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by Joe Escobar – Saturday, April 16, 2016, 4:35 PM

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Calvin Coolidge

by Benjamin Glaeser – Monday, April 18, 2016, 11:48 AM

Overall I mostly agree with Calvin Coolidge. One point in particular I agree with is that the cost of government reaches everyone, I think everyone should pay taxes because in one way or another everyone is some how benefited by government organization, Mail, law enforcement, etc. Taxes are a "necessary evil" if you will, if you want to live in this country and enjoy the freedoms and benefits of being an American you should do your part.

The issue I have with taxes is not the concept but how it is spent. In my opinion the government seems to waste so much money and nobody is held accountable when that happens. All they do is take more or spend an insane amount that we don't even have, also known as the federal debt. Another thing I don't quite understand is why some people pay so much more or so much less than others? Maybe I don't understand the economics of it well enough but why doesn't every American just pay a specific percentage of their income and that's it? Clearly our current system is flawed, our debt keeps increasing and so do the taxes.

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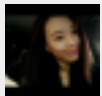
Re: Calvin Coolidge

by Agustin Aguirre – Saturday, April 23, 2016, 2:22 PM

I agree with you on the misuse of our tax money. I don't like how the government spends our tax money. Why can't we choose what the government pays for with the tax payers money. Why can't taxpayers make direct decisions about how much money they want to spend on the other government programs, like paying off the national debt or the war over seas in Iraq? Us being able to choose what to do with the money would force the federal government to focus time and resources on projects citizens actually want, not just on things that appeal to special interests.

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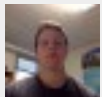
Re: Calvin Coolidge

by [Hyemin Kang](#) – Saturday, April 23, 2016, 4:58 PM

My opinion is kind of different with you. But I agree your post. My home country is not paying tax a lot for the government. So when I came to the US, I can't understand why people paying a lot. But I agree you said "If we pay taxation, this country and enjoy the freedoms and benefits of being an American you should do your part". If people paying tax, this country going to grow up the future.

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Re: Tax's

by [Jake Cleary](#) – Saturday, April 23, 2016, 11:35 PM

Taxes can be a difficult situation for many people to wrap their heads around. How should it be used and how much does the government actually need? First the economics behind it is a bracket system for ones income. One pays ten percent of their first ten thousand, fifteen percent of the the next thirty thousand and it keeps increasing. The money is used to benefit people in their everyday lives and to keep people safe. It does shock me to see that America is in a lot of debt. One thing to keep in mind as you look at taxes is the Social Security each person receives due to taxes. Once you reach a certain age this money benefits many elders that cannot work and helps them financially succeed without any other possible income.

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Coolidge Agree/Disagree

by [Devon Johnson](#) – Monday, April 18, 2016, 2:56 PM

I find myself agreeing with Mr. Coolidge's stance on taxation. The people of the united states (rich or poor) have to pay an ungodly amount of their own income in taxes. I don't believe that the answer is to tax the rich so much more, I believe that there needs to be less government spending.

When Mr. Coolidge makes the statement "I want the people of America to be able to work less for the government -- and more for themselves." I feel a very strong connection to it. I have always felt that people need to work and do more for themselves before others. Not in a selfish way but due to the fact I believe that you can't do well in helping others until you help and support yourself . The people of the U.S. are struggling I know many people (families) that due to taxes are struggling immensely financially.

My first answer to the problem is as stated above less government and state spending. However that is essentially impossible. With the war on terror going on and showing no signs of ending soon the tax rates are only going to increase. There are as well government programs such as (free college, universal health care, food stamps, welfare.) etc. There is a lot that contributes to the high taxes that the people of the U.S. have to pay.

Lastly another statement Coolidge made leads me to believe that taxes are only going to get higher. "Such a sum is difficult to comprehend. It represents all the pay of five million wage earners receiving five dollars a day, working 300 days in the year. If the government should add 100 million dollars of expense, it would represent four days more work of these wage earners. These are some of the reasons why I want to cut down public expense." Mr. Coolidge read this speech in 1924, and throughout our history as a nation the taxation in our country has continued to increase year after year. With the occasional outlier year where it drops then jumps higher the year after.

