

Social Benefits of the FairTax

One of the most pernicious aspects of our current system of taxation is its hidden and deceptive nature. Automatic withholding makes many people unaware of how much they are actually paying in taxes, to the point that many believe that, should they receive an income tax refund, they are getting some kind of gift, or that they have not paid any taxes.

This opaque system encourages a creeping growth of the tax burden. A growth that has now reached the point that in many, if not most, American families, both spouses must work just to pay the taxes. Gone are the days when most families cared for their own young children, rather than farming them out to day care. And the consequences of children being brought up by strangers and inadequately nurtured by exhausted parents can be seen every day.

When consumption is taxed, rather than productivity, people will know how much tax they are paying, and they will be far less likely to permit the government to waste our hard-earned dollars. People will be in charge of what they pay in taxes, and better able to make choices, about whether to work outside the home, for example, that will be in the best interests of their family.

Taxing consumption, rather than productivity, will serve to encourage people to be successful, rather than worrying about the consequences of getting into a higher tax bracket.

Thrift will also be encouraged, since the FairTax makes it advantageous to spend less on new goods and to conserve and re-use those we already have.

When people are more in charge of their economic fate, they can have a greater sense of effectiveness and pride in accomplishment. And young mothers may actually be able to stay home and raise their babies, rather than being forced to work for the IRS.

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