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(Un)Happy Tax Day - Think Tank Lineup



From the Cato Institute:

(Un)Happy Tax Day By: Tad DeHaven

"Today is that unofficial American holiday where we mourn the loss of a year's worth of productive private resources to our bloated federal government. And it's not just the actual dollars paid to Uncle Sam – it's also the economic loss due to all the time and money wasted trying to comply with an increasingly complex tax code:"

Click here to read the rest of the article and see some truly startling graphs and figures.

The Reason Foundation

Lower and Simplify Taxes! By: John Stossel

"How'd we get to this point? U.S taxes were once simple! The government funded itself on tariffs and excise taxes. It didn't violate our privacy by asking us how much we made or how many dependents we have.

But in 1913, the politicians decided they needed an income tax.

At first, they took little money: just 1 percent on incomes between \$20,000 and \$50,000. Those were big incomes—adjusted for inflation, \$50,000 is \$1.1 million today. The top bracket paid 6 percent, but that only applied to people who earned at least \$11 million in today's dollars. Anyone who made less than \$400,000 paid no income tax.

But leave the amounts aside. The increase in complexity is just as evil."

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The Competitive Enterprise Institute

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Today, April 9, is Tax Freedom Day. The good folks at the Tax Foundation calculated how much money local, state, and federal governments harvested last year from taxpayers (\$3,469,000,000,000), and compared that to national income (\$12,901,000,000,000). At 26.89 percent of national income, you basically work until April 9 just to pay off your taxes.

Read the whole article here.

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Harleyrider19 said...
 Who else was real excited during this tax time? I always love just handing 30 grand to a government that does such good things with the money. :(
 APRIL 15, 2010 9:37 PM

W. E. Messamore said...
 That's the perverse thing about it, Harleyrider- *lots* of people get excited during tax time because they get money back for having overpaid into the system.
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