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Is tax is require to pay?

by [Hyemin Kang](#) – Monday, April 18, 2016, 6:16 PM

I disagreeing with Coolidge's position because I have to pat every month for government of my sum of the money. After I watched video, I felt like the tax problem is not good because Coolidge said "Is needed by the national government, and the remainder by local governments". Pay tax to government is require to everybody who had jobs.

I choose this article for governmental taxation. This group pay the numerous vital benefit the government for the society. This group and Coolidge’s has same opinion for taxes are good for the government and personally. The Coolidge and this group think require to pay the tax. For the example, If they pay tax part of their money, then it’s good for personal benefit and throe family.

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Fair or not fair?
by Luis Montoya – Monday, April 18, 2016, 9:24 PM

The 5 minute video of the progressive tax code helped and also influenced the way I understand the current tax code in the United States. It helped me by seeing how it was really broken down and how no matter how much or how little you’re making everyone seems to be paying a “fair” price. Although I could also see why Henry would be grumpy and against what he would have to pay for the gate. How should he and his wife be penalized for working more hours? No matter how you would make the current tax code, there’s always going to be one side that disagrees with it.

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In agreement with Coolidge
by Cheyenne Lindberg – Monday, April 18, 2016, 10:02 PM

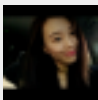
"Taxes take from everyone, a part of his earnings and force everyone to work for a certain part of his time for the government." –Calvin Coolidge

I personally don't like the idea of being forced to do anything, the government forces so many things on us including giving away a large percentage of our pay. Why do you go to work every morning? Is it to make enough to feed yourself and your family and to live comfortably? or, do you work hard every day to pay the government?

"I want to cut down the public expense. I want the people of America to be able to work less for the government and more for themselves. I want them to have the rewards of their own industry." –Calvin Coolidge

If we cut the costs of living in half maybe the government could pull themselves out of debt rather than upping the cost of living and taking a higher percentage of our paychecks to pay their way out of debt. I agree that Americans should work less for the government and enjoy their money. I don't understand how you could expect somebody to work hard for something and then just expect half without giving anything in return. I believe that if somebody works hard for something they should be the one to enjoy every bit of it unless they choose to give it away. So, I am in agreement with Mr. Coolidge for the most part.

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Re: In agreement with Coolidge
by Hyemin Kang – Saturday, April 23, 2016, 5:04 PM

I agree your post. I agree "Americans should work less for the government and enjoy their money". This sentence is very strong for me because, tax is not require to pay the everyone. All the people work individual, so they have to get individual money. I disagree paying same tex situation.

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Re: In agreement with Coolidge
by Devon Johnson – Saturday, April 23, 2016, 8:28 PM

I completely agree with you. The fact that we are forced to pay the government so much of our own incomes for things that we may or may not agree with.

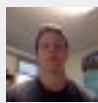
I originally believed that the government has to stop over taxing citizens in order to fix this issue.

However I believe that cutting down the price of living is a better option. If the cost of living decreases, then us citizens could afford to pay the insanely high taxes that we are currently paying,

As well if we drop the cost of living then a lot of the programs that cause taxes to be so high would decrease. This would happen because if people can afford to pay for there essentials there would be less people having to be on welfare, food stamps, and assisted living.

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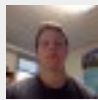
by [Jake Cleary](#) – Monday, April 18, 2016, 10:38 PM

I agree with Coolidge who’s says the Nation needs the taxes to keep the economy and Nation running because of all the government jobs, but wants to decrease and give the people more freedom with their money once they learn how to act by themselves. It will be difficult, but in the end will help people work for themselves s rather than the government.

Video: Coolidge

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Re: Taxes might be Unfair, but depends on your income

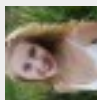
by [Jake Cleary](#) – Monday, April 18, 2016, 10:39 PM

Yes the video shows that people making more money because the work possibly harder and longer hours will pay more taxes because they have the ability too. The people that work and receive less money, and spend more will pay less taxes because of their bracket. In some cases people believe its fair because people that make more have the ability to give more back to the government and still live comfortably, while others think that this makes people work less hard because they can make less and not pay taxes.

