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Subject: Michigan is in a swirling-eddie of despair  
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 01:45:35 GMT  
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As not so many of you may know, the state of Michigan has had economic turmoil over the past 6 years. Industry is being overtaxed and worn down from promised pensions to it's UAW workers, and small business is given little leniency to survive.

As of August 7, 2007, Michigan's unemployment rate is 7.4% as stated by The Michigan Labor Market Organization(<http://www.milmi.org/>) where as the United States as a whole is experiencing an unemployment rate of 4.6%(<http://www.bls.gov/>), far less than our state's condition. As of last Thursday, Michigan's legislative branch was under heavy fire to balance the budget deficit of 1.75 billion dollars. It was stated that Michigan's governor(Jennifer Granholm) would order a Shut Down of the state government if an agreement was not made and would be effective as of Today(Monday October 1st). Granholm's holding of the state government hostage seemed to have worked, as a tax increase was announced today. Among the things now being taxed include:

An increase of Income Tax to 4.35% from 3.9%. While this may seem minuscule, regular tax payers will have to forfeit another \$350 to state taxes. While this may not sound like much, tell that to the 7.4% without work.

"Grand Rapids Press"

Among things to see a newly implemented 6% sales tax include:

- Business Service Centers
- Carpet upholstery installation and service
- Couriers and Messengers
- Document Preparation
- Investigation guard and Armored services
- Investment Advice
- Janitorial
- Landscaping
- Warehousing and storage
- Mini-warehouse and self storage
- Scenic Transportation
- Transit and ground
- Passenger Limousines
- Office Administration
- Other personal services(This looks like a loophole to include everything else)
- Other travel and reservation services
- Personal care excluding haircuts
- Security system services
- Service Contracts
- Skiing
- Interior Design
- Tour Operators

- Consulting
- Packaging and labeling services

So it's come to scraping quarters from a 13 year-old's paper route. Not to mention this entire taxing system seems to be nothing but a deterrent to small business and would inhibit growth of potential small commercial growth. I don't see a fix in sight, and I bet our state's economy gets much worse before it gets any better.

I know several people in these forums are from the state of Michigan. What do you guys think about this? Heck, what do the rest of you think about this? It seems to me that a cut in unneeded welfare recipients(cases such as real disability, recently unemployed, and the elderly not included.) would be a good start to fixing this budget rather than punishing those of us trying to look for work and/or working.

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Subject: Re: Michigan is in a swirling-eddie of despair  
Posted by [Ryu](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 02:13:46 GMT  
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So Cheesesoda is fucked?

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Subject: Re: Michigan is in a swirling-eddie of despair  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 02:35:39 GMT  
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Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 03:09:56 GMT  
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Dumb people come from any country.

Anyhow, many of Michigan's problems stem from its reliance on the auto sector. The UAW has done way more harm than good for the average-joe, and therefore, Domestic automakers are having to pack up and leave for other states, or countries, especially Canada and Mexico, and soon, China.

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Subject: Re: Michigan is in a swirling-eddie of despair  
Posted by [Sn1per74\\*](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 03:11:31 GMT  
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Is this why their college football team is so bad.

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Subject: Re: Michigan is in a swirling-eddie of despair  
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 04:59:15 GMT  
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I have a friend who is from Michigan...he only goes there to visit family. Now I know why.

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Subject: Re: Michigan is in a swirling-eddie of despair  
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 08:52:49 GMT  
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I also agree that the UAW does far more harm than good, even for the workers in that organization. Because of that, auto companies are moving south to escape the bickering of the Labor Unions.

"Sn1per74"Is this why their college football team is so bad.  
Two words: Lloyd Carr.

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 15:57:49 GMT  
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If governments were small and only spent what they needed, we'd barely have to pay taxes.

What is Canada's income tax rate?

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But those black people EARN their \$30+/hr because they are really really edjumacated. It's true... who needs proper skoolin' if ya can jus rely on good ole UAW?

Again, I'll go back to the point that labor unions, especially when they get to a certain size, do more harm than good. They squeeze the business for all they got. The business gets a profit? The workers deserve more benefits and/or wages! The business losing money? It's because the workers aren't paid enough to do their work.

Bah Socialism.

