

## INCOME TAX

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Man is a social animal, comes in male and female, has a natural huge ego, tamed to be human over eons of strife. Today, man still loves the word “mine”.  
That’s my short history of mankind.

At the right time, our founding fathers declared  
“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal,  
endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights,  
among these life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

And from that, their colonies separated from Mom,  
created this nation,  
produced the current mountain of “You must and You cant’s”  
words generally accepted as the Laws of the Land.

To provide for this ideal fairly, each governing group must have a few bucks.  
With the majority approval, fees are collected. Given the now onerous title TAX.

From wikipedia, a tax is not a voluntary payment or donation. It has many faces.  
Toll, tribute, tallage, impost, custom, excise, subsidy, aid, supply, and on.

The monster in this money-need-for-services is Federal, the very group directed to  
preserve “life, liberty and pursuit of happiness”  
.To provide these, Tax laws have been established, in myriad forms.  
Then this chorus from the gallery, sings out , without harmony,  
“That’s My Money You’re Taking”.

Who has the fortitude is to step up today, support the Founding Fathers?

Not that many apparently. Why? It is believed that unfairness exists in the  
system, government takes too many dollars, spends them foolishly.

The Federal Income for the current year is estimated at 2.47 trillion. 57% is from  
Income Tax, 34% from Social Security tax, the other 9 percent  
from Ad Valorem, Business, myriad other sources.  
The enacted Budget for the year was almost identical.  
This cannot be true, for the Deficit is real.

The Social Security Administration Law has typically collected more tax revenue than dollars paid to retirees and disabled. Historically since 1935, the Social Security Administration has been collecting pennies on each dollar of wage, supplemented by a same amount from employer. These combined pennies have provided thirteen trillions dollars to retirees since enacted.

Though that program remains factually solvent,  
Social Security has been under attack even before its inception;  
yet it has been maintained by its useful productivity.  
Many in Windsor Gardens depend on that Social Security check for their welfare.  
Social Security remains popular today in spite of setbacks.

The same cannot be said for Income Tax for which there is no advocate to  
overcome the cry  
"That's My Money you're Taking."

That was equally true the final four years of the second Clinton Administration.  
In each year, the government collected more money than it spent,  
balanced the budget, used the surplus to reduce the National debt.  
This would be the only four consecutive years of such responsibility  
in the lifetime of those now alive.  
Did anyone applaud?

Annually April 15 is a factual collection of dollars to protect those  
"unalienable rights, among these life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."  
Obviously these simple words have become expensive.  
We seniors, and most Americans, are rarely overwhelmed by the Income tax due.  
The least we should do is complete, timely mail the 1040 annually,  
give thanks to be living in America.  
For we know, it is our money our government is spending on us