Progressive Tax video

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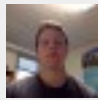
Re: Taxes might be Unfair, but depends on your income

by [Cheyenne Lindberg](#) – Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 11:36 AM

I think everyone should pay the same amount towards taxes. I don't think people who work hard for their income should be punished because they are making more than someone else. We're all about equal rights so why not equal taxation? The reality of it is yes, we need taxes. Like, Coolidge said "taxes are a necessary evil." but I think that we should set a happy medium and everybody pay the same amount. People with higher incomes have most likely paid thousands of dollars for a degree so they can be qualified for the higher paying job and then, they have to pay higher taxes later in life on top of that. Another scenario is the physical demands a higher wage job requires. Lets say the high income earner didn't go to college and pay for his/her degree; they are probably in a profession that has a higher risk and a higher physical demand. For example, one of my good friends went straight from high school to working on a commercial fishing boat, what he makes in a month could last me for a year or two but he is in an unpredictable environment on the job that could potentially kill him. Rightfully people such as fisherman, linemen and loggers should make higher wages because they work hard and are doing a very risky job that most people these days can't physically do, and I don't think they should be expected to pay higher taxes because of that.

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Re: Taxation in 1920's and 1930's

by [Jake Cleary](#) – Monday, April 18, 2016, 10:40 PM

During 1913–1920’s the income tax rate increased to around 75% taking a good amount of money from peoples hard work. The income tax rate decreased almost 40% during the 1920’s and partially into the 1930’s because of the great recession and the Governments need to help people have money in their pockets to start buying goods and getting the economy back to a healthy level.

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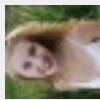
Re: Taxation: Agreeing with Coolidge

by [Agustin Aguirre](#) – Monday, April 18, 2016, 10:53 PM

I agree with Calvin Coolidge because he understood that in order for us to have a sound economy, we needed everyone to give up money from their income not just the hard working farmer who barley has anything to give. Coolidge also new that we could reform the budget by cutting government spending and lowering tax rates. He believed that both were equally vital to the success of the economy.

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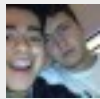
Re: Taxation: Agreeing with Coolidge

by [Cheyenne Lindberg](#) – Saturday, April 23, 2016, 12:53 PM

I agree that government spending should be cut down. Coolidge was right I, cutting government spending and lowering taxes would solve a lot of our problems then and is still true now As well as being vital to the economys success.

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Why Coolidge has a valuable point

by [Luis Montoya](#) – Thursday, April 21, 2016, 4:47 PM

I would have to say that I agree with Coolidge’s position on taxation, everyone needs to do there part in our government, no matter how rich or how poor. Without taxation the government structure would very much be in jeopardy. For example there could potentially be no mail, no hospitals, no benefits. There would in fact be no military to protect us from those that do have them. Which would make millions of people vulnerable to attacks. We would have no police officers to monitor crime or firefighters to fight fires. There would be no social security and no medi-care for the elderly. No railways, terrible roads and no bridges. There would also be no funding of schools or scholarships for colleges or college tuitions. The essentials such as clean water and electricity would also be very limited if not already unavailable.

When Coolidge says, “It is only out of what is left, after they are paid, that the necessities of food, clothing, and shelter can be provided and the comforts of home secured, or the yearnings of the soul -- for a broader and more abundant life gratified.” I can understand someone’s argument as to why food and shelter would come before paying taxes. Without essentials such as food or shelter it would be very challenging for someone to live every day life, and even giving thought about taxes.

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Coolidge taxation and the dollar

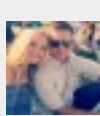
by [Delbert Borden](#) – Friday, April 22, 2016, 9:41 PM

Coolidge’s stance towards big government and taxation becomes most evident when he says, “I want the people of America to be able to work less for the government -- and more for themselves.” This concept is almost alien to modern US citizens who have slowly seen a drastic increase in taxation; but also a sharp inflation in purchasable goods, meanwhile wages have decreased and job opportunities have been outsourced. This is compounded by the fluctuation of exchange rates in the global market making the US dollar extremely unstable http://useconomy.about.com/od/tradepolicy/p/Dollar_Value.htm. Unfortunately, those who feel the full brunt of the shockwaves reverberating from this brewing economic fault line are those who don’t have the financial means to take advantage of LLC’s and other IRS loop holes that cater to the affluent. <http://www.nolo.com/legalencyclopedia/corporation-basics-29867.html>. This disheartening concept shows the modern taxation system will almost guarantee that Coolidge’s sentiment towards prosperity will never come to fruition; at least for most of us.

