

Unrealized Capital Gains Tax Proposal Takes Center Stage Ahead of Trump-Harris Debate

The Trump-Harris debate will bring the controversial unrealized capital gains tax proposal into the spotlight, with significant implications for taxpayers.

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-- As the [Trump-Harris debate on September 10](#) approaches, the tax policy landscape is set for intense

scrutiny, particularly around the proposal to tax unrealized capital gains. This controversial measure, championed by Vice President Kamala Harris, could have far-reaching implications for investors, businesses, and the broader tax community. [Tax Relief Negotiators](#), a premier tax resolution firm, is breaking down what this could mean for taxpayers and how the IRS might enforce such a policy.

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Introducing an unrealized capital gains tax would challenge both taxpayers and the IRS, potentially leading to more audits and complex tax disputes.”

Dmytro Arshynov, Managing Member of Tax Relief Negotiators

Vice President Harris’s proposal to tax unrealized capital gains—appreciation in asset value that has not yet been converted into cash—targets individuals with net wealth exceeding \$100 million. The intention is to address income inequality by increasing the tax liability of the wealthiest Americans. However, this policy could significantly alter investment behaviors and tax planning strategies across the spectrum.

“From a tax compliance perspective, the introduction of an

unrealized capital gains tax presents a complex challenge for both taxpayers and the IRS,” says Dmytro Arshynov, Managing Member of Tax Relief Negotiators. “Valuation disputes, especially for illiquid assets like privately held businesses or real estate, could lead to a significant increase in audit activity and legal battles, straining the resources of both taxpayers and the IRS.”

In contrast, former President Donald Trump has consistently opposed such measures, arguing that they would stifle economic growth, discourage investment, and complicate the tax code further. Trump’s tax philosophy centers around maintaining or lowering the current tax rates



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established by the [Tax Cuts and Jobs Act \(TCJA\) of 2017](#), which he argues has fueled economic expansion and job creation.

For the tax community, the proposed tax on unrealized gains introduces new layers of complexity in tax planning. Issues such as determining the "fair market value" of assets annually, dealing with potential carryover of losses, and the treatment of gains during market downturns are critical considerations. Moreover, the policy could necessitate significant adjustments to IRS guidelines and procedures, particularly in how audits are conducted and how disputes are resolved.

Critics within the tax profession express concerns that this tax could extend beyond the ultra-wealthy if implemented, potentially leading to broader application over time. This slippery slope could eventually affect middle-class investors, especially those holding stock options, real estate, or retirement accounts that could be subject to revaluation and taxation.

The Trump-Harris debate will likely delve into these issues, with Trump expected to emphasize the risks of economic disruption and Harris defending the policy as a means of ensuring fairness in the tax system. For taxpayers, understanding the nuances of these proposals and preparing for potential changes is crucial.

Tax Relief Negotiators stands ready to assist clients in navigating these complex tax issues, offering expertise in IRS negotiations, tax audits, and compliance strategies. As the debate unfolds and new tax policies emerge, staying informed and prepared is more important than ever.

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