

#15 Who Hates the FairTax? Part I

Those who have been following this column, and have realized the benefits of the FairTax, might wonder how anyone could oppose such a great idea. The fact is, there are several groups that want nothing to do with the FairTax, and actively oppose Americans realizing it's advantages.

We are going to expose these opponents, deconstruct their arguments, and, in some case, reveal the real basis for their opposition.

Opponents of the FairTax generally fall into four groups. The first, and largest, group is those who have not taken the time to understand the FairTax, or who have been misled by bad information. Included in this group we often find young adults who haven't had to deal with the full complexities of the current income tax system. Their families haven't suffered while half their paycheck was lost to withholding, or risen high enough in the business world to see how debilitating our oppressive tax code is on a company's ability to produce goods and services, or create new jobs. In other words, they haven't embraced the FairTax because they don't yet "have a problem". But that will change with time and better information.

We also have some older adults who believed early media reports that the FairTax hurts the poor, results in higher costs for goods and services, and is just another tax cut for the rich. Unfortunately, these individuals trusted the media to get it right, and failed to learn the truth; that the FairTax empowers the poor and helps them escape poverty, results in increased purchasing power by giving individuals their whole paycheck, and, in fact, is highly progressive. Once they learn the truth, these folks usually become FairTax advocates.

However, there are other groups that oppose the FairTax because they have a vested interest in the current system of income taxation. Politicians who are addicted to the political power inherent in our punitive tax code, those who profit by manipulation of the tax system, and those who use the tax code as a tool of social engineering to force their beliefs onto others all favor the current system.

We will expose these opposing groups in following columns.