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# 'Robin Hood' plan heroic or villainous?



Gary Varvel, The Indianapolis Star / Courtesy of AAEC

## Talking points

- 1. Why do these cartoons refer to Robin Hood?
- 2. What did President Obama actually propose in his State of the Union speech?
- 3. Why do opponents call the president's proposals "class warfare?" What is that?
- 4. What has happened to U.S. middle class incomes over the last 30 years? What has happened to the wealthy?
- 5. What do opponents say are the dangers of raising taxes on the wealthy?
- 6. How do Republicans plan to reduce the income gap?

### Between the lines

"Lobbyists have rigged the tax code with loopholes . . . with giveaways the superrich don't need, denying a break to middle class families who do."

- President Obama's State of the Union speech

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