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The annual newsletter of the **Tax Fairness Organizing Collaborative (TFOC)**, a network of state groups that use grassroots power to push for fair and adequate taxation.



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dear reader,

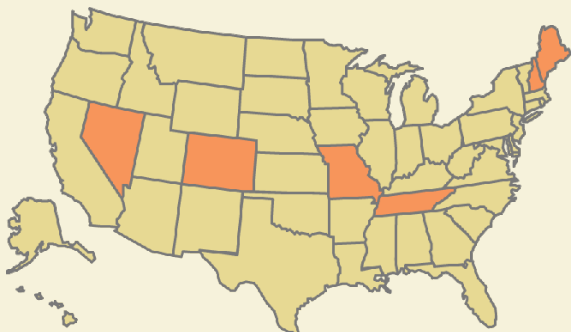
For the past year, the TFOC has been operating in stark contrast to the brassy anti-tax, anti-government Tea Party. The TFOC believes that good government enhances the quality of life and that collecting revenue for the public coffers through taxes is a necessity that should be done fairly, responsibly, and through policies that reflect our society's values. Indeed, the tax fairness grassroots movement is working harder than ever to ensure adequate levels of state revenue as growing numbers of people feel the effects of the continued recession and our nation's history of imbalanced tax policies.

The TFOC continues to fill an important role in the progressive movement by providing a national infrastructure for tax fairness organizers to collaborate, share best practices, problem-solve, and learn the latest in communications strategy. Our affinity groups are working together to tackle common issues, such as no-income tax states, conservative states, or states fighting corporate tax loopholes. Our emphasis on grassroots organizing and movement building distinguishes the TFOC from other progressive tax policy organizations and networks.

In the states, the tax fairness movement is firmly in place. And the work is more important than ever. From New York to Nevada, grassroots organizations are leading the fight for progressive and adequate revenue to support the schools, bridges, parks, and other public structures that keep our communities strong. To a large extent, TFOC members are part of coalitions that include teachers, seniors, human services associations, community organizations, unions, faith-based organizations, and various non-profit advocacy groups. This year's issue of TFAN provides a snapshot of the great grassroots work happening in states across the country – and it paints a hopeful picture. *(More on page 10)*

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Mining for Revenue in Nevada

by Launce Rake, Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada

The Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, a coalition of about 30 groups in the Silver State, has been working on the local, state and federal levels to address chronic and worsening levels of state services, including K-12 education and health care, and a budget shortfall that is in percentage terms the worst in the nation.

A huge part of the problem stems from Nevada's longstanding reliance on revenue from gaming taxes and from significantly regressive sales taxes, which both took a significant hit with the Bush recession that began in 2007. Local and state revenue from property sales also took a hit, as Las Vegas was the epicenter (and Nevada remains the worst) for the foreclosure crisis that continues to rock global finance. All told, half of the 2007 expected state and local revenue has been lost.

The one economic bright spot, arguably, is that mining and specifically gold mining is doing very well, as it always does in times of economic uncertainty. Nevada is the most productive gold mining region in the United States and one of the most productive of the world. With all-time record gold prices and corporate profits, PLAN and allies – especially the Nevada State Education Association, the teachers' affiliate of the National Education Association – worked to increase the tax rate on the industry.

The proposed change would force the industry to pay about \$50 in the \$800-plus in profits it makes on one ounce of gold. The industry's cry, unfortunately echoed by some in the labor movement, was that the change would “shut down the gold mining industry.” As it stands, some major gold mining companies pay nothing at all on their profits thanks to generous statutory deductions larded onto the state code over the last 150 years.

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Photo credit: Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada

Failure by the Nevada Assembly and Senate to recover significant profits from the industry, plus a promise of “no new taxes” from both the Democratic and Republican candidates for governor, forced PLAN and the NSEA to take the issue to the public through a public initiative.

Unfortunately, legal challenges from the well-funded mining industry – including mining's lobbyist, who is closely tied with both Republican and Democratic power brokers in the state – forced PLAN to campaign for the initiative's signatures in a narrow window between March and June. Further, record election turnout in the 2008 general election meant that PLAN would have to gather a similar record number of signatures – almost 100,000 in this small-population state. PLAN gathered more than 60,000 signatures, but was not able to get the issue on the fall 2010 ballot.

