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Hate Paying Taxes? 12 Quotes You'll Love

We all have to pay taxes. Yet very few of us find paying taxes fun or particularly rewarding. Quite the contrary, maneuvering to legally pay lower taxes is practically a national pastime. As you fret about minimizing your taxes, it might provide a modicum of relief to know that you are not alone.

More than a few public figures, great minds, and clever rascals have made their views about taxes pretty clear. In some cases they have made mincemeat out of the tax system. Here are a few:



English: Sir Winston Churchill. (Photo credit: Wikipedia)

"For a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle."–Winston Churchill

"Income tax returns are the most imaginative fiction being written today."–Herman Wouk

"I am proud to be paying taxes in the United States. The only thing is I could be just as proud for half of the money."—Arthur Godfrey

"A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money."–G. Gordon Liddy

"The taxpayer: that's someone who works for the federal government, but doesn't have to take a civil service examination."–Ronald Reagan

"The income tax created more criminals than any other single act of government."—Barry Goldwater

"Collecting more taxes than is absolutely necessary is legalized robbery."–Calvin Coolidge

"This is too difficult for a mathematician. It takes a philosopher. The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax."—Albert Einstein

"The difference between death and taxes is death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets."–Will Rogers

"In 1790, the nation which had fought a revolution against taxation without representation discovered that some of its citizens weren't much happier about taxation *with* representation."—Lyndon B. Johnson

"Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut save you thirty cents?"–Peg Bracken

"You must pay taxes. But there's no law that says you gotta leave a tip."—Morgan Stanley advertisement

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