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Abstract

This research topic focuses on three important questions such as, should taxes on people making over $250,000 a year be changed?, should transportation security (TSA) regulation be changed?, and should the United States require all social security recipients to have their checks delivered to a bank account rather than by mail?. These three questions have a big impact on United States today. The government believes that if the tax breaks given to the richest 2% then other more important issues such as supporting education, healthcare and employment issues will have lesser funds to be allocated. Due to 9/11 attacks and some security threats, the government was able to establish a security forces called transportation security administration to protect the citizens. Changes in technology has persuaded the government to do way with the traditional check payments for social security benefits and has instead chosen to use the electronic method for transferring the money to the people.

**2) Should taxes on people making over $250,000 a year be changed?**

Reason: The topic is interesting because it affects not only the section of society on which higher tax will be imposed but to the economy at large. The government claims that if the tax breaks given to the richest 2% then other more important issues such as supporting education, healthcare and employment issues will have lesser funds to be allocated. They are against the rebates to the people they think need it the least.

Audience: The audience for this topic includes the entire population including the policy makers and the government.

Thesis statement: The government expects increasing taxes on income more than $250,000 a year will help stimulate the US economy. Economists, however, have a different opinion. They believe the population doesn’t spend the ‘tax cuts’ money, they save it. Additionally, the profit reductions caused by increased taxes will not please the capitalists. The government intends to meet its fiscal challenges, finance its deficit and invest the proceeds in activities that will enable the growth of the economy. This discord between the Government‘s and the economists view can be studied to understand which one can be better substantiated and is more likely to happen.

**4) Should Transportation Security (TSA) regulations be changed?**

Reason: The TSA regulation was bought about in 2001 after the attacks to ensure public security. In 2012, the Committee for Homeland Security set out some changes to the TSA regulations. Most pronounced of them were to advance security by adopting a full-view plan, improving privacy by bringing in private firms to enable modernization and automation of the passenger screening process and cutting red tape by better assessment of threats and making amendments for prohibited items accordingly.

Audience: This issue is a high level policy decision and therefore will be of interest to decision making authorities. In addition, it will be a source of information for the people interested in the proceedings of the reforms assessment and implementation.

Thesis statement: After the 9/11 attack, the government was concerned about the safety and at the same time freedom of the citizens of the country. They took a step in the right direction by introducing TSA that could identify and fill the gaps in security and reprimand the breaches, as and when they occur. The changes in TSA are being proposed with an intention to strengthen the security system, but are these changes in regulation equipping TSA to stay ahead of potential threats are what need to be critically assessed.

**47) Should the U.S. require all S.S. recipients to have their checks delivered to a bank account rather than by mail? (To go into effect in 2013)**

Reason: The topic grabs attention as it is another measure that government is taking to get more savings. It is attracting mixed responses from people, though it clearly has some advantages over the traditional paper checks method. It will reduce the cases of lost stolen and damaged payment checks.

Audience: The audience for this topic includes the population receiving SS benefits.

Thesis statement: The government has opted to do away with the traditional check payments for social security benefits and has instead chosen to use the electronic method for transferring the money to the people. People can choose to receive their payments in bank account or credit union account. Or they can have it transferred to a Debit MasterCard. People are hesitant in adapting to this new technology because of their apprehension towards disruption in the flow of payments. They believe this method is more error-prone and could prove costly. Additionally, not everyone might have a bank account. The government, on the other hand, expects to generate savings of $1 billion with this method.

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