However, the high level of interest and support among the general population and many across the political spectrum should force the Assembly and Senate to take action to gather some revenue from mining. Combined with close work with national allies and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's efforts to bring federal fiscal relief to the states, PLAN and allies have reason to hope they can save a listing ship of state.

Missouri's Good Government Message

by Jane Whitesides, Missouri Progressive Vote Coalition

On April 15th, the Missouri Civic Engagement Table held a good government campaign at the state capitol. Our goal was to counter the anti-tax and anti-government rhetoric on the airwaves that day by reinforcing the positive role government plays in Missourians' lives. To do this, we distributed thank you signs from Missouri residents to members of the state legislature to thank them for spending tax dollars wisely.

The notes were inspired by a similar religious campaign held a month earlier when a big-name evangelist visited the state. Based on the notion that Missouri's budget shortfalls were the result of tolerance, legislators were asked to post "Pray for Me" signs, in hopes that these additional prayers would solve the state's budget woes. The campaign was well-received by members of the legislature, and many representatives gladly displayed the signs on their office doors.

Sadly, our good government campaign did not achieve the same level of success; very few legislators posted the thank you signs. Though this is likely an indication of the significant challenges faced in selling a good government message in Missouri, this strategy might be more successful in other parts of the country.

On a side note, the extra prayers did not help Missouri's budget problems.

I'm grateful for . . .



The Missouri Arts Council. The council helps small communities to sponsor art events that would not be possible otherwise.

~Joe Geist, Fayette

State and local governments are the backbone of a Democratic Society. Without public funding and taxation, we put our future and our lives at risk. Don't get angry this Tax Day, get involved. Learn more about Missouri's revenue crisis by contacting the Missouri Civic Engagement Table at

I'm grateful for . . .



Car emission standards so that the kids in my neighborhood, when they walk along city streets to school, breathe in less harmful gases.

~Pat Fowler, Columbia

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Conservation efforts that regulate forestry, fisheries and wetlands for the greater good.

~Stu Murphy, Jefferson City

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How to Defeat Property Tax Caps

by Rob Brown, Opportunity Maine

Property tax caps have been a key policy and campaign strategy for anti-government, anti-tax activists for decades, starting with California's Prop 13. This 1978 ballot initiative took many by surprise, with the highest voter turnout in a non-presidential election in the state's history and 65 percent of Californians voting for passage.

Since then, in state legislatures and particularly at the ballot box, conservative activists have repeatedly used property tax caps to slash public services and investment. Even in states where property tax caps have been passed and the average citizen can readily identify the damage they have caused, polls show they remain popular and attempts to repeal them have failed.

In recent years, however, campaigns to defeat property tax caps in the legislature and at the ballot box have not only succeeded, they have paved the way for progressive tax reform alternatives that address the real causes of voter anxiety and tax sensitivity. One such victory happened right here in Maine back in 2004, when Maine voters rejected the "Palesky Tax Cap" initiative, a ballot measure modeled after California's Prop 13. Property tax caps and other tax and revenue limiting measures continue to be a favorite tool of the right, so here are a few lessons we learned along the way in Maine that can be applied to other states.

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1. Coalition building

Every campaign must start with a power analysis to determine who has the ability and credibility to connect with what constituencies. Is it certain nonprofit groups, business associations, municipal governments, labor unions, or all of the above? Aim for breadth and depth in establishing these partnerships; you must have diversity to get attention and reach an array of constituents. In Maine, we thought strategically about how to reach beyond the usual suspects to groups that people tend to like and support, like firefighters, police, youth and the elderly. Be careful not to allow the campaign to become too partisan; give a full voice to people with divergent ideological reasons for opposition.

