

Will you break-even on Roth contributions before you die? (... probably not)

- **If some Roth contributions are made while working, then Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) on traditional retirement accounts will be lower after age 72**
- **Lower RMD income taxes after age 72 are the investment payback mechanism to recover the lost deductible income tax savings and lost subsequent asset appreciation**
- **It can take many years to overcome the financial head-start that traditional deductible contributions have**
- **The vast majority of people will NOT accumulate enough traditional retirement assets and thus will NOT pay high enough RMD income taxes to payback the lost tax savings and lost appreciation**
- **The typical Roth versus traditional contribution breakeven age is greater than average life expectancy**