

How do you score IRS enforcement?

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Excerpt:

HOW DOES THIS MATH WORK? Exactly how much funding to give the IRS has been a big battle in Washington this last decade or so. And it probably shouldn't come as much surprise that the incoming Biden administration is likely on the side of giving the tax collector a boost.

Ben Harris, who a top economic adviser to President-elect Joe Biden's campaign , said at an Economic Strategy Group event last week that improved tax compliance [would be a slam-dunk way](#) to battle income inequality, and suggested that the U.S. could raise well over \$1 trillion over a decade with more robust enforcement out of the IRS. (Hat tip to Bloomberg Tax's Lydia O'Neal on those comments, and it should be noted that Harris wasn't speaking on behalf of the Biden team at that moment.)

[That's roughly in line](#) with an estimate from former IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti, former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers and Natasha Sarin, a University of Pennsylvania law professor, who found that even short of \$100 billion in funding for the IRS could generate as much as \$1.4 trillion in new revenue over a decade.”