319,853	Page 1, Line 37	\$66,273	Page 2, Line 63	20.7%
2006	\$248,459	Page 1, Line 37	\$42,832	Page 2, Line 63	17.2%
2005	\$321,379	Page 1, Line 37	\$70,473	Page 2, Line 63	21.9%
2004	\$234,271	Page 1, Line 36	\$41,845	Page 2, Line 62	17.9%
2003	\$231,375	Page 1, Line 34	\$38,393	Page 2, Line 60	16.6%
2002	\$227,811	Page 1, Line 35	\$41,756	Page 2, Line 61	18.3%
2001	\$220,712	Page 1, Line 33	\$40,728	Page 2, Line 58	18.5%
2000	\$219,953	Page 1, Line 33	\$42,313	Page 2, Line 57	19.2%
1999	\$210,797	Page 1, Line 33	\$40,309	Page 2, Line 56	19.1%
1998	\$215,432	Page 1, Line 33	\$35,131	Page 2, Line 56	16.3%