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(Via email to letters@nytimes.com)

Letters to the Editor
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Dear Editor:

President Obama and Governor Romney argued last night about whether taxes should be cut for the highest income taxpayers.

Mr. Romney proclaimed that under his presidency their tax rate would be cut but they would still pay the same share of income tax—about 60% of the total.

Uncommented is the conclusion that for a $5 trillion tax cut, maintaining the “same share” of taxes means that this highest income group would pay $3 trillion less in taxes (60% of $5 trillion) than they do now.

Sincerely yours,

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