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Stat Minute: Taxes

What to Measured

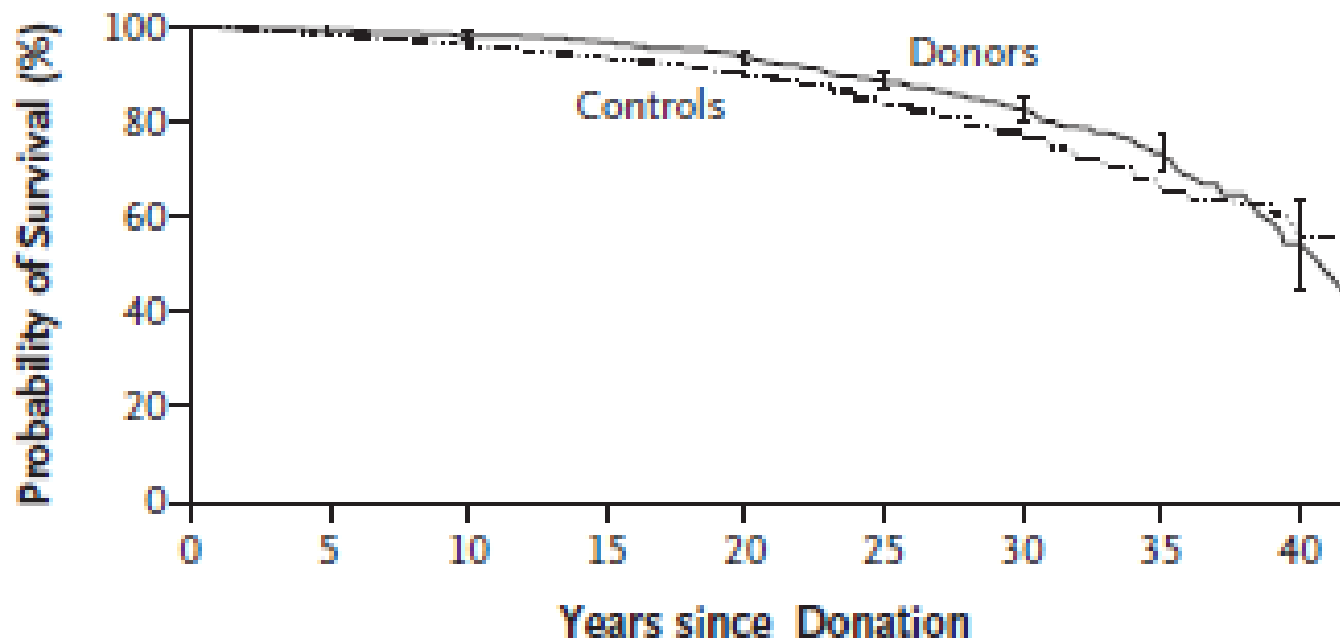
- Gov. Pawlenty (*Strib* op-ed, Jan 25):
“A study by the Tax Foundation shows that Minnesota has the **third-highest business tax rate in the world**, adding together state and federal burdens.”
- Letter to the *Strib*, Jan. 29:
“A tax rate means nothing. **It's what is actually paid after deductions and loopholes that matters.** The governor's source, the Tax Foundation ... shows clearly that actual corporate income taxes paid in Minnesota are not among the three highest -- in the world, or for that matter, the nation! “



Stat Minute: Kidney Donors

- “Donate a kidney; you'll feel good and be just as healthy”, *Strib*, Jan. 29
- Follow-up of (all) 3700 U of MN kidney donors, 1963—2003 via interviews, death records.
- Comparison group?
- Sample of same size, matched on age, sex, ethnicity, Body mass index, from a large NIH data base.





No. of Donors 3698 2716 2065 1575 1228 775 410 140 16

Figure 1. Survival of Kidney Donors and Controls from the General Population. I bars at 5-year intervals indicate 95% confidence intervals for the probability of survival among kidney donors.

From: Ibrahim *et al*, *N Engl J Med* 360;5 nejm.org Jan 29, 2009



What Red Ink? Wall Street Paid Hefty Bonuses



- By almost any measure, 2008 was a complete disaster for Wall Street — except, that is, when the bonuses arrived.



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