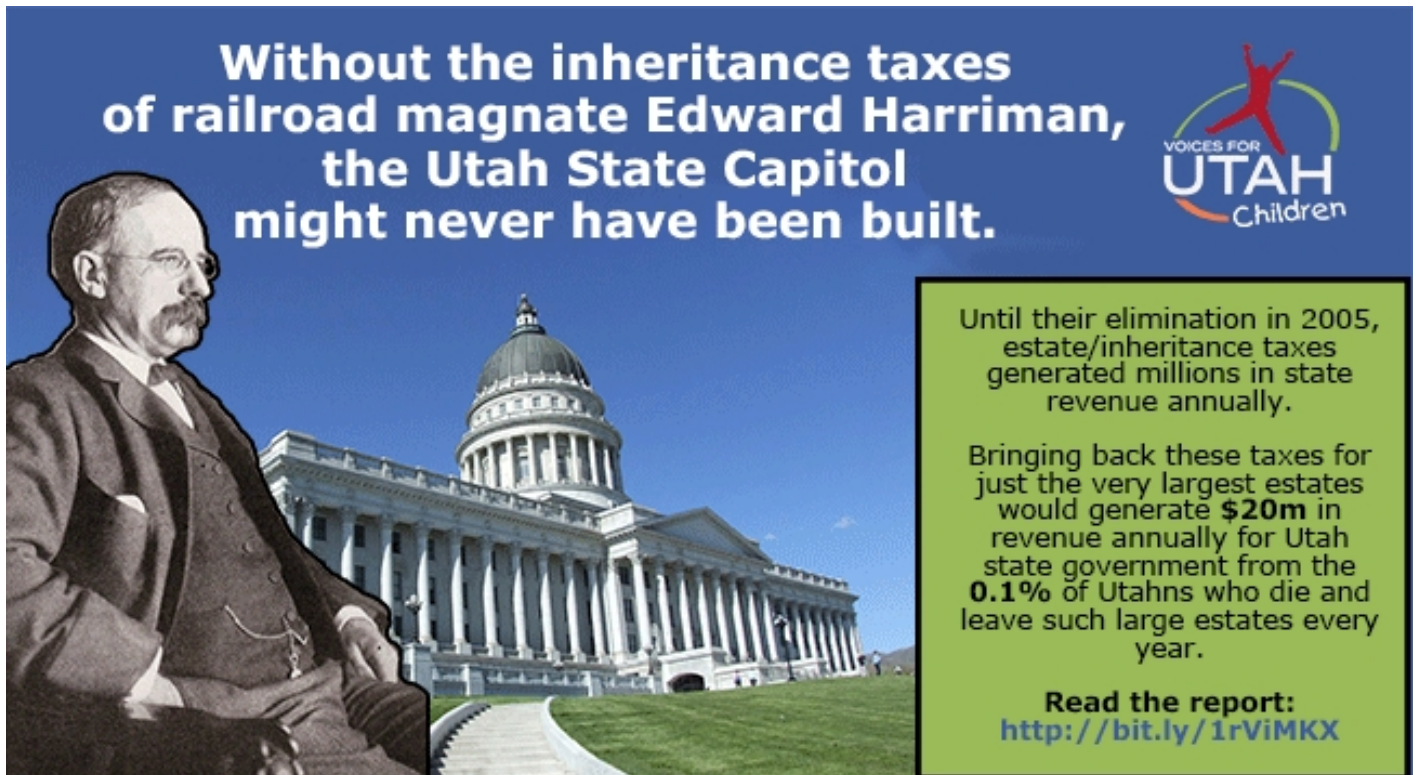


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**Without the inheritance taxes of railroad magnate Edward Harriman, the Utah State Capitol might never have been built.**

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Until their elimination in 2005, estate/inheritance taxes generated millions in state revenue annually.

Bringing back these taxes for just the very largest estates would generate **\$20m** in revenue annually for Utah state government from the **0.1%** of Utahns who die and leave such large estates every year.

**Read the report:**  
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The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities has released a new report, [State Estate Taxes: A Key Tool for Broad Prosperity](#). The report makes the following recommendation:

As the income gap between the wealthiest Americans and those at the bottom and middle has widened in recent years, many states have eliminated their estate tax ? a key tool for reducing inequality and building broadly shared prosperity. States that have eliminated their estate tax should reinstate it and those with an estate tax should keep it and, if needed, improve it.

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For 30 years now, Voices for Utah Children has called on our state, federal and local leaders to put children's needs first. But the work is not done. The children of 30 years ago now have children of their own. Too many of these children are growing

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