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Perfect Tax System

By all accounts, the perfect tax system has yet to be achieved. The perfect tax system would have to be somewhat unfair, since we won't be able to satisfy everyone's needs. We decided that the perfect tax system would focus on taxing people according to their income. The people who bring in less money won't be taxed as much as the people who have very large incomes. "But those at the top have worked hard to earn their money!" you might argue. "Why punish them for that?" Well, the way the system is now people are getting taxed on money that they don't have. We need to make this change in order to help people survive on the money that they have after taxes. Some people who have to pay a lot in taxes don't really expect it until it's too late, so they don't prepare. People need to be able to survive after taxes have been taken out.

To illustrate this point, we will use two families, the Wellingtons and the Smiths. The Wellingtons make approximately \$1,000,000 per year, whereas the Smiths make a mere \$36,000 per year. If you used a flat tax rate and took 10% from each of their incomes to "make it fair," both families would not give the same amount. The Wellingtons would pay \$100,000. It's certainly a lot of money, and by comparison, the \$3,600 that the Smiths pay seems to be a mere trifle. However, for the Smiths, every penny counts, so losing \$3,6000 to the government might prove extremely detrimental to their budget. The Wellingtons, however, can afford to pay a lot more, and the \$100,000 they're currently paying seems like a drop in the bucket compared to the enormous amount of income they take in. They can still live comfortably off the other \$900,000. It would be a lot more fair to have the Wellingtons pay 10% and the Smiths pay (just as an

example) 5%. That way, the Smiths have a better chance of being able to survive off of their remaining money, and the government would still be able to fund its projects. But our tax plan goes beyond the Wellingtons and the Smiths; every family in the country would be taxed according to their income. The well-off might be a bit put out about this at first, but in the long run, everyone will benefit.

The people in our country would be supported as a unit, but we would focus our attention on the sick and the poor. We would use our taxes to help the people in need. Funding hospitals, clinics, and other organizations that have efficient care for these people. Distributing tax money to welfare programs would also benefit our country. Helping people get out of poverty would help our country prosper. Along with welfare programs, we would provide health care with our tax money. We would do this to allow the people in lower classes to be able to afford the cost of health care for their families.

Tax money would go to the schools in the area. We would make sure children have the opportunity to get the best available things. Having a good school system will help develop the children into smart, hard working adults. This would allow us security in knowing people have had an education and will prosper in our country.

Tax money would also be distributed into maintaining our roads. We would ensure that our people have safe travels and would not have to worry about things like the roads.

People living in poverty wouldn't need to pay as much as the people in the middle class, and the people in the middle class wouldn't need to pay as much as the people in the high class. The taxes would be fair based on your income. This isn't punishing the higher class but, it is allowing them to give up more for the welfare of all.