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ON FEDERAL TAX REFORM

The President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform  
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Dear Advisory Panel,  
The Problem

Congress will never significantly reform and simplify the present ridiculously complex income tax system.

The Solution

I. Leave the present tax system alone, if a taxpayer wants to use it, with it's deductions and complexities.

II. Let taxpayers use an alternative tax system if they wish.

1. Pay taxes on all income, including capital gains, interest (including municipal bond interest), social security, veteran's benefits, gifts, etc., no exception.

2. Eliminate all deductions including interest payments, dependents, charitable contributions, etc., etc., with no exceptions other than a large deduction for each adult taxpayer. This amount might be \$15,000 or more.

3. Have a slightly graduated tax rate of something like 15%, 17% and 19%.

4. Have the Treasury gurus figure out the single deduction rates and the slightly graduated rates to make the total tax income to the government the same as at present.

5. After the taxpayer uses the alternative the first time he would not be able to go back to the present system in the future. Thus our present tax system will disappear before long.

Advantages

1. Simple, clear, fair and easy to calculate without lawyers and accountants.

2. Everybody, including the very rich, would pay a reasonable amount of taxes without being able to use various tax avoidance schemes, and the poor would not pay significant taxes because of the large deduction per adult.

Comments

My bona fides are set forth in my biography which may be found by searching for "Homer O. Blair" (use the quote marks) on Google on the Internet. I am a retired law professor, 100% disabled World War II Army Infantry (Battle of the Bulge) veteran and am on Social Security. I was also

1. on six US delegations to the UN,
2. a UN consultant,
3. on a US/USSR exchange in 1971,
4. President of two premier professional organizations.

I would be willing to pay taxes on my VA disability compensation and on all my social security if I could use the alternative "simple tax" plan.

Very truly yours,



Homer O. Blair

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