#1

Obama To Propose Tax Hikes On Wealthy To Help Out Middle Class

During tonight’s State of the Union address, President Obama will reportedly propose that Congress raise taxes on the wealthiest taxpayers, in part by closing a “trust fund loophole” protecting inherited money from taxes, and use the funds to expand tax credits for the middle class. What do *you* think?

Players:

Obama

Wealthy people

Middle people

Congress

Rep.

Dem.

Trust fund managers

IRS workers

Inheritors

This is a good thing

Why? Wealthy can afford it

(Democrats likes it)

Middle class will pay fewer taxes

People pay taxes

This will make a difference

Violate: Wealthy are all like Bill Gates

All middle class are supported by why

Loophole generating no money (other loopholes)

#2

Report: NFL Investigating Patriots Locker Room Attendant For ‘Deflategate’

The NFL is reportedly zeroing in on a New England Patriots locker room attendant as a “person of interest” in the so-called Deflategate scandal, in which 11 of 12 Patriots footballs used during the AFC title game were found to be under-inflated, with one source claiming a team employee took two bags of 12 balls into a single bathroom stall before the game. What do *you* think?

#3

Study: Earth 44% Doomed

A new study from a team of international researchers has found that human activity has pushed earth across four of nine environmental boundaries needed for humanity to exist in a “safe operating zone,” and that the planet is headed toward a danger zone in which long-term survival is unclear. What do *you* think?

#4

Study: 1 In 5 Spouses Commits ‘Financial Infidelity’

A new study conducted by the site CreditCards.com has found that one in five married people in the U.S. commits so-called financial infidelity by hiding purchases from their partner, with men twice as likely as women to make secret purchases on items like electronics. What do you think?

#5

Study: Dog Movies Spur Adoption For Up To 10 Years

A study has found that popular dog movies can boost adoption of featured breeds for up to 10 years after their release, though in previous cases, many families have quickly returned dogs they were not prepared to own. What do you think?

#6

Study Links Negative Tweets To More Heart Disease

According to a new study, tweets that convey negative emotions such as hate, hostility, or boredom correlate to higher rates of heart disease-related deaths in the surrounding community. What do you think?

Players:

Tweeters

* negative tweeters
* readers

Heart disease people

Doctors

Study runners

Bored people

Community

Assumptions:

-Causal

- heart disease is bad

Violated: insurance scam

Doctors who treat heart disease want this

The lonely

They people who don’t have the read the negative tweets because they died

* death is bad
* goths (grim reaper)
* population control

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