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# Biden Aims at Top 0.3% With Bid to Tax Capital Like Wages

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The White House plans to propose almost doubling the capital gains tax rate for those earning \$1 million or more, to 39.6%, according to people familiar with the proposal. That wouldn't affect many. Only about 0.32% of American taxpayers reported adjusted gross income of more than \$1 million and capital gains or losses on their returns, according to Internal Revenue Service tax return data from 2018.

The new marginal 39.6% rate would be an increase from the current base rate of 20%, the people said on the condition of anonymity because the plan is not yet public. A 3.8% tax on investment income that funds Obamacare would be kept in place, they added.