

Civics Workshop 3 Resources

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

Check Some Claims made since the Supreme Court Decision

Politifact

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/> Several entries

Tax provisions: <http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2012/jun/28/rush-limbaugh/health-care-law-not-largest-tax-increase-us-histor/>

and Factcheck.org

<http://factcheck.org/2012/06/romney-obama-uphold-health-care-falsehoods/>

<http://factcheck.org/2012/06/how-much-is-the-obamacare-tax/>

Consumer Questions on Health Care Act, and the Answers. Katie Thomas. New York Times. June 29, 2012. <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/30/us/health-care-act-questions-and-answers.html>

Slip Opinion on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Supreme Court. June 28, 2012. <http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/11pdf/11-393c3a2.pdf>

Resources on the decision from Kaiser Health News. <http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Home/Daily-Reports/2012/June/29/overview-of-decision.aspx>

Kaiser Health News archived webinar [with accompanying transcript] on the Supreme Court Decision. June 28, 2012. <http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Stories/2012/June/28/health-law-decision-webcast.aspx> There was also a webinar on July 3 answering questions about the decision, which should be archived.

Archived webinar, "Healthcare After the Supreme Court Decision: What's Next?" Alliance for Health Reform in conjunction with Kaiser Family Foundation. July 9, 2012. http://www.allhealth.org/briefing_detail.asp?bi=250

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act analysis by the Congressional Budget Office [in sections] <http://www.cbo.gov/publication/43076>

Requiring Individuals to Obtain Health Insurance: A Constitutional Analysis. Congressional Research Services. July 24, 2009. <http://www.ncsl.org/documents/health/RequiringIndividual.pdf>

Health Care After the Supreme Court Decision: What's Next? Alliance for Health Reform. A live webinar Monday, July 9th at 9:15-11:00am. http://www.allhealth.org/event_reg.asp?bi=250 [They also archive their webinars.]

History of the Individual Health Insurance Mandate, 1989-20120. <http://healthcarereform.procon.org/view.resource.php?resourceID=004182>

Pro/Con.org History of Individual Health Insurance Mandate <http://healthcarereform.procon.org/view.resource.php?resourceID=004182>

Healthcare.gov The federal government's site for the PPACA <http://www.healthcare.gov/>

Kaiser Family Foundation Subsidy Calculator [calculate what you may receive in a gov subsidy if you can't afford to buy insurance]. <http://tinyurl.com/subsidycalculator>

To find out about health insurance company rate requests in Oregon [and to give *your* opinion]:
<http://www.oregonhealthrates.org/>

Also, two of my newsletters which have information about Healthcare Reform:
Autumn, 2009 http://www.dcoheninfo.com/infoscope/2009/2009_4_Autumn_INFOSCOPE.pdf
Spring 2010 http://www.dcoheninfo.com/infoscope/2010/2010_2_SpringINFOSCOPE.pdf

Budget and Taxes

Where Do Our Federal Tax Dollars Go? Center for Policy and Budget Priorities. April 2, 2012.
<http://www.cbpp.org/cms/index.cfm?fa=view&id=1258>

Health Care: How Much Does the Federal Government Spend? Tax Policy Center.
Covers 2008 and includes spending for tax expenditures.
<http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/briefing-book/key-elements/health-insurance/spending.cfm>

An Overview of Major Tax Proposals in the President's FY2012 Budget. May, 2012. Congressional Research Service. <http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc85390/>

Essential reading: If Americans really understood the income tax : uncovering our most expensive ignorance by John O. Fox.

Publications from the Joint Committee on Taxation. Although the documents have off-putting names, much of the material is quite understandable.
www.jct.gov Choose Tax Expenditures

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON TAX EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS AND HISTORICAL SURVEY OF TAX EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES JCX-15-11. Feb 28, 2011
<https://www.jct.gov/publications.html?func=startdown&id=3740>

Sounds awful but has great data on where the individual tax breaks are; especially, Table 8, which clearly gives the amounts of the major expenditures for individuals and corporations!

Or see Tax Expenditures spreadsheet from this page:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/Supplemental>

Four tables break down expenditures by impact of all expenditures, individual and corporate impact, ranked by revenue impact, and 2011 impact.

Tax Policy Briefing Book: A Citizen's Guide for the 2012 Election and Beyond. Tax Policy Center.
<http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/briefing-book/>

Your Federal Taxpayer Receipt
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/2011-taxreceipt>

Oregon Tax Expenditures Report
<http://oregon.gov/DOR/STATS/tax-expenditure-report-2011-2013.shtml>

Ten Tax Questions the Candidates Don't Want You to Ask
www.10taxquestions.com

Office of Management and Budget
www.whitehouse.gov/omb

Congressional Budget Office
www.cbo.gov

Economic Policy Institute

www.epi.org

Oregon Transparency: get to know state government

<http://www.oregon.gov/transparency/index.page>

Oregon Center for Public Policy frequently publishes briefs on economic issues in Oregon.

www.ocpp.org

Tax Fairness Oregon will keep you informed of current legislative actions related to state tax expenditures

www.tfo.org

Tax Policy Center

<http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/>