

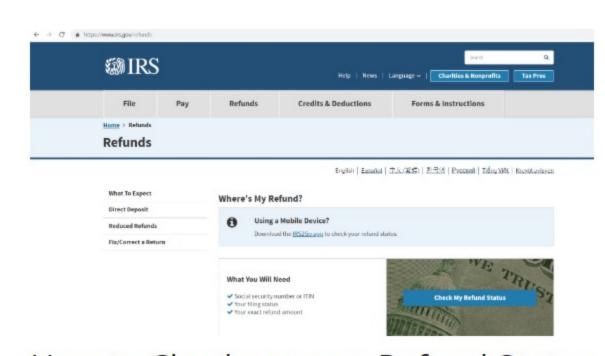
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## 45% of Americans Pay No Federal Income Tax

Disparity of income has been a preponderate subject for politicians and activist groups for sometime, yet in the end, it's those that earn the higher incomes that pay for the majority of taxes.

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## How to Check on your Refund Status According to the IRS, as of April 19th, the agency had issued over 95

million tax refunds worth more than \$260 billion. The average refund so far through mid-April is \$2,863, slightly less than the average refund from last year.

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China are still a threat to global markets as an agreement regarding tariffs and intellectual property rights has yet to be finalized. **READ MORE** 



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technologies and financials, contributing over half of the S&P 500 Index

4.05% return for April.



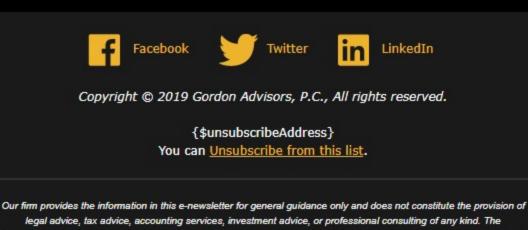
Social Security Falls Short on **Projections** 

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