

## Key US tax facts as the right wing tries to shut down t...

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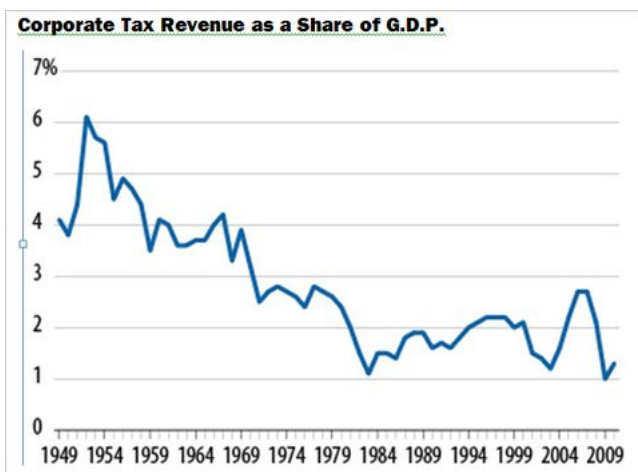
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I thought these comparisons pretty telling from the [US Institute for Policy Studies](#):

### Key USTax Facts

- \* **15,753:** The number of households in 1961 with \$1 million in taxable income (adjusted for inflation).
- \* **361,000:** The number of households in 2011 estimated to have \$1 million in taxable income.
- \* **43.1:** Percent of total reported income that Americans earning \$1 million paid in taxes in 1961 (adjusted for 2011 dollars)
- \* **23.1:** Percent of total reported income that Americans earning \$1 million are likely to pay in taxes in 2011, estimated from latest IRS data.
- \* **47.4:** Percent of profits corporations paid in taxes in 1961.
- \* **11.1:** Percent of profits corporations paid in taxes in 2011.

Here's [another way of looking at the trend](#):



**The [US right wing is trying to shut down government in the USA](#). This is getting too little press this side of the Atlantic: we have a situation where quite literally the right wing is trying to cripple government.**

**They claim America is over taxed.**

**They want to slash services.**

**They claim this will create prosperity.**

**It may - for a tiny few - but it will desert America in the process.**

**In 1961 the US had never had it so good.**

**In 1961 it was confident enough to start a space programme - right or wrong.**

**And it was time for it to face up to the civil wrongs in its society.**

**Now it's being held ransom for the benefit of the reach who want the right to exploit.**

**This is what the Tea Party want.**

**This is what the right wing of the Conservative Party in the Uk wants.**

**This is why he NHS is being privatised.**

**This is wrong.**

**Left minded people have to fight it.**