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**Budget cuts at the IRS have trimmed the number of audits the agency conducts. Last year, the IRS audited 1.2 million individual tax returns out of a total of 147 million, the fewest in a decade. If you made less than $200,000, your chance of being audited in 2015 was just 0.76 percent. *(FoxBusiness.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, April 29, 2016)***

**The price of blocking Obama: Memo to Republicans "bring your nails" over the possibility Donald Trump will become the party's presidential nominee: "You brought it on yourselves," said Steven Rattner, in The New York Times. Trump's following largely consists of struggling working-class and middle-class Americans who feel abandoned by both parties. But President Obama made numerous attempts to provide jobs and assistance to people hurt by globalization and automation -- and congressional Republicans killed nearly all of them. Obama's $447 billion American Jobs Act, proposed in 2011, would have employed more than 1 million people to rebuild the nation's crumbling roads and bridges, and also included payroll tax cuts to stimulate job growth. That legislation, which would have been fully funded by higher taxes on the wealthy and some corporations, was "dead virtually upon its arrival on Capitol Hill." Obama also proposed larger tax credits for child care, and wage insurance, which would have helped laid-off workers forced to take lower-paying jobs. The GOP spitefully blocked all those measures too, in order to deny this president an economic victory. Washington's paralysis convinced millions of Americans that no one in government cares about them. The GOP reward? Trumpism. *(The Week magazine, April 29, 2016)***

**Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump both have companies registered at the same address in Wilmington, Delaware, a state that allows businesses to shift earnings there from other states without taxing them -- a loophole that's cost taxpayers $9 billion over the past decade. Clinton's Delaware company handles her speaking and book fees; Trump has 378 companies registered in the state. *(TheGuardian.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, May 6, 2016)***

**Despite his focus on evangelical Christianity, presidential candidate Ted Cruz and his banker wife donated less than 1 percent of their income to charity and nothing to churches, according to their tax returns, from 2006 to 2010. Cruz said he'd been focused on building "a solid financial foundation to provide for my children." *(Associated Press, as it appeared in The Week magazine, February 12, 2016)***

**Trump heading to court? A New York City judge ruled this week that the fraud case against Donald Trump's real estate school, known as Trump University, could go to trial as early as the fall -- raising the possibility the Republican presidential nominee will take the stand in the middle of the campaign. New York's Attorney General Eric Schneiderman filed a civil lawsuit against the now defunct school in 2013, alleging that it was unlicensed and had defrauded more than 5,000 students out of a collective $40 million by persuading them to enroll in increasingly expensive courses that failed to deliver on get-rich-quick promises. New York County Supreme Court Judge Cynthia Kern ordered a trial on the charges. In a separate class-action lawsuit against Trump University, a federal judge this week set a hearing date of July 18 -- the first day of the Republican convention. Trump has denied the fraud charges, and described Trump University as "a terrific school." *(The Week magazine, May 6, 2016)***

**In a list of $102 million in Donald Trump's charitable donations compiled by his campaign, the New York businessman did not make a single gift of his own money. Most of the 4,844 donations listed were free rounds of golf at his courses for charity auctions and events. Trump also claimed that decisions not to fully develop his properties as charitable donations. *(The Washington Post, as it appeared in The Week magazine, April 22, 2016)***

**Hillary Clinton leads Donald Trump among woman voters by 24 points in the latest Pew Research Center poll -- the largest gender gap Pew has ever recorded in a presidential race. Among men, Trump leads 49 to 43 percent. *(USA Today, as it appeared in The Week magazine, July 22, 2016)***

**Americans who vote for Donald Trump in the Republican primaries so far amount to only 4.7 percent of all eligible voters in the country, according to a calculation by the organization FairVote. *(The Washington Post, as it appeared in The Week magazine, May 20, 2016)***

**Donald Trump and his businesses have been involved in at least 3,500 lawsuits in federal and state courts during the past three decades. The lawsuits involve personal defamation claims, battles with patrons of his casinos over their unpaid debts, claims that Trump did not pay contractors, and failed condo projects. *(USA Today, as it appeared in The Week magazine, June 17, 2016)***

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