

Teachers Are Not Payed Enough

There are current debates across the United States surrounding teachers' current salary. This debate is sometimes seen as two sided with some saying teachers are paid well or paid too little. During March of 2018, CBS News conducted a poll that showed 68% of Americans think teachers are paid too little. There are currently 3.5 million full- and -part-time public-school teachers according to an article written by Evenpolitics.com. In the same article written in December of 2021 it states "Teachers' actual salaries (including bonuses and allowances) remain below the average salaries of similarly educated full-time, full-year workers. Depending on the level of education taught, teachers' salaries are between 55% and 59% of the average salaries of similarly educated workers in the United States. For lower secondary [middle school] teachers, the figure is 58%, the second-lowest among all OECD (The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries with available data, after the Czech Republic."

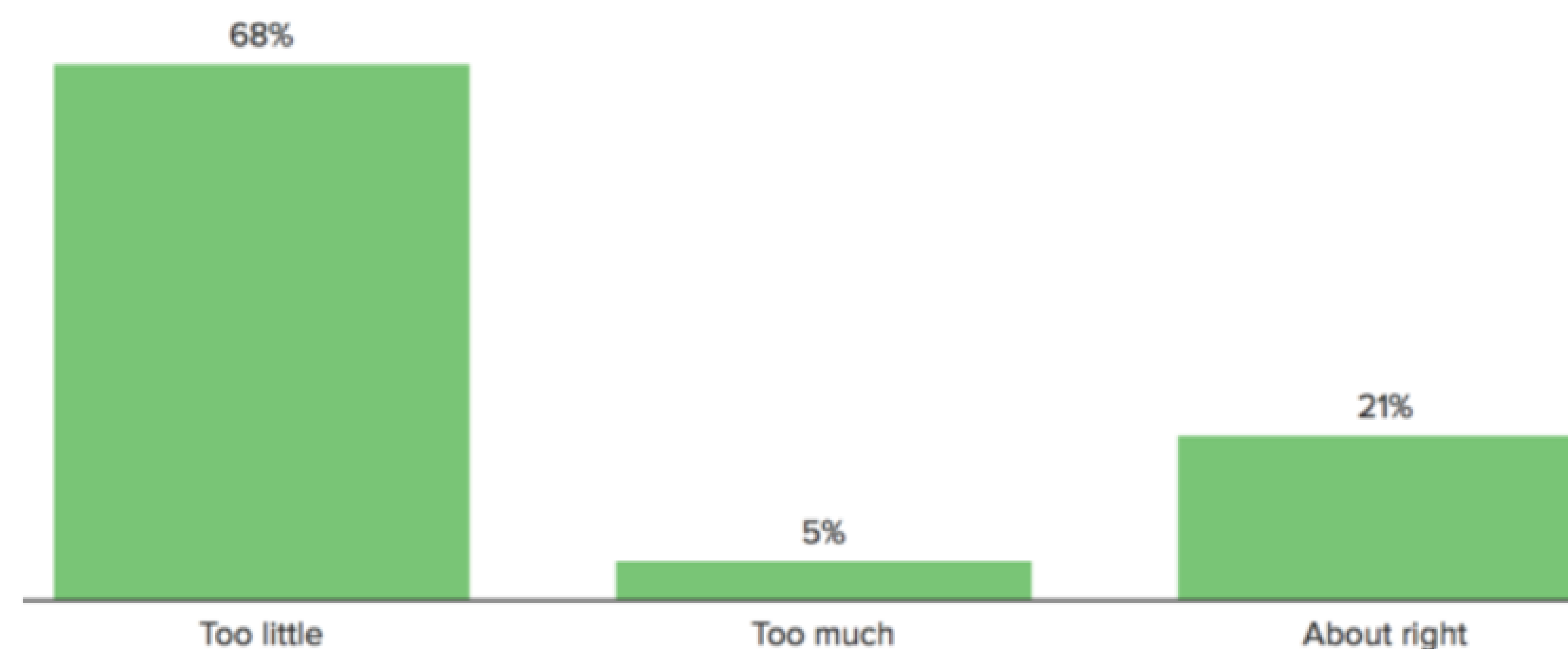


TEACHER PAY

The Two Sides & One Great Solution

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Teachers in your community are paid...



Source: CBS News poll, March 8-11, 2018

Solution

A solution to that will improve the pay of teachers, would be decreasing the amount of taxes that public school teachers pay with tax breaks and tax cuts. Or completely exempting public school teachers from paying income taxes on their public-school salaries. Based on a 2020 study done by Purefy.com. They found that the average high school teacher makes 61,000 GoBankingRates.com says the average person who makes 61,000, pays 10,275 in taxes. When you multiply \$10,275 (the average amount of tax paid) by the number of public-school teachers (3.5 million) you find that the government is receiving about 35,962,500,000 of these hard-working public servants. The government can make this up by increasing tax on citizens or decreasing public spending. With public school teachers no longer paying taxes, they will be joining with non-profit organizations and religious groups who also don't pay taxes.

Teachers Are Payed Well

In the same CBS News poll conducted in 2018, it shows that 21% of Americans think teachers are paid just the right amount. This shows that there are two sides to this discussion that is happening on teacher pay. The Bureau of Labor Statistics says that the average American makes \$45,760 as of 2021. This shows that the average high school teacher salary is almost 16,000 more than the average American.

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