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Work harder and the IRS takes more

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Editor:

Harry Reid called our income tax system a voluntary one. He wants you to think it's just like giving to your church, or charity. Giving is an emotional act, usually done from the heart. Americans give to many causes, more than any other nation on Earth. We are a giving people

George W. Bush once advanced the scariest idea I'd ever heard of. In 2001 The CATO Institute reported "President George W. Bush has proposed that faith-based charities be made eligible to receive billions of dollars in federal grants to provide social services." Government would have decided which religious organizations received funding. Someone in Washington D. C. would hand out favors to his or her best choice.

When government hands out your tax dollars, is that giving? More than likely the IRS would have been in charge of selecting the "proper" receivers of these monies. Someone like Lois Lerner would choose between Catholics or Baptists or Lutherans, etc.

I mention this to contrast it with the theft that is our current tax system. You have no say in how much they take. They want to crush your hope — work harder and they take more. The FairTax is voluntary.

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