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Subject: Re: Michigan is in a swirling-eddie of despair  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 20:25:10 GMT  
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You don't specify Federal or Provincial, but just to satisfy your question"

Federal"

Quote:15.5% on the first \$37,178 of taxable income, +  
22% on the next \$37,179 of taxable income (on the portion of taxable income between \$37,178 and \$74,357), +  
26% on the next \$46,530 of taxable income (on the portion of taxable income between \$74,357 and \$120,887), +  
29% of taxable income over \$120,887.

Provincial:

Quote:Provincial / Territorial tax rates (combined chart) Provinces / Territories Rate(s)

Newfoundland and Labrador 9.64% on the first \$29,886 of taxable income, +

14.98% on the next \$29,886, +

17.26% on the amount over \$59,772

Prince Edward Island 9.8% on the first \$31,369 of taxable income, +

13.8% on the next \$31,370, +

16.7% on the amount over \$62,739

Nova Scotia 8.79% on the first \$29,590 of taxable income, +

14.95% on the next \$29,590, +

16.67% on the next \$33,820 +

17.5% on the amount over \$93,000

New Brunswick 10.12% on the first \$34,186 of taxable income, +

15.48% on the next \$34,188, +

16.8% on the next \$42,787, +

17.95% on the amount over \$111,161

Ontario 6.05% on the first \$35,488 of taxable income, +

9.15% on the next \$35,488, +

11.16% on the amount over \$70,976

Manitoba 10.9% on the first \$30,544 of taxable income, +

13% on the next \$34,456, +

17.4% on the amount over \$65,000

Saskatchewan 11% on the first \$38,405 of taxable income, +

13% on the next \$71,324, +

15% on the amount over \$109,729

Alberta 10% of taxable income

British Columbia 5.7% on the first \$34,397 of taxable income, +

8.65% on the next \$34,397, +

11.1% on the next \$10,190, +

13% on the next \$16,925, +

14.7% on the amount over \$95,909

Yukon 7.04% on the first \$37,178 of taxable income, +

9.68% on the next \$37,179, +

11.44% on the next \$46,530, +

12.76% on the amount over \$120,887

Northwest Territories 5.9% on the first \$35,315 of taxable income, +

8.6% on the next \$35,316, +

12.2% on the next \$44,199, +

14.05% on the amount over \$114,830

Nunavut 4% on the first \$37,178 of taxable income, +

7% on the next \$37,179, +  
9% on the next \$46,530, +  
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Subject: Re: Michigan is in a swirling-eddie of despair  
Posted by [Canadacdn](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 22:28:38 GMT  
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Manitoba sucks. >.<

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Subject: Re: Michigan is in a swirling-eddie of despair  
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2007 00:19:39 GMT  
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Good god, where do they put all of those tax dollars in Canada? The medical system?

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Subject: Re: Michigan is in a swirling-eddie of despair  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2007 00:25:25 GMT  
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Jecht wrote on Tue, 02 October 2007 17:19 Good god, where do they put all of those tax dollars in Canada? The medical system?

Yepper. But we also pay into government pensions, Unemployment Insurance (which is like welfare, but you have to pay into it), and among other things, 'transfer payments' which the government uses to help prop up provincial governments that could not support their own services by themselves.

However, a good chunk of our change has gone to paying down our national debt.

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Subject: Re: Michigan is in a swirling-eddie of despair  
Posted by [ron paul](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2007 17:04:24 GMT  
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this is why we need ron paul guyz

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Subject: Re: Michigan is in a swirling-eddie of despair  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2007 17:31:23 GMT  
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ron paul wrote on Wed, 03 October 2007 13:04this is why we need ron paul guyz  
Shut up, you pseudo-intellectual.

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Subject: Re: Michigan is in a swirling-eddie of despair  
Posted by [ron paul](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2007 21:11:20 GMT  
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hahahaha, you're a libertarian blogger

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Subject: Re: Michigan is in a swirling-eddie of despair  
Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2007 22:03:49 GMT  
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Get on topic. Grow up.

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Subject: Re: Michigan is in a swirling-eddie of despair  
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2007 23:42:54 GMT  
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Why has Ron Paul become the topic for laughter? I wiki'd him and if the views he has are  
reminiscent of his actual ideals then he doesn't seem so bad. Although I've never seen him or  
heard him speak in public. I have to start doing my political research again..

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