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## NEW POLL: IOWANS SAY NO CUTS, TAX CORPORATIONS!

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Majority wants to protect Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid by letting Bush tax cuts expire and making corporations pay their fair share of taxes

A new poll, conducted by Public Policy Polling (PPP) from April 24-26 and released by Iowa CCI Action Fund, has found that **63 percent of Iowans oppose spending cuts to balance the budget**, particularly to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. **59 percent support balancing the budget by letting the Bush-era tax cuts expire**, while **63% said corporations do not pay their fair share of taxes**.

Voters were read one of the following statements and asked if they strongly agreed, somewhat agreed, somewhat disagreed, or strongly disagreed:

Statements	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Total Agree	Total Disagree
In order to balance the budget, we need to make cuts to spending, including Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.	17%	16%	23%	40%	4%	33%	63%
In order to balance the budget, we need to let the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy expire first before making cuts to the federal budget.	42%	17%	11%	23%	7%	59%	34%
Corporations pay more than their fair share in taxes.	15%	17%	27%	36%	6%	32%	63%

The poll of 633 Iowans represented a broad cross section of active Iowa voters, including a mix of Democrats, Republicans, and Independents that is consistent with current voter registration across Iowa:

Sex	Race/Ethnicity
Male 46%	Hispanic 5%
Female 52%	White 88%
No Response 2%	Black 3%
	Other 4%
	No Response 0%
Party	Age
Democrat 37%	18-29 14%
Republican 37%	30-45 27%
Independent 24%	46-65 36%
No Response 1%	66+ 23%
	No Response 0%
Ideology	Education
Very Liberal 10%	Less than High School 3%
Somewhat Liberal 17%	High School Graduate 23%
Moderate 32%	Some College 17%
Somewhat Conservative 25%	2-year degree 17%
Very Conservative 16%	4-year degree 22%
No Response 0%	Some Graduate 5%
	Post Graduate Degree 11%
	Refused/No Response 1%

CCI Action Fund members say these poll results put both political parties on notice and sends a message to all candidates and elected officials that the 2012 elections in swing-state Iowa will be won and lost on these core issues:

"This poll clearly shows that everyday Iowans believe the best path to a balanced budget is to raise revenue by taxing the corporate 1%, not by cutting vital public programs," said Barb Kalbach, a 4th generation family farmer from Dexter, Iowa and the CCI Action board president.

"Political parties and candidates are on notice and should guide their campaigns accordingly. Mitt Romney, Steve King, and Tom Latham in particular need to pay attention to this, because their support of the Paul Ryan budget plan stands in direct contrast to the will of the majority of Iowans on these issues."

The poll has a margin of error of 3.9%. Full results with crosstabs can be accessed here.

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