

# IRS Targets The Middle Class As Expected

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One of Biden's signature accomplishments has been to boost the power of the IRS over normal people. In 2022, as part of their massive spending bill, Democrats passed the largest expansion of the Internal Revenue Service in history, spending roughly \$80 billion to add 87,000 new IRS agents to the rolls of the federal government.

Liberals claimed that the agents would not target ordinary people and instead only audit "the rich."

At the time of passage, [noted](#) *New Conservative Post*, Democrats promised that there would be no auditing of regular Americans. The New York Times wrote that 'Charles P. Rettig, the Internal Revenue Service commissioner, told Congress on Thursday that the tax collection agency would not increase audits of households earning less than \$400,000 if it was given the additional \$80 billion,' but most people aren't buying it."

It turns out they were right not to trust Democrats when it comes to taxes.

Biden, as we all assumed, would use the extra IRS agents to target the middle class, and sure enough, [writes](#) *Reason Magazine*, that's exactly what they did.

***Back in August 2022, when some of us were fresh-faced and naive, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) assured us that their \$80 billion infusion of cash (over the course of a decade, so they could hire some 87,000 new workers, including but not limited to men with guns) would actually be a means of targeting millionaire and billionaire scofflaws, not ordinary middle-class earners.***

***At the time, I voiced skepticism: Correspondence audits and other audits on low- and middle-income earners are simply the easiest to conduct. The IRS has historically spent an awful lot of time targeting these groups, not monied tax dodgers who can hire teams of accountants, so why would this time be different?***

***Vindicated: “The Internal Revenue Service got an audit of its own in time for Tax Day, and two irregularities jump out,” reports The Wall Street Journal, having labored through the latest Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) reports. “President Biden’s plan to hire a new army of tax collectors is falling flat, and the agents already at work are targeting the middle class.”***

***“As of last summer, 63% of new audits targeted taxpayers with income of less than \$200,000,” reports the Journal. “Only a small overall share reached the very highest earners, while 80% of audits covered filers earning less than \$1 million.”***

Ever since 2009, Democrats have weaponized the IRS against conservatives. After 2010, Lois Lerner and the IRS [targeted](#) the Tea Party to help Barack Obama win reelection in 2012, but Biden has only upped the ante.

Whistleblowers [have claimed](#) that the IRS has purposely turned a blind eye to the misdeeds of Hunter Biden. Furthermore, the agency sent agents to [intimidate a journalist](#) the night before he testified about the president’s growing censorship regime and has [targeted conservative groups](#) critical of the White House.