

## The FairTax and Freedom

Our Nation was founded on the bedrock principle of individual freedom. When faced with an English King who chose to impose onerous taxes on his American subjects and restrict their historical rights, our ancestors broke the cultural paradigm under which subjects, and the Fruits of Their Labors, were “owned” by their King or country. For the first time in the history of modern civilizations, we, as a People, claimed an inalienable right to ourselves and that which we produced.

And in doing so, the groundwork for the American Dream was laid. Anyone, by working hard, could rise from poverty to prosperity. For generations, the idea of individuals “owning” themselves and what they produced, fueled an economy that became the envy of the world.

Unfortunately, in recent years, the income tax system has been used to create an environment under which individuals spend major portions of their time working for the government. We have even started to track the day upon which individuals cease working to pay their taxes, and can finally start working for themselves and their families.

And with the current budget, Americans will work nearly half the year to pay their tax obligations. But even worse, under some of the programs now being proposed, the federal government is planning to not only extract even larger percentages of our income, but they are beginning to dictate allowable salaries in selected industries and companies. King George would have been embarrassed to have imposed such pernicious taxes and oppressive rules on his subjects.

It seems that some elected officials and unelected bureaucrats in Washington are now treating the American people as subjects over which they rule. Even worse, some have openly promoted the idea that, beyond basic necessities, the fruits of our labors belong to the government, and not to the individual who earned them. And it is the right of government to take what it wants, and use it as they see fit.

But the FairTax could change this. Even though the Federal government will continue to collect the same amount of money, under the FairTax, the American People would once again have control of themselves and what they have earned. We will determine when, and how much, we pay in taxes through our purchases.

In addition to the many other benefits offered by the FairTax, Americans who understand and believe in the principles upon which our Nation was founded see the ways in which the FairTax returns “Power to the People”.