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What are Americans' biggest gripes with the federal tax system? They feel some corporations and wealthy individuals don't pay their fair share, according to a [new survey](#) from the Pew Research Center.

Of the 1,501 adults the center surveyed this month, 62 percent they were bothered a lot, and another 18 percent said they were bothered somewhat, by the feeling that some companies aren't pull their

weight in taxes (Tuesday is Tax Day.)

And 60 percent said they were bothered a lot, and another 18 percent bothered somewhat, by the feeling that some wealthy people don't pay their fair share in federal taxes.

The next most-irksome aspect of the tax system was the feeling that it's too complex — which 43 percent of respondents said bothered them a lot and another 29 percent said bothered them somewhat.



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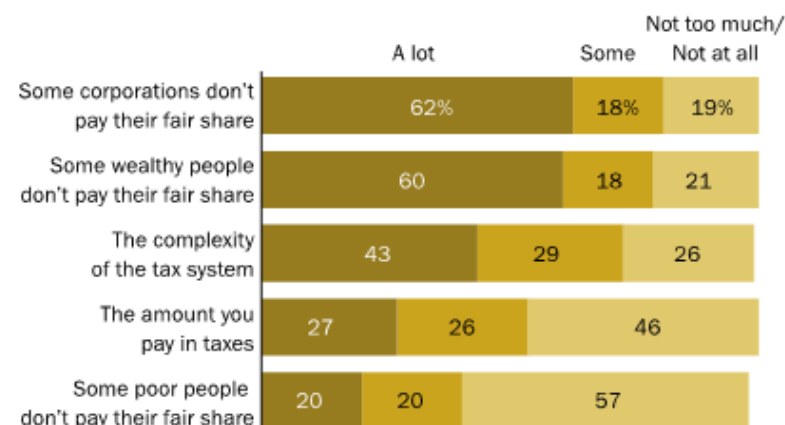
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But those surveyed said they were far less bothered by their own tax burden. Just 27 percent said they were bothered a lot by how much they pay, and another 26 percent were somewhat bothered.

Rounding out the five most bothersome things about the federal tax system: a feeling that some poor people don't pay their fair share, which 20 percent said bothered them a lot and another 20 percent bothered them somewhat.

What bothers Americans about the federal tax system?

% who say each bothers them ___ about the federal tax system



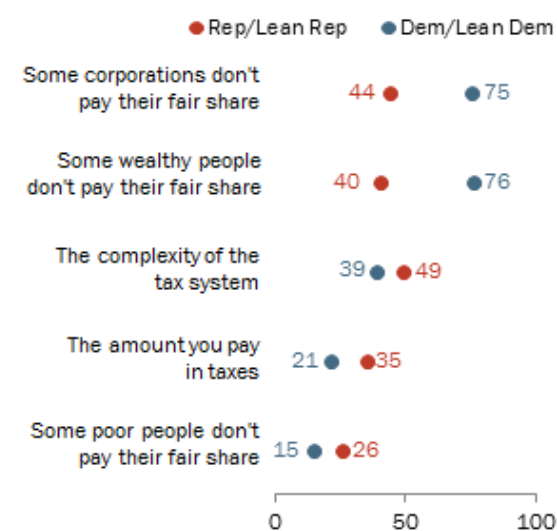
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Looking closer, the survey results showed some key differences in opinions based on respondents' political leanings, including that a larger share of Democrats and Democrat-leaning independents were bothered by the feeling that corporations and wealthy individuals don't pay their fair share than Republicans and Republican-leaning independents were.

Partisans differ over concerns wealthy, corporations don't pay their fair share

% who say ___ bothers them 'a lot' about the federal tax system



Source: Survey conducted April 5-11, 2017.

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The survey also found that the share of Americans who say the tax system is unfair has grown in recent years, largely because an increasing proportion of Democrats and Democrat-leaning independents view the system as unfair.

Wider share of Americans now view federal tax system as unfair

% who say the federal tax system is ...

	Mar 1997	Mar 2003	Apr 2010	Feb 2015	Apr 2017
	%	%	%	%	%
Very/Moderately fair	45	51	49	50	42
Not too/Not at all fair	54	48	50	48	56
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	100	100	100	100	100

Notes: 1997 and 2010 data from CNN; 2003 data from NPR.

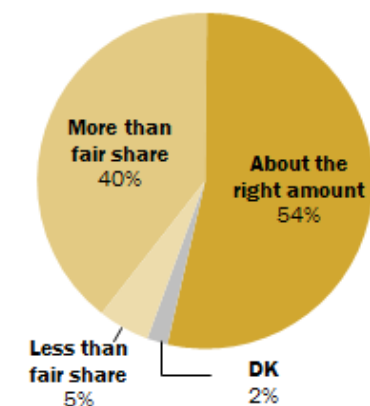
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Most say they pay about the right amount in taxes

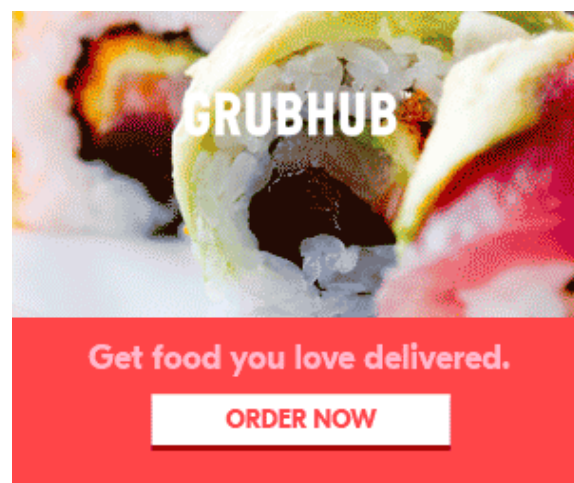
% who say they pay ___ in taxes



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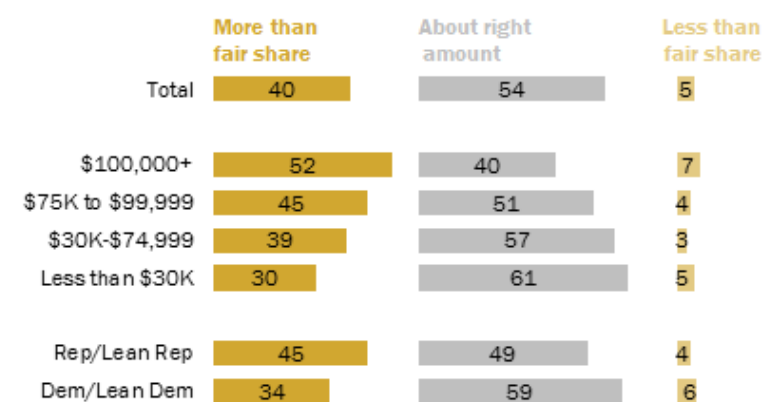
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Republicans divided on whether their tax burden is fair; most Democrats say they pay right amount

% who say they pay ___ of taxes, considering what they get from the federal government



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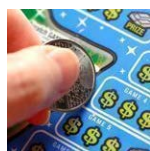
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