

# Tax Deadbeats Call for Higher Taxes

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[David Boaz](#) from the Cato Institute calls out some famous pro-taxers for not paying their own taxes:

*Advocates of limited government often worry about [how to maintain republican government and freedom](#) if a substantial portion of the population don't pay taxes and are net beneficiaries of government largesse.*

*Lately, it seems like a lot of the advocates of bigger government and higher taxes don't pay their own taxes — like [Tom Daschle](#), [Timothy Geithner](#), [Eleanor Holmes Norton](#), [Charles Rangel](#), [Al Franken](#), Governor David Paterson's [top aide](#), [Democratic National Convention](#) staffers, [Al Sharpton](#), and so on.*

Now the Washington Post [has found another one](#):

*Since joining the D.C. Council two years ago, Michael A. Brown has become the chief advocate for raising taxes on the city's wealthiest residents, arguing that those who earn at least \$250,000 a year are not paying their share.*

*Yet Brown and his wife have failed to pay the property taxes on a Chevy Chase home assessed at \$1.4 million, according to public records. Brown, who earns more than \$300,000 a year, owes the District \$14,263 for property taxes, the records show.*

*I guess it's easy to support higher taxes if you don't intend to pay them. But I suggest that Brown bite the bullet, recruit Daschle, Franken, Norton, and their colleagues, and form a new organization:*

*Non-Taxpayers for a Tax Hike*

Touche!