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Millionaires say 'tax us more' – 26th May, 2022

## Level 0

Times are hard. COVID-19 and the Ukraine War have increased prices. In some countries, energy prices have tripled. Food is more expensive. A group of rich people want to pay more tax. The people were at a meeting in Davos, Switzerland. They marched in the streets. They asked for higher taxes for people like them.

The Davos meeting started in 1971. World leaders meet there to talk about global problems. Some millionaires at Davos were shocked. They said leaders listen "to those who have the most but know the least" about the cost of living crisis. They said a quarter of a billion more people would experience poverty this year.

## Level 1

Times are hard for people. COVID-19 and the Ukraine War have increased food and energy prices. In some countries, energy prices have tripled. Food is 20 per cent more expensive than last year. A group of rich people has asked governments to tax them more. The people were at a meeting of global leaders in Davos, Switzerland. They protested in the streets with left-wing activists. They asked for higher taxes for people like them.

The Davos meeting started in 1971. World leaders meet there every year to talk about global problems. The group of wealthy people said it was shocking that world leaders listen "to those who have the most but know the least" about the cost of living crisis. It said super-rich people are well known for paying very little in tax. One of the millionaire protestors said "another quarter of a billion people will be pushed into extreme poverty this year".

## Level 2

Times are hard for people because of rising prices. COVID-19 and the Ukraine War have pushed up food and energy bills. In some countries, energy prices have tripled and food is 20 per cent more expensive than a year ago. A group of wealthy people who own companies has asked governments to tax them more. The people were at a meeting of global leaders in Davos, Switzerland. They protested in the streets. They marched with left-wing activists. They asked governments to increase taxes for people like them. The protestors wanted fairer taxes.

The Davos meeting has been held since 1971. World leaders meet there once a year to talk about global problems. The group of wealthy people call themselves the Patriotic Millionaires. One millionaire said it was shocking that world leaders listen "to those who have the most but know the least" about the cost of living crisis. He said many super-rich people are well known for paying very little in tax. He added that he wants the richest people to be taxed more. A different millionaire protestor said "another quarter of a billion people will be pushed into extreme poverty this year".

## Level 3

Times are hard for many people. Prices are rising around the world. The COVID-19 pandemic and Ukraine War have pushed up food and energy bills. In some countries, the price of energy has tripled. In other countries, food is 20 per cent more expensive than a year ago. A group of wealthy business leaders who own multi-billion-dollar companies has asked their governments to tax them more. The leaders met at a meeting of global leaders in Davos, Switzerland. The group of multi-millionaires and billionaires actually protested in the streets. They called for governments to increase taxes for people like them. They marched in the streets with left-wing activists. The protestors wanted fairer tax systems.

The World Economic Forum has been held in Davos, Switzerland since 1971. World leaders meet there once a year to discuss global problems. The group of wealthy business people called themselves the Patriotic Millionaires. A UK millionaire said: "It's outrageous that our political leaders listen to those who have the most but know the least about the economic impact of this cost of living crisis." He said many super-rich people "pay infamously little in taxes". He added: "The only acceptable outcome from this conference is to tax the richest and tax us now." Another millionaire at the protest said: "We have hit the end of the line when another quarter of a billion people will be pushed into extreme poverty this year."