# Tax Haven

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## Definition and features



Place where people/ companies pay less tax than they would pay in their own country. Usually is called and "Offshore zones".



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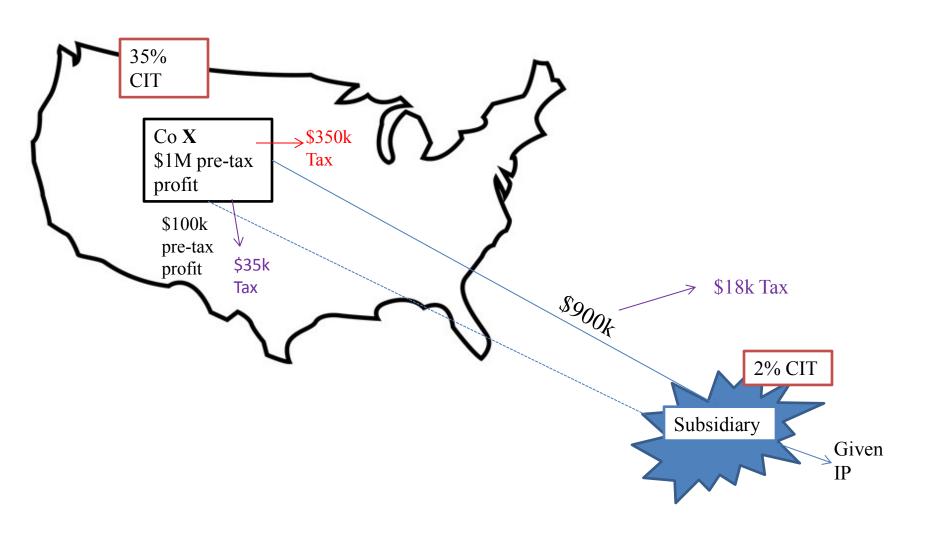


lack of transparency;



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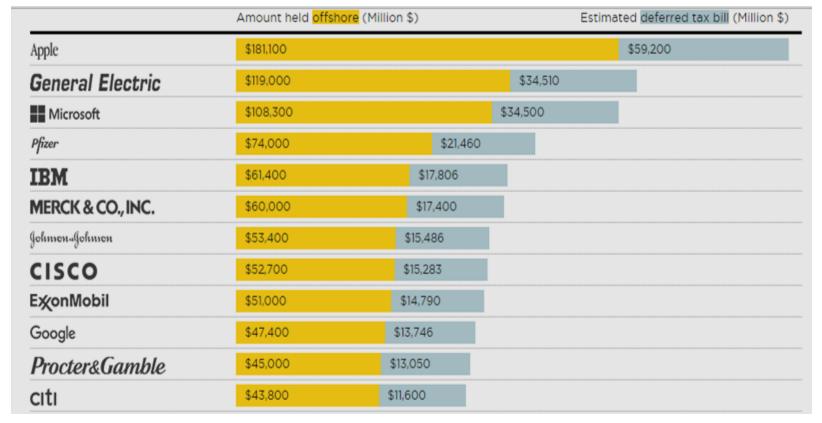
### The way tax havens develop



### Facts about tax haven

## Tax haven countries

- British Virgin Island,
- Bahamas,
- The Netherlands,
- Luxembourg, etc.



### Financial and economic implications

The most taxes remain to be paid by middle and lower class, contributing to the increase in the gap between the best off and poorest in society

Governments have to face budget deficit

Tax havens

Instead of long term investment, countries with low tax rates are used for money laundering.

Possibility of banks and investment funds to invest in any kind of asset, including "toxic assets"

# Fighting tax havens

Identify a practical monitoring method of international transactions

Improve the public transparency of the companies' activity

Develop the worldwide transfer pricing practice

Creating a better business environment in developing and developed countries, as well

### Conclusion





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