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Three brothers video

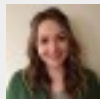


by Benjamin Glaeser – Saturday, April 23, 2016, 3:16 PM

On the assumption this video is accurate it helped me to understand taxes and how they worked much better. I also think is showed me even more how flawed our system is. If someone works hard in an honest way where they aren't cheating people out of money like some people on wall street do, then there is no reason in my opinion why they should have to pay more to basically support others. Its almost like the brother who made the least was rewarded because he was lazy. He got a new gate and improved community because he made very little and persuaded the brother who made a salary in the middle to agree to his deal. Before watching this video i really wasn't clear or aware of the injustice that takes place on the upper middle class. In my opinion everyone should pay exactly the same percent on their income and everyone should have to contribute. And if that doesn't cover what the government spends, which i'm aware it wouldn't, then the government shouldn't spend so much.

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Calvin Coolidge speaks on taxation

by Chloe Duryea – Saturday, April 23, 2016, 7:02 PM

Overall, I find myself agreeing with Coolidge's position on taxation. I agree that every household needs to sacrifice a portion of their wages in order to support various governmental programs, such as health care, national defense, and social services, etc. However, there is room to debate whether everyone is paying his or her fair share of taxes. Based on the chart "Shares of US Federal Tax Liabilities for All Households, by Pre-tax Income Group, 2010 (Average Pre-tax Income)", people making between \$135K to \$286.4K are paying nearly half the US Federal Tax Liability, yet the top 1 percent are only paying 24.2%. In my opinion, it seems like the system could be more equitable. The more one makes, the more one should be required to pay to help support various programs. In the video, Coolidge states the cost of government is accessed by all the people. I agree with this. However, the government should be held responsible to ensure that they are spending the American wage owner's money responsibly. At times, I believe the government wastes money on unnecessary programs that do not seem to be well thought out. An example includes, "Taxpayer Funded Political Ads on MSNBC: \$495,000 was spent to air commercials touting the Obama administration "green training" job efforts on Obama friendly Olberman and Maddow MSNBC cable shows. These funds did not create any jobs." (<http://posey.house.gov/wasteful-spending/>). Another example that I find wasteful is, "The Two Million Dollar Intern: The Department of Agriculture's Office of the Chief Information Officer funded a \$2 million intern program. Only one intern was hired full time as a result" (<http://posey.house.gov/wasteful-spending/>). Therefore, yes, I agree with the basics of Coolidge's video, but there has to be some kind of check and balance system that ensures the government is spending taxpayer's money responsibly.

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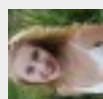
3 Brothers video

by Agustin Aguirre – Saturday, April 23, 2016, 8:45 PM

This video help me understand the progressive tax code. It also helped me get a real life point of view from all working classes. Some who works less shouldn't be rewarded for doing the least and someone who works their butt off for countless hours on end shouldn't be penalized. But that's not how the government works is it? There will never truly be equality hen it comes to paying taxes because someone, somewhere will complain about the system being unfair to them. So In my opinion the most realistic way for us to be "equal" is for all working classes to equally pay the same percentage from what they earn and contribute in some kind of way. Even a little help still counts as some help.

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Re: 3 Brothers video

by Cheyenne Lindberg – Saturday, April 23, 2016, 10:33 PM

This is exactly how I feel. You can't win for loosing, no matter how low or high the tax rate is or however "equal" it is somebody will always complain. But, if everyone paid 3% for example that is as equal as I can see it getting. the higher income families will still be paying more however this is as "equal" as I can see things getting.



Coolidge and today's tax system
by [Andrew Bukur](#) – Saturday, April 23, 2016, 8:55 PM

Overall, Coolidge makes some logical points. Much of the money, which american's work for on their own time as he puts it, is never seen by them and is spent by the government on, hopefully, the right things. I like his ideas about the government working for itself and creating money in other ways besides the earnings of it's citizens, but that of course would be very difficult, especially with the amount of money the U.S. gov. spends. Unfortunately, in today's conditions, taxation seems to be the most effective way of raising money. There are however problems in our system which should be addressed.

