

Taxing America To Death: 545 Responsible For This Mess

“The income tax has destroyed the concept of financial privacy. It has demolished the idea that a man’s home is his castle. It has provided unlimited funding for politicians to wreck lives and property. It has forced one-earner families to become two-earner households – leading to decreased parental supervision of children; loss of family values; and increased crime, promiscuity and drug use. So long as the government has the power to invade our lives, rummage through our records, and take what it wants from our income, we will have only as much freedom and take-home pay as the politicians condescend to let us have.” –Harry Browne

First, I have to tell how the Word of God NEVER ceases to amaze me. It covers every facet of life known to mankind, from how we are to live before our Creator (John 14:21; 2 Corinthians 5:15; Ephesians 2:8, etc.) to how we are to treat each other (Luke 6:32), and how we are to address every given situation that pertains to our everyday life, and yes, even taxes (Mark 12:17).

Before I get started here, lest one attempts to pervert my words (Matthew 22:15), for the record, I am not a tax protester. I am simply just tired of the lack of accountability and reallocation of my tax dollars being spent where I have not delegated my representatives to disperse them.

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Without further ado, let me address the issue.

Charlie Reese was a former writer for the Orlando Sentinel in Florida for over 40 years and when it came to his taking a last stand in confronting the established government (*This*

column was originally published in the *Orlando Sentinel* on Feb. 3, 1984), he named his last column "545 people are responsible for the mess, but they unite in a common con." He wrote,

"Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them.

Have you ever wondered why, if both the Democrats and the Republicans (Unconstitutional) are against deficits, we have deficits?

Have you ever wondered why, if all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes, we have inflation and high taxes? (I'll get to this in a moment)!

You and I don't propose a federal budget. The president does. You and I don't have the constitutional authority to vote n appropriations. The **House of Representatives** does. You and I don't write the tax code (There isn't one). The **Congress** does. You and I don't set fiscal policy the Congress does. You and I don't control monetary policy. The **Federal Reserve Bank** does.

One hundred senators, 435 congressmen, one president, and nine (Unelected) Supreme Court justices – 545 human beings out of 238 million (325.7 presently)- are directly, legally, morally and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country. Don't forget about the 325.7 million Americans today that tolerate this.

I excluded the members of the Federal Reserve Bank because that problem was created by the Congress. In 1913, Congress delegated its constitutional duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered but private central bank.

I exclude all of the special interest and lobbyists for a sound reason. They have no legal authority. They have no ability to coerce a senator, a congressman or a president to do one cotton-picking thing. I don't care if they offer a

politician \$1 million in cash. The politician has the power to accept or reject it.

The American Politician: Yes, We Are Corrupt!

No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator's responsibility to determine how he votes.

Don't you see now the con game that is played on the people by the politicians? Those 545 human beings spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault. They cooperate in this common con regardless of party (Article 4 section 4 US Constitution).

What separates a politician from a normal human being is an excessive amount of gall. No normal human being would have the gall of Tip O'Neill, who stood up and criticized **Ronald Reagan** for creating deficits.

The president can only propose a budget. He cannot force the Congress to accept it. The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land (Article 6 section 2), gives sole responsibility to the House of Representatives for originating appropriations and taxes. O'Neill is speaker of the House. He is the leader of the majority party. He and his fellow Democrats, not the president, can approve any budget they want. If the president vetoes it, they can pass it over his veto.

Just 545 Americans have fouled up this great nation (With the approval of the 325.7 million Americans that have failed to hold them accountable).

It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of 235 million cannot replace 545 people who stand convicted – by present facts – of incompetence and irresponsibility.

I can't think of a single domestic problem, from an unfair tax

code to defense overruns, that is not traceable directly to those people.

When you fully grasp the plain truth that 545 people exercise complete power over the federal government, then it must follow that what exists is what they want to exist.



If the tax code is unfair, it's because they want it unfair. If the budget is in the red, it's because they want it in the red. If the Marines are in **Lebanon**, it's because they want them in Lebanon.

There are no insoluble government problems. Do not let these 545 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom they hire and whose jobs they can abolish; to lobbyists, whose gifts and advice they can reject; to regulators, to whom they give the power to regulate and from whom they can take it.

Above all, do not let them con you into the belief that there exist disembodied mystical force like "the economy," "inflation" or "politics" that prevent them from doing what they take an oath to do.

Those 545 people and they alone are responsible. They and they alone have the power. they and they alone should be held accountable by the people who are their bosses – provided they have the gumption to manage their own employees."

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I mean to highlight what Charlie had written concerning taxation. Here is a partial list of taxes that Americans pay. Did you approve of these tax appropriations?

[Michael Snyder](#) wrote:

#1 Air Transportation Taxes (just look at how much you were charged the last time you flew)

#2 Biodiesel Fuel Taxes

#3 Building Permit Taxes

#4 Business Registration Fees

#5 Capital Gains Taxes

#6 Cigarette Taxes

#7 Court Fines (indirect taxes)

#8 Disposal Fees

#9 Dog License Taxes

#10 Drivers License Fees (another form of taxation)

#11 Employer Health Insurance Mandate Tax

#12 Employer Medicare Taxes

#13 Employer Social Security Taxes

#14 Environmental Fees

#15 Estate Taxes

#16 Excise Taxes On Comprehensive Health Insurance Plans

#17 Federal Corporate Taxes

#18 Federal Income Taxes

#19 Federal Unemployment Taxes

#20 Fishing License Taxes

#21 Flush Taxes (yes, this actually exists in some areas)

