

## Tax Reform

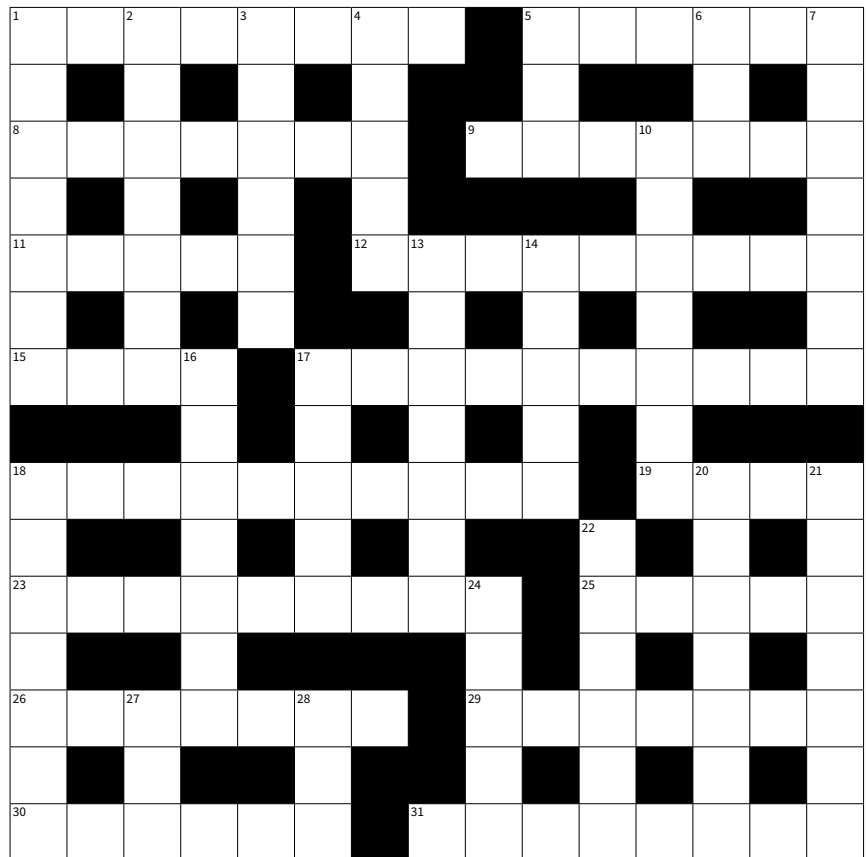
**MOST AMERICANS ARE DEALING WITH THEIR TAXES ABOUT NOW**, so I thought we should have a tax-themed puzzle. There are no complicated instructions for solving this one. You need to spend your time on your filing.

All the clues lead to common words playable in Scrabble, except for five proper nouns, a few two-word answers, a common acronym, and a common foreign word. Ignore punctuation, which is designed to confuse.

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### Across

1. On the borders of alarming perturbations
5. Privileged expect contempt from both sides
8. Dude, maybe Connecticut's giving rebates
9. Call, raise, or book
11. One hundred and fifty plan lawsuit
12. Revere's shot—arrest Sue
15. Objectively, we dropped out of pondering Dynasty
17. Avidly goad disturbed, long-haired protester
18. Climate-control worker goes after Earl's bookkeeper
19. Arid ruminations from Sally
23. Experiments with rerecording cassettes
25. The president recently deposed, "Western Ohio's at two degrees"
26. Hurry up and show some life
29. It's taking a couple of emphatically declared yes votes to get down to brass tacks
30. Arrange pieces of Elgar and Nielsen?—certainly
31. Jack and some others are beginning to wonder what he uses to open the cabinet?



### Down

1. Spot new-fangled trauma center near Mass.
2. Cardinal uncovered nothing at first like rigged voting districts
3. Return and enter the other way
4. It's a gift to be comparatively well off
5. It's often said to be near-term
6. Louis's state is one after Missouri
7. Unit is a hit in African nation
10. Rip apart themes of Bellow?
13. Art peed all over the bureaucracy
14. Nothing needs to be mentioned
16. Aware of creative costing
17. Stella's mother is *bonita*
18. In Barcelona, what comes after a vote—ruin?
20. Frank's second wife has Eric intoxicated with greed
21. Iron, swallowed by school administrators, causes hearing loss
22. Wags around Josephine's knickers
24. Nothing but net seen around Arizona and New Mexico?
27. Somewhat bloodthirsty tax collectors
28. First Lady is on the brink