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by Joe Escobar - Thursday, April 18, 2013, 11:04 PM

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agreeing with collidge

by Tyler Kennedy - Monday, April 22, 2013, 4:21 PM

I agree with Coolidge's position. He wanted everyone to step up and do their part and to help fund the government. He said it was the greatest favor the government could ask. He then went on to say that he wanted to cut down public expense, so people wouldn't have to pay too much.

For the news paper article I read an article by Thomas Friedman (here's the link <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/21/opinion/sunday/friedman-how-to-put-america-back-together-again.html?pagewanted=1&r=0&ref=taxation>) about a carbon tax, which he strongly supports. The way he presents the tax is that it will have a few different outcomes, all of which are positive and it gives you no reason why you shouldn't support the tax. In this article I see no connection to Coolidge.

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Re: Taxation by the Federal Government

by Alex McNeil - Monday, April 22, 2013, 9:33 PM

I generally count myself to be a Democrat. I don't agree with all views espoused by every Democrat, but liberal fiscal policy is a place where my opinion aligns with the conventions held by the party. As such, I like taxes. I think that the government is good at spending money well, and that a single concerted effort by a single government body is bound to provide more bounty for the citizens of its nation than the disunified citizens of that same country. So I guess I'm coming out as disagreeing with Coolidge's speech.

Government spending is good, in general. The continued strengthening of our GDP is, at this point, only sustainable through government spending.

To argue against the flawed position of those who advocate against heavy government spending--which usually goes hand-in-hand with a decrease in taxation--I've chosen a recent article by the LA Times. The article is about Paul Ryan's deficit reduction plan, a plan which seeks to decrease taxes while funding the reduction of the deficit. It's just not feasible, and we see here that it would in fact be damaging. <http://articles.latimes.com/2012/aug/15/business/la-fi-hiltzik-20120815>

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Re: Taxation by the Federal Government; Coolridge

by Morgan Martinka - Monday, April 22, 2013, 10:14 PM

I agree with Coolidge on his position of taxation. Who wouldn't want their government to be a bit more frugal in the interest of it's citizens. I found it interesting the way Coolidge puts it together that every increase in government spending is equivalent to hours worked by American citizens. People should "work less for the government and more for themselves". Citizens in a free society need to pay taxes to sustain a government that protects them, their interests, and their freedoms. The fundamental problem with any bureaucracy is the slow, incremental way it will always bloat its own budget. Every now and then it is necessary to open the books, make some needed cutbacks, and show the people that their hard earned money is being spent responsibly by the politicians elected to represent them.

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