

Sample 1000 Adult Interviews
 Conducted April 5 - 7, 2016
 Margin of Error ±4%

1. As you may know, there is a difference between tax AVOIDANCE, whereby companies/people use artificial but legal methods to minimize the tax they pay, and tax EVASION, where companies/people act illegally to pay less tax, or no tax at all. In general, do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable to LEGALLY avoid paying tax?

It is acceptable to legally avoid tax 34%
 It is unacceptable to legally avoid tax 51%
 Not sure 16%

2. If you had the opportunity to take part in tax avoidance and there was little chance of the tax authorities discovering it, do you think you would?

I would probably take part 22%
 I would probably not take part 60%
 Not sure 18%

3. This week leaked documents from a law firm in Panama were published in the media, revealing how many high profile international business figures, politicians and other wealthy people had used overseas accounts to reduce their taxes. How closely are you following this story?

Very closely 7%
 Fairly closely 27%
 Not very closely 25%
 I am aware of the stories but am not following them 14%
 I am not aware of the stories 27%

4. From what you have seen, do you think the accusations in the documents are probably true or false?

Probably true 66%
 Probably false 4%
 Not sure 29%

5. The data on which the revelations were based came from a so-called "whistleblower", who passed the information anonymously to a German newspaper. Do you think this whistleblower should be thought of more as a hero or a criminal?

More as a hero	53%
More as a criminal	10%
Don't know	37%

6. Do you think that the Department of Justice and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) should examine these leaked documents to see if any Americans have broken the law?

Yes	76%
No	7%
Not sure	17%

7. If the Department of Justice discovers that foreigners who do not live in the United States have broken American laws as a result of examining these leaked documents, would you support or oppose the American government seeking to prosecute these foreigners?

Support	56%
Oppose	15%
Not sure	29%

8. How closely do you generally pay attention to news stories taking place in countries besides the U.S.?

Very closely	10%
Somewhat closely	50%
Not very closely	30%
Not at all closely	10%

9. Thinking about tax evasion, or people not paying the taxes the law says they are supposed to pay – do you think:

Many people in the U.S. do this	36%
Some people in the U.S. do this	45%
Only a few people in the U.S. do this	10%
Not sure	10%

10. If the accusations in the documents are true, how would you personally feel?

Outraged	22%
Bothered	44%
Not particularly bothered	18%
Not sure	16%

11. Do you think the level of political corruption in the U.S. is:

Higher than in most other countries	31%
Lower than in most other countries	15%
About the same as in most other countries	45%
Not sure	9%

12. If you had the opportunity to take part in tax EVASION and there was little chance of the tax authorities discovering it, do you think you would?

I would probably take part	9%
I would probably not take part	77%
Not sure	14%

Interviewing Dates	April 5 - 7, 2016
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, voter registration, political ideology, party identification, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2014 American Community Study. Voter registration and party identification were imputed from the November 2014 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted using propensity scores based on gender, age, race, education, political ideology, geographic region and voter registration. The weights range from 0.026 to 4.15, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.8.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	20 questions not reported.