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Hate Taxes? 12 More Quotes You'll Love

In [Hate Paying Taxes? 12 Quotes You'll Love](#), I listed a dozen zingers and thoughtful ruminations about paying the inevitable. Here are 12 more:



1. It is a paradoxical truth that tax rates are too high today and tax revenues are too low, and the soundest way to raise the revenues in the long run is to cut the tax rates.—**John F. Kennedy**

2. Make sure you pay your taxes; otherwise you can get in a lot of trouble.—**Richard M. Nixon**

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

4. If you get up early, work late, and pay your taxes, you will get ahead—if you strike oil.—**J. Paul Getty**

5. The tax code is a monstrosity and there's only one thing to do with it. Scrap it, kill it, drive a stake through its heart, bury it and hope it never rises again to terrorize the American people.—**Steve Forbes**

6. All taxes discourage something. Why not discourage bad things like pollution rather than good things like working or investment?–

Lawrence Summers

7. I was working on a flat tax proposal and I accidentally proved there's no God.–**TV's Homer Simpson**

8. I'd like somebody to get rid of the death tax. That's what I want. I don't want to get taxed just because I died. I just don't think it's right. If I give something to my kid, I already paid the tax. Why should I have to pay it again because I died?–**Whoopi Goldberg**

9. Spend your money on riotous living–no tax. Leave your money to your children–the tax collector gets paid first....The basic argument against the estate tax is moral. It taxes virtue–living frugally and accumulating wealth. It discourages saving and asset accumulation and encourages wasteful spending.–**Milton Friedman**

10. You don't pay taxes–they *take* taxes.–**Chris Rock**

11. Unofficial Motto of the IRS: “We have what it takes to take what you have.”–**Anonymous**

12. The IRS spends God knows how much of your tax money on these toll-free information hot lines staffed by IRS employees, whose idea of a dynamite tax tip is that you should print neatly. If you ask them a real tax question, such as how you can cheat, they're useless.–**Dave Barry**

If you want more tax quotes get Jeffrey L. Yablon's book, *As Certain as Death: Quotations About Taxes* (Tax Analysts).

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