



**National survey on tax evasion/avoidance
December 16-19, 2012**

In a December 2012 national poll, American voters said they overwhelmingly favor closing offshore tax havens as a way of addressing our national budget problems. Support for this proposal was high across party and ideological lines, as well as gender, race, educational background, and region.

Respondents were asked: "To help solve our budget problems, do you favor or oppose closing loopholes that allow corporations to declare profits in foreign countries that have a lower tax rate?" Fully three-quarters (75%) of voters favored the proposal with nearly two-thirds (65%) favoring it strongly. Only 19% are opposed.

Support was particularly high among Democrats (84% in favor) and independents (79% in favor), but even Republicans favor closing these loopholes (64% in favor).

Similarly, support was particularly high among self-described liberals and moderates (86% and 73% in favor, respectively), but even 68% of conservatives are on board with the plan. There is no doubt that shutting down offshore tax havens enjoys extraordinarily broad support with the American public.

The survey of 1,000 2012 general election voters was conducted between December 16-19, 2012 by the Mellman Group, two-time winner of "Pollster of the Year" from the American Association of Political Consultants. Interviews were conducted by telephone using a national registration-based sample. The margin of error for this survey is +/-3.1% at the 95% level of confidence. The margin of error is higher for subgroups, depending on size.