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Look, here's what it's really all about. Our Constitution gives the government 19 responsibilities. The cost for these is \$700 billion per year. However, the government is taking \$2.4 trillion per year in taxes. Giving themselves responsibilities not originally granted to them in the Constitution. They get away with this by pitting right against left, conservative vs liberal, white vs black, east vs west... you get the idea.

How does a pickpocket operate? He distracts you so he can take your wallet. He might bump into you, drop something, have some woman "accidentally" flash her tits... he distracts you while he takes your money. That's what the government does to us.

The Constitution

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States; but all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

Establishes the IRS. All citizens taxed the same regardless of state.

Quote:To borrow money on the credit of the United States;

Part of the US Treasury, issuing bonds, etc.

Quote:To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes;

Self-explanatory

Quote:To establish a uniform rule of naturalization, and uniform laws on the subject of bankruptcies throughout the United States;

I don't see how these two duties are lumped into one phrase, but ok...

Quote:To coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin, and fix the standard of weights and measures;

US Mint

Quote:To provide for the punishment of counterfeiting the securities and current coin of the United States;

Self-explanatory

Quote:To establish post offices and post roads;

Self-explanatory

Quote:To promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries;

Copyrights and patents

Quote:To constitute tribunals inferior to the Supreme Court;

Lower courts, as in state courts and superior courts.

Quote:To define and punish piracies and felonies committed on the high seas, and offenses against the law of nations;

I would interpret this within our obligation in foreign affairs, such as Iraq, but I could be wrong.

Quote:To declare war, grant letters of marque and reprisal, and make rules concerning captures on land and water;

To raise and support armies, but no appropriation of money to that use shall be for a longer term than two years;

To provide and maintain a navy;

To make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces;

To provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the union, suppress insurrections and repel invasions;

To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the militia, and for governing such part of them as may be employed in the service of the United States, reserving to the states respectively, the appointment of the officers, and the authority of training the militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;

All self-explanatory

Quote:To exercise exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten miles square) as may, by cession of particular states, and the acceptance of Congress, become the seat of the government of the United States, and to exercise like authority over all places purchased by the consent of the legislature of the state in which the same shall be, for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dockyards, and other needful buildings;--And

To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

All those duties above are it. \$700 billion. Nowhere in there was the government supposed to support the lazy non-working folks, and the people with one leg shorter than the other.

That's what makes a Constitutionalist over a Republican or a Democrat.