2. Grassroots organizing

It is critical to go past the tipping point of public opinion and reach deeply into every constituency and demographic possible. Remember: there is no magic spokesperson or group that will tip the scales; you must fight for every vote. Recruit as many community organizing groups as possible and give them resources they need to do the work. Choose your regions of focus carefully and strategically and focus your most aggressive

grassroots organizing there. Recruit organizers for and from every constituency. Get in newsletters. Send email blasts. Speak to associations. Post constituent-specific material in public places. Remember: a 50-percent-plus-one victory will not cut it; before you even catch your breath, you will be back fighting the same fight all over again. Think longer-term.

3. Multiple communications strategies

Winning campaigns must utilize an array of messages to reach across audiences. Develop wholesale, middle-of-the-road messaging as well as targeted, constituent-specific messaging. Don't be afraid to push the envelope and be realistic about the potential devastation to local economies, education, and public safety. Organize communications trainings that engineer the message for your targeted groups. Create a speakers bureau -- have someone who connects the right speaker to each speaking opportunity. Constituent-specific messaging can help you win the short-term battle, but also acquire alliances that will last beyond the life of the ballot measure.

4. Winners and losers

Be explicit about the potential winners and losers of the property tax cap. Identify these groups and make this core to your message. Maine Municipal Association worked with local officials to develop easy-to-use tools to quantify potential impacts on local services. The town manager of Augusta, for example, estimated that the tax cap would require a reduction in municipal and school spending by \$12 million, which would require the elimination of 72 full-time positions out of a total municipal workforce of 230. The school superintendent estimated that an additional 137 positions would have to be cut from the schools, including the closure of two elementary schools and one middle school.

5. Acknowledge the problem and identify alternative (progressive) solutions

You can't beat something with nothing, so rally people around alternative ideas that a grassroots movement or coalition could work together to achieve. You need to win a campaign first and foremost, but, as much as possible, lay the groundwork for a longer-term progressive agenda. This is a great opportunity to "box in" opponents, split small business off from big business, a la "Main St. vs. Wall Street." Stress the need for modernization of revenue raising structures and portray property tax caps as missing the point.

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Anatomy of a Re-Framed Message

by Cathy Silber, Granite State Fair Tax Coalition

Here in the land of no sales tax, no income tax, and no estate tax, it is taboo to say anything about taxes except “No.” So one of the biggest goals of the Granite State Fair Tax Coalition is also the biggest challenge: to advance a discussion.

Since late last year, we have been working hard to reframe and refine our message. With no resources for polling or focus groups, we went to work with the lessons learned during the 2009 TFOC conference. We took the research and recommendations from Frameworks Institute and Demos, got into the New Hampshire mindset, and did our best. The result -- which you can read below -- is a script that accompanied an eight-minute video that was designed to start a conversation. Our new frame attempts to emphasize outdated over unfair, and replace a call for justice with a call for effectiveness. You can watch the video at www.nhfairtax.org.

Lead with shared values, the importance of public structures, and a “government is good” tone. Government is “Us”; not “It”, not “Them.”

Democracy is a public structure. The budget is a public structure--an agreement we make--not something done to us, but something we do, and are responsible for.

Common- sense, reasonable tone. Balanced approach (spending and revenue). Appeal to shared values: responsibility, oversight, and stewardship.

Back into the problem: a public structure (the budget) developed a structural problem (while we weren't upholding our values). Thematic, not episodic paradigm (this is about systems and structures, not individuals). Main problem is inadequacy, not unfairness.

Whatever our differences, we all agree on doing together certain things to keep our state strong. Things that families and towns can't do on their own: things like roads and bridges, police and fire departments, schools and colleges, laws and courts. Every two years, we elect some of our friends and neighbors to go to Concord and represent us to do what needs to be done.

Our state budget is the agreement we reach about what things are most important and how to pay for them.

Every year we make sure we're getting what we paid for. We make sure we're getting the most bang for our buck. If something's not working anymore, it gets fixed. If something needs trimming, it gets trimmed. When it comes to where our tax dollars go, we look hard at everything every year. But our tax system -- where those tax dollars come from -- hasn't been looked at seriously in decades. No wonder it doesn't work anymore! The bottom line is it doesn't raise enough money to support the programs we've already decided together that we need. In this system, revenues can't grow at the same rate as the economy. It's guaranteed that our income will always fall short of our expenditures -- just for the programs we already have, just for the things we've already agreed are important.

