By the numbers

Two decades ago, when Bill Clinton was elected president, the 400 highest-earning taxpayers in America paid nearly 27 percent of their income in federal taxes, according to I.R.S. data.

By 2012, when
President Obama was re-elected,
that figure had fallen to less than
17 percent, which is just slightly more
than the typical family making
\$100,000 annually, when payroll
taxes are included for both groups.

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