- #22** Food And Beverage License Fees
- #23** Franchise Business Taxes
- #24** Garbage Taxes
- #25** Gasoline Taxes
- #26** Gift Taxes
- #27** Gun Ownership Permits
- #28** Hazardous Material Disposal Fees
- #29** Highway Access Fees
- #30** Hotel Taxes (these are becoming quite large in some areas)
- #31** Hunting License Taxes
- #32** Import Taxes
- #33** Individual Health Insurance Mandate Taxes
- #34** Inheritance Taxes
- #35** Insect Control Hazardous Materials Licenses
- #36** Inspection Fees
- #37** Insurance Premium Taxes
- #38** Interstate User Diesel Fuel Taxes
- #39** Inventory Taxes
- #40** IRA Early Withdrawal Taxes
- #41** IRS Interest Charges (tax on top of tax)
- #42** IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax)
- #43** Library Taxes

- #44 License Plate Fees
- #45 Liquor Taxes
- #46 Local Corporate Taxes
- #47 Local Income Taxes
- #48 Local School Taxes
- #49 Local Unemployment Taxes
- #50 Luxury Taxes
- #51 Marriage License Taxes
- #52 Medicare Taxes
- #53 Medicare Tax Surcharge On High Earning Americans Under Obamacare
- #54 Obamacare Individual Mandate Excise Tax (if you **don't buy** "qualifying" health insurance under Obamacare you will have to pay an **additional tax**)
- #55 Obamacare Surtax On Investment Income (a new 3.8% surtax on investment income)
- #56 Parking Meters
- #57 Passport Fees
- #58 Professional Licenses And Fees (another form of taxation)
- #59 Property Taxes
- #60 Real Estate Taxes
- #61 Recreational Vehicle Taxes
- #62 Registration Fees For New Businesses
- #63 Toll Booth Taxes

- #64** Sales Taxes
- #65** Self-Employment Taxes
- #66** Sewer & Water Taxes
- #67** School Taxes
- #68** Septic Permit Taxes
- #69** Service Charge Taxes
- #70** Social Security Taxes
- #71** Special Assessments For Road Repairs Or Construction
- #72** Sports Stadium Taxes
- #73** State Corporate Taxes
- #74** State Income Taxes
- #75** State Park Entrance Fees
- #76** State Unemployment Taxes (SUTA)
- #77** Tanning Taxes (a new Obamacare tax on tanning services)
- #78** Telephone 911 Service Taxes
- #79** Telephone Federal Excise Taxes
- #80** Telephone Federal Universal Service Fee Taxes
- #81** Telephone Minimum Usage Surcharge Taxes
- #82** Telephone State And Local Taxes
- #83** Telephone Universal Access Taxes
- #84** The Alternative Minimum Tax
- #85** Tire Recycling Fees

#86 Tire Taxes

#87 Tolls (another form of taxation)

#88 Traffic Fines (indirect taxation)

#89 Use Taxes (Out of state purchases, etc.)

#90 Utility Taxes

#91 Vehicle Registration Taxes

#92 Waste Management Taxes

#93 Water Rights Fees

#94 Watercraft Registration & Licensing Fees

#95 Well Permit Fees

#96 Workers Compensation Taxes

#97 Zoning Permit Fees

Yet, despite all of this oppressive taxation, our local governments, our state governments and our federal government are all absolutely drowning in debt. To date 22.03 trillion dollars.

When the federal income tax was originally introduced a little more than 100 years ago, most Americans were taxed at a rate of only 1 percent. Many of today's taxes were not incurred then.

But once they get their feet in the door, the social planners always want more.

Since that time, tax rates have gone much higher and the tax code has exploded in size.

1 – The U.S. tax code is now [3.8 million](#) words long. If you took all of William Shakespeare's works and collected them

together, the entire collection would only be about 900,000 words long.

2 – According to the National Taxpayers Union, U.S. taxpayers spend [more than 7.6 billion hours](#) complying with federal tax requirements. Imagine what our society would look like if all that time was spent on more economically profitable activities.

3 – 75 years ago, the instructions for Form 1040 were two pages long. Today, they are [189 pages](#) long.

4 – There have been [4,428 changes](#) to the tax code over the last decade. It is incredibly costly to change tax software, tax manuals and tax instruction booklets for all of those changes.

5 – According to the National Taxpayers Union, the IRS currently has [1,999](#) different publications, forms, and instruction sheets that you can download from the IRS website.

6 – Our tax system has become so complicated that it is almost impossible to file your taxes correctly. For example, back in 1998 Money Magazine had [46 different tax professionals](#) complete a tax return for a hypothetical household. All 46 of them came up with a different result.

7 – In 2009, PC World had five of the most popular tax preparation software websites prepare a tax return for a hypothetical household. All five of them came up [with a different result](#).

8 – The IRS spends [\\$2.45](#) for every \$100 that it collects in taxes.

9 – According to The Tax Foundation, the average American has to work [until April 17th](#) just to pay federal, state, and local taxes. Back in 1900, “Tax Freedom Day” came [on January 22nd](#).

10 – When the U.S. government first implemented a personal

income tax back in 1913, the vast majority of the population paid a rate of just [1 percent](#), and the highest marginal tax rate was just [7 percent](#).

If it was up to me, I would abolish the income tax and shut the IRS down.

But neither major political party in the United States is even willing to consider such a thing.

So the monstrous system that we have created will continue to get even bigger and even more complicated.

We are literally being taxed into oblivion, and most Americans don't even seem to care.

Simply put, Americans are paying for their own demise (Numbers 32:23).

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