## Taxation

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U.S. internal revenue code

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#### Taxes can:

- Stimulate desirable behavior;
- Discourage unwanted behavior.

# Progressivity

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3 instances of tax progressivity:

- Regressive regime;
- Proportional regime;
- Progressive regime.

# Tax dimensions

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#### **Federal taxes**

- Income tax;
- Taxes for federal **social insurance** programs;
- Corporate taxes;
- Excise taxes.

#### **State and local taxes**

- Excise taxes;
- Property taxes;
- Income taxes.

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"One, Big Beautiful Bill" Act (2025)

# Next time: Unemployment & immigration