We scrutinize our spending every year. It's time to take a fresh look at our revenues.

← Appeal to values of responsible oversight, balance (both spending and revenue) and keeping agreements.

In colonial times, our system worked well. Most people were farmers and lived off the land. Property was a good measure of wealth and income, so relying on the property tax for most of the state's revenue made sense. But not anymore. Now most property is a home. It's often less a measure of what we own than of what we owe the bank. It's not a good measure of what each of us can afford to contribute to running our state. But we still rely on the property tax for over half of our revenue, more than any other state. And because we lean so heavily on the property tax, our rates are way too high, the third-highest in the nation. You heard that right -- third-highest in the nation.

← Uses a reasonable, common-sense tone. Values: reason, efficiency, effectiveness, progress, modern.

Beliefs: ability to pay matters; taxes are our contribution.

Risky? Does this tap anti-tax sentiment to advance a pro-tax stance?

And it still doesn't raise enough money to pay for what we agree we need to keep our state moving forward. Property taxes just keep going up. And that's just to stay even, without adding any new programs.

Some people insist on the so-called pledge, but let's face it -- it's just a pledge to keep raising property taxes, and to ignore the ingenuity of the people of New Hampshire to find better solutions -- more modern solutions. Sticking with the old is holding us back; it's hurting our state and our families, too.

← We avoided fairness/unfairness and focused on modernization.

We can fix this. In the Granite State, we don't back away from a challenge. We face the facts. Resourcefulness is the New Hampshire way. We can take a balanced approach to budget reform that ensures all our programs are up-to-date and efficient. And paid for. And we can lower property taxes, too.

← Reframe the "Pledge" as a pledge to raise property taxes. Common values: hands-on, can-do, progress. Connects state pride (Yankee resourcefulness) with a positive, upbeat, and reasonable tone.

The first step is to take a fresh look at our revenue system. We can put all the options on the table. We can face the facts. We can have the debate. We can find a solution that will work for everyone. We can build a modern budget system that will keep New Hampshire moving in the twenty-first century and maintain the foundations of our prosperity for generations to come. Let's get to work, New Hampshire.

← Reinforces the notion that a budget is itself a public structure, an agreement based in decisions about priorities.

Ends with an upbeat focus on modernization, common-sense solutions, and empowerment.

Fall Ballot Opens the Door for Dialogue

by Corrine Fowler, Colorado Progressive Coalition

Colorado has been the testing ground for anti-tax and anti-government extremist polices for decades. Our state's constitution is wrought with revenue and tax limitations that have hindered our ability to fund vital public services and has placed Colorado at the bottom for funding of health care, higher education and K-12 education.

This year, Colorado voters will decide on three ballot initiatives that have been qualified by those who believe in the idea of less government. They support a system in which money, power and privilege rule. A system where quality education, health care, public safety and other services are only available for those who can afford to pay for them.

These three initiatives will cut state and local fines, state and local fees, state and local taxes, and remove our state's ability to fund long-term infrastructure projects. The price tag to our state is \$4.2 billion per year and a loss of more than 70,000 jobs in both the public and private sectors. But the true cost of these initiatives is equal opportunity, fairness, justice, and security. We simply cannot afford to allow these initiatives to pass.

The Colorado Progressive Coalition (CPC) has made fighting Proposition 101, Amendment 60, and Amendment 61 a top priority of our 2010 election plan. Since June 1st we have been contacting our members and identifying those who might support these initiatives. We have been talking to them about the value of strong public structures and connecting those values to

strong communities. We are using this information to continually hone our messages to communities about these complex and misleading fiscal initiatives.

Throughout the summer, coalitions have been forming throughout the state to provide education around these initiatives. The CPC is active with the state campaign, *Don't Hurt Colorado* (the reconvening of the *Yes on C & D Campaign* from 2005). This campaign is working to ensure that the diverse coalition is using

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coordinate messaging and will be the lead on the television and radio components.

CPC is also working with the Colorado State Voices C3 Round Table on many fronts to defeat these initiatives. CPC will lead the C3 Roundtable federated field campaign. For the first time, grassroots organizers from all across our state will run a coordinated field campaign, allowing us to run the most productive and efficient canvass to ensure that we are all getting the most bang from our foot work.

