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Subject: Re: Taxation

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Quackpunk wrote on Thu, 23 October 2008 03:22 In my government class today, I heard that in the UK there is a tax for each television in a household, because the broadcasting is government owned. I find that ridiculous.

I am from the United States, and there is a statistic that the average employed American gives taxes equivalent to 3 months of work every year. The governments job is to protect the rights of citizens, not to get involved in the financial economy. The tax plan from Obama is basically to put a high tax on anyone making over 250k a year. Excessive taxing is ridiculous, let alone robbing high income families and companies of their financial success. Do not get me started on government taxes such as 80 cent tax on cigarettes, and social security. In my eyes the less governing, the better the government

The TV Liscence fee is paid once per year per household (which can have as many TVs as it wants then) and this fee covers everything the BBC does; TV, radio and the website, on which you can listen to radio and watch TV shows (that have aired within the past 7 days and are BBC own) for free\*. Not to mention, that the channels can have good programs on (depends on taste really) which are uninterrupted by annoying adverts.

\* When i say for free, i obviously mean covered by the liscence fee.

edit: According to wikipedia:

Quote: The principal means of funding the BBC is through the television licence, costing £139.50 a year (as of May 2008) for a colour television.

Which puts it in the region of £12-£14 per month...very cheap for what you get.

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