

Poll: Tax Cuts and Spending Cuts Go Hand in Hand

Federal tax reform is likely to be a big issue in Congress this year, encouraged by both the executive branch’s agenda and public opinion. Most Americans say that the federal tax system needs at least minor changes, with almost two-thirds believing it needs major changes and reform. Americans say potential lower revenue from tax cuts should lead to lower government spending, with overall spending cuts or entitlement reform to reduce the financial burden of these programs. Few say tax cuts should be paid for by tax increases among other individuals.

CHART 1

Nine in 10 Believe Federal Tax System Needs Changes

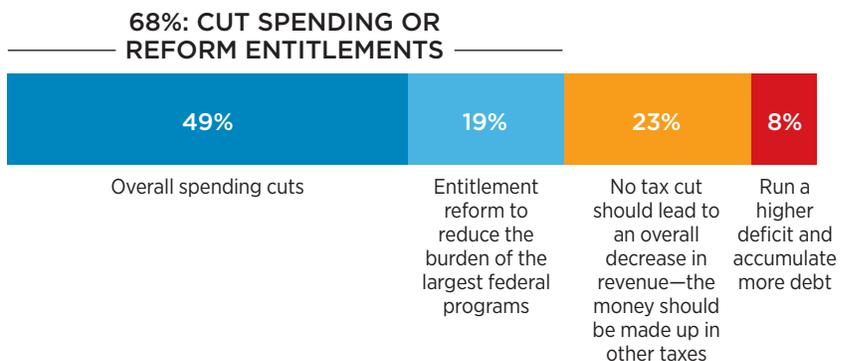
Q: Thinking about federal tax policies and the tax system in America today, do you believe ... ?



CHART 2

Nearly Seven in 10 Think Congress Should Cut Spending or Reform Entitlements to Respond to Lower Revenue

Q: If tax cuts lead to decreased revenue for the federal government, how do you think the government should respond to that decreased revenue?



NOTE: Figures do not sum to 100 due to rounding.

SOURCE: Online survey using a national representative sample of 1,017 registered U.S. voters conducted March 17-27, 2017, with a margin of error of +/- 3.1 percentage points.

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