The Economic Justice (EJ) Campaign at CPC is taking advantage of this opportunity to build partnerships with community leaders and partner organizations who traditionally don't work on fiscal policy. In the coming weeks, we will be touring the state with the C3 Round Table to educate about the ballot and promote a dialogue about the positive role of government. The EJ Campaign has produced a values-based presentation on the importance of investing in our communities through fair taxes.

The 2010 ballot has jump-started our long-term goal of passing a more progressive tax structure and reforming our state's fiscal constraints. Though fighting these initiatives will be a tough battle, we are embracing the opportunity to begin a discussion.



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Tennesseans Lobby for Adequate Revenue

by Samantha Maples, Tennesseans for Fair Taxation

Tennesseans for Fair Taxation (TFT) works to create a more fair and progressive tax structure to benefit all Tennesseans. Our struggle is an uphill battle, since Tennessee has no personal income tax and the highest sales tax in the nation, including a slightly lower tax on groceries. Our long-term goal is to modernize Tennessee's tax structure to reduce the general sales tax, eliminate the tax on food, and implement a personal income tax with generous exemptions.

As TFT works toward our larger goals, we are pushing several incremental objectives to raise much-needed revenue for the state and incorporate progressive elements into the state's tax structure. The Internet Parity Act would require out-of-state vendors to report use tax requirements to consumers and the state Department of Revenue, increasing competitiveness for local businesses and generate up to \$400 million in additional revenue.

The Food and Business Tax Fairness Act would close corporate tax loopholes and level the playing field between small businesses and multi-state corporations. The \$250 million estimated in revenue would allow the sales tax on groceries to be eliminated, a key piece of the proposed legislation.

On April 28, 2010, TFT paid a visit to the state capitol in Nashville for a day of lobbying to promote our proposals. TFT staff, board, and individuals came together to meet with legislators, provide testimony, host a press conference, and encourage our elected officials to address the state's significant budget shortfalls.

The day began with several presentations on pending legislation in the state legislature. TFT presented information about the Tax Modernization and Economic Stimulus bill and three Tax Cut and Job Creation bills. Each bill provides for tax modernization in the state to varying degrees by reducing the general sales tax, eliminating the food tax, and introducing a personal income tax. Representative Johnnie Turner demonstrated that the bills would provide a tax cut to 70 percent

of Tennesseans, and TFT organizer Bill Howell discussed its economic and job creation benefits.

Immediately afterwards, Howell presented compelling information about the Internet Parity Act. He explained that Tennessee is losing about \$300 million in revenue this year by not pursuing use tax on out-of-state purchases, and fewer than 2,500 businesses and individuals voluntarily pay the tax on such purchases.

The first victory came late in the morning, when a constitutional amendment to ban an income tax was essentially squashed by the House Budget. At the same time, the House companion bill to TFT's Internet Parity Act was introduced and placed on the last calendar of the Budget Subcommittee without discussion.

Late in the afternoon, TFT held a news conference to promote the five revenue-enhancing measures we support. Although the bills failed to pass this year, they will all be introduced again next year, and conversations with legislators indicate the Internet Parity Act could be passed. To support the bill, TFT is meeting with small business owners to gather support in a letter writing campaign, and members represented by legislators on the state Finance Committee are targeting their county commissioners seeking resolutions of support for the bill.

We recognize that crafting a more fair and adequate tax system for Tennessee will take time, patience, and diligence. With the continued support of our members on lobby days like April 28, we are confident we will persevere.



Photo credit: Tennesseans for Fair Taxation

Highlights from the Collaborative

by Karen Kraut and Shannon Moriarty, TFOC

It has been a busy, active year for the TFOC! Our members continue to fight for more progressive tax reform in the wake of our economic crisis. Though the challenges we face remain acute, our work is more important than ever. Below are a few highlights from the past year.

Training of Trainers in Tennessee

In September, United for a Fair Economy's Popular Economics Education team and the TFOC teamed up to provide a Training of Trainers Institute (ToT) in Tennessee. UFE's Popular Economics Education workshops strive to take the mystery out of the taxes and the economy by making the experience of learning economics interactive and memorable.

