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10 Excellent Reasons Not To Hate Taxes



Synopsis

Paying taxes. It's something almost everyone loves to hate. 10 Excellent Reasons Not to Hate Taxes makes the case for thinking about taxes in a fresh and progressive way and offers plenty of material for anyone interested in countering the conservative anti-government, anti-tax agenda. Written by activists, economists, teachers, political scientists, and business people, 10 Excellent Reasons Not to Hate Taxes offers an array of powerful arguments that will reframe the tax debate. Chapters on the effect of taxes on the economy, education, the environment, and the distribution of opportunity will arm readers with a wealth of arguments to turn the tables when thinking or arguing about taxes and provide a menu of ideas for how to transform the tax code into a tool for social justice. With a January publication date, just when the tax preparation books and software flood the stores, this book will spark a lively and much-needed debate about all manner of tax issues, from the inheritance tax and flat taxes to tax cuts and the role that taxes play in the growing economic divide in the United States.

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"Tax and spend liberals" was a term that gained popularity in the Reagan era. It implied that taxes raised would be spent ineffectually and inequitably. In "10 Excellent Reasons Not to Hate Taxes" ten authors writing ten essays demonstrate how taxes in the past have actually fueled our economy and have been wisely spent and more equitably distributed. For those who know little about taxes, progressive, regressive, personal, payroll or corporate, this book provides an excellent explanation of what many people may have heard without completely understanding. It also explains the

alternative minimum tax which was designed to make the wealthy pay their fair share was never adjusted for inflation is now hitting upper middle class people with a substantial tax burden that was never intended for them. Another essay describes taxation as a moral, biblical obligation rooted in the Book of Genesis. The author's contention is that reducing government to the most minimal of services will NOT be offset by faith-based initiatives. Greed will win out over charity every time preventing people from reaching their "divinely inspired potential." On the other hand, tax "write-offs" allow a high level of charity to be maintained. One of the most damaging misconceptions about taxes and big government, explains another, is that taxes will stifle economic growth by crowding out personal investment. He points out that taxes fairly collected and distributed actually promote economic growth because government spends money on science, education, transportation, infrastructure and health care, which is an investment in the future of our country. Our dams, national parks, and interstate highway system attest to that.

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