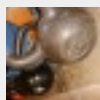
If the wage earners in this country were broken down into three groups, like the video, it seems logical to assume that each group should have to pay the same ratio of their earnings, at least relatively similar rates. If this is done, according to the video, there should be enough money to pay for the desired projects and what not. This is however not the case today, although I have never seen a system with that design ever implemented, and it seems as though in order to fund the nation, the wealthy must pay a much higher rate. Perhaps the problem lies not in needing to tax more, but in spending less; it seems as though if tax rates weren't as high and the money was used more efficiently and in cooperation with the public, more things could get accomplished and the citizens would be content.



Oppinion
by [Devon Johnson](#) – Saturday, April 23, 2016, 9:16 PM

I really believe at least we as the American people should at least have a choice on what we spend our taxes on. My family has complained to me on multiple occasions that she is annoyed about how much she spends on taxes, and what it gets spent on.

I'm concerned that the issue of taxes in the U.S. isn't going to get better. Especially if we continue to elect liberal/socialist leaders.



PropagandaU
by [Delbert Borden](#) – Saturday, April 23, 2016, 10:27 PM

I think the message behind the video on the Progressive Taxation was a bit deceiving. Using the representation of sameness in regards to the upbringing, and opportunities, of three triplets. The typical conservative reactionary rhetoric describing the one brother with the highest income as a successful hard working carpenter who works long hours and saves and invests for the future while the other brothers who are also carpenters make less despite making the same hourly wage; for effect the example shows the lower earning brothers choose to work less and allow their wives' to work part time or in one case not at all. The lower earning brothers spend recklessly because they want to enjoy life right now, with the notion that social-security will bail them out in the end.

Despite the economic disparity between the brothers they purchased similar priced homes in the same neighborhood, which seems illogical to say the least. Concerned with the neighborhood the brothers decide to put a gate (sounds like a wall to me) around the development as well as fixing the lawn and improving the road. Once the cost is realized the lowest earning brother fiendishly, conspires and manipulates the highest earning brother to foot the bill for the entire project (those conniving poor people) while the middle of the road brother stands silently because it's in his best interest financially if the plan to get the highest earning brother to pay the cost. In the end each brother shares the rewards of the upgraded community, but only one paid for it because the US government has raged all at war on wholesomeness, and hardworking, rich people.

Once finishing the video, I decided to look into Prager University; and found some interesting information about the supposed educational institution that brings "knowledge, and clarity." What I found was that David Prager an ultra conservative radio talk show host decided to start a University, unfortunately Mr.

Prager has a reputation of being a multi-skilled bigot who can attack minorities, women, and Muslims all in a single bound.http://isurvived.org/4Debates/Prager_Dennis-USHMM/prager_dennis-USHMM.html.

The former mayor of New York himself Ed Koch took notice at the inappropriate rhetoric used in regards to an attack Prager made on a newly elected Muslim Democratic State Representative from Minnesota. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/12/13/AR2006121302260.html>

Prager’s superior knowledge of everything is shown first hand where he diagnosis, and treats women with depression by informing them that the feminist movement is the cause. His enlightened medical expertise in Psychological disorders gives several rationales for the downtrodden psych of the fairer sex ranging from women are no longer feminine enough, or because that they don’t have a good man to take care of them, or lastly because they would rather go to school or aspire for a career when they should be looking for a man <http://www.dennisprager.com/why-are-so-many-women-depressed/>. This real winner of guy even goes as far as saying in a twenty- five -minute rant where he states that college rape culture is, “*a gargantuan lie to get votes. It’s as big a lie as “culture of rape” on your campuses.*” <http://www.thecollegefix.com/post/20011/>.

The only thing this video did is further show me the manipulative nature of media based propaganda that disguises itself as unbiased information meant to educate instead of steering public opinion based on a reactionary agenda. I also believe any sort of information that comes from Mr. Prager, and all of his affiliations should not be used as resource of information unless were speaking about individuals or groups who use public platforms to spread misinformation, and hate speech disguised as national pride as well as helping to reignite the mind set of racial, religious, and patriarchal superiority.

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