I believe providing popular economics education is fundamental to our work as organizers.

Bill Howell,
Tennesseans for Fair Taxation

Bill Howell, an organizer with Tennesseans for Fair Taxation, participated in a ToT in the past and thought the workshop would fill an important gap in TFT's grassroots organizing efforts. "A key problem we have run into is a lack of understanding – particularly among legislators - about both basic economic principles and prosperity between different income levels," he said. "Therefore, I believe providing this kind of popular education is fundamental to our work."

The goal of TFT's Training of Trainers Institute was to build a more diverse cadre of people who could present a workshop on the roots of the economic crisis to organizations across the state. The Institute was led by Steve Schnapp, a popular educator at United for a Fair Economy who has trained thousands of individuals across the country to lead workshops on the economic crisis, taxes, the racial wealth divide, and economic inequality. As part of the event, Steve also presented the workshop at the TFT's annual membership meeting.

Howell said the ToT was so successful they hope to organize another before the end of the year. "The reception was great – everyone has committed to scheduling workshops across the state," he said. "Our next target is labor organizations, since they have the infrastructure and experience to easily coordinate workshops for their members."

Cross-Training in Washington



One week before voters in Washington State decide on ballot initiative 1098, which would establish an income tax on the top 1.2 percent of Washington residents, the TFOC ran an innovative cross-training opportunity for its members. The goal of the training was to provide additional resources for TFOC member Washington Community Action Network (CAN) in the critical last week before the election, while allowing organizers from other states to absorb the strategy, messaging, and logistics of running an income tax campaign. Brooks Winner, an organizer with Opportunity Maine, reports back from his first day on the ground in Washington State.

This evening we helped set up and run a Get Out the Vote Party at a local community center, definitely the highlight of the day. As a young, and relatively inexperienced organizer, it was great to see this type of big community event in action. There was a pretty big crowd and people were excited, engaged and passionate about their community... Lessons from the field for today: Tonight's Get Out the Vote Party was a great example of a well-run event that gets people fired up and excited about making their communities better places to live... Making these events fun and celebratory is so essential, especially at a time when people are frustrated, scared, and worried about the future. People need to believe that there is reason to be excited, fired up and optimistic right now because so many people in the media, the political world and even their own communities are telling them that the hope is gone. The hope is still alive and tonight's event was evidence of that.

TFOC and NEA Team Up

In July, TFOC members and National Education Association affiliates from nine states gathered in Washington, D.C. for a two-day conference. The goals were to deepen the grassroots/NEA collaboration in the states, and to advance progressive tax policy through constituent education, communications, and organizing. The participating states were selected by the NEA based on which of their affiliates have a "TEF" (Tax, Economic development, and education Funding) program.

Participants heard tips on not-the-usual-suspect collaborations from a Responsible Wealth member and two progressive state legislators in attendance, the latest research in framing and messaging from Frameworks Institute, and participated in an NEA popular education exercise. Overwhelmingly, attendees found that taking the time out for face-to-face strategizing with their in-state partners on short- and long-term campaigns was beneficial.

Lobby Day in Washington, D.C.

On the heels of participating in a national conference about the urgency of obtaining additional federal aid to the states, Tax Fairness Organizing Collaborative Coordinator Karen Kraut and TFOC members from Missouri and Oregon met with the tax staffers from the offices of Senators Merkley (OR), Wyden (OR), McCaskill (MO) and Brown (MA). In those meetings, the TFOC representatives gained valuable intelligence about the timing, potential vehicles, and obstacles to state aid and federal tax bills. In turn, they provided Senate staffers with evidence of the need for additional funding for the states, and advocated for specific progressive revenue options – including a financial speculations tax and the Responsible Estate Tax Act – to strengthen the essential public structures that are the key to a functioning economy and widely shared prosperity. The TFOC organizers enjoyed a surprise private visit with Senator Wyden himself in a small subway car from the Capitol to the Senate, where they respectfully made their case for increased federal aid to the states and progressive tax policy.

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Brooks Winner,
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