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Presidential Debate Tonight: Questions for the Candidates

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Americans for Tax Reform suggests the following questions for tonight's Presidential debate:

- What specific parts of your tax plan would increase the value of the average American's 401(k) plan?
- How would each of your tax plans contribute to long-term financial stability and permanently higher economic growth?
- According to the OECD, the United States has the second-highest corporate income tax rate in the developed world. Economists left and right have called for a lower corporate rate to increase US competitiveness. Do you agree or disagree on the need to lower the corporate rate?
- Especially considering the cooperation between Russian and Venezuelan militaries, are not such trade agreements as CAFTA and the Colombia and Panama FTAs a critical foreign policy instrument? Would your administration continue to promote regional and bilateral free trade agreements?
- The United States is one of the only countries in the world that doesn't tax on a territorial basis, leaving us at a competitive disadvantage internationally. What's your position on the international side of U.S. tax policy?
- Some versions of cap-and-trade would empower the EPA to slap tariffs on nations with high carbon emissions, in violation of WTO protocols. As supporters of cap-and-trade, what is your opinion of this provision?
- The United States is one of the only countries in the world without a value-added tax, or VAT. What is your position on a VAT for the U.S., either as a replacement of a current tax or a new tax?
- As President, would you cooperate with high-tax nations in Europe that wish us to track the U.S. financial transactions of their nationals?

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Additional resources:

[McCain vs. Obama on Taxes: Which April 15 Would You Rather Have?](#)

[Obama's Tax Hikes = Patriotism?](#)

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all federal, state and local tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or at jkartch@atr.org.

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