

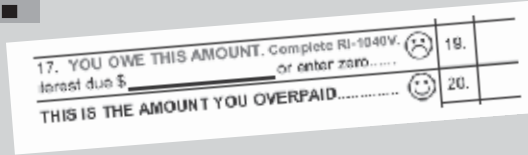
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DID YOU KNOW?



The Rhode Island Individual Income Tax Return (RI-1040) is the only state tax return with frowny and smiley faces appearing next to the "amount owed" and "amount you overpaid" lines of the return (respectively).

Can We Afford To Keep Raising The Cost Of Doing Business?

Those who don't understand the free-market model or even care to because they hold a redistributive world view, will not care why businesses require profits. The divisive "evil-rich" or "greedy-profititeer" smears are lies told to the gullible masses who do not know what businesses require to keep going, or even more importantly, how it must grow to be viable. So it's easy to fall for the class-envy rhetoric which is sadly destroying the American Dream.

Government is a consumer of tax revenue paid by big and small private sector businesses and individuals who work for a living. In fact, government produces nothing. It spends our money ostensibly to provide us services. In today's bloated Monster Government, we're actually working for our "slave master," because much of our working life is devoted to paying taxes. When the White House and those in Congress engage in class warfare, and use government to pit Americans against Americans in order to extract more taxes, we as taxpayers, are quite literally funding the assault on our own liberties.

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When government mandates businesses to pay more in wages regardless of the actual fair-market values of minimum-wage labor, it artificially forces businesses to increase operating overhead. Anyone who has ever run an enterprise knows increasing overhead costs adversely affect products and services they provide their customers. When costs go up, one of four things must happen: 1) cost of your goods or services to your customer goes up; or 2) the quality of your goods or services goes down; or 3) cut workers' hours or impose a hiring freeze; or 4) cut profits or operate at a loss.

The big government pushers believe businesses are greedy and can always afford wage increases. 'Look at the rich owner's Mercedes; he needs to spread the wealth around,' they would say. The reality is when you increase the wages of minimum-wage workers (or entry-level jobs that should be determined by the free market) that means, for example, the low cost food services whose customers are those who can't afford fancy restaurants, will have to buy food at higher prices or lower quality. So those who can't afford caviar will now be penalized by the government mandate.

If the owner keeps the price the same and lowers quality to try and survive, they'll lose customers because of bad burgers. Eventually he will lose his business anyway from a lack of patronage. Alternatively, he can freeze hiring or cut workers' hours, but that, of course, hurts his employees. Then there's the option of operating at zero profit or at a loss. Now, try to keep up with inflation – another government-induced

*Below is a response to 'Providence's Missing Black Mayor,' an article found in GoLocalProv, March 07, 2014
<http://www.golocalprov.com/news/providences-missing-black-mayor/>*

Why Is Race Even Relevant?

The fact that you point out the City of Providence never had a black mayor is about as relevant as the fact that it has never had a purple one. Do you, the wizards of smart, not get the fact that this absurd obsession with race is destroying the brilliant and wonderful melting pot that was the "United" States of America? We've had a black president in the White House as the leader of the free world going on 6 years now, and in his second term. Does that not already satisfy your white guilt about the pre-Civil War failings in American history? Apparently not. You, the most enlightened among us, must continually remind everyone that yes, America once had a past we ought not to be very proud of ad nauseam. But do you not see that your so-called celebration of diversity and this obsessive yard stick of how many black mayors (or anything, for that matter) we have had hold power in various cities, serves not to advance America but rather advances racial division? MLK is someone we rightfully admire for all of the teachings he espoused and all of the right reasons because he was truly a great inspiration for America. But have you forgotten what he really stood for? Let me remind you. Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior prayed for a color blind America, one that is united in spirit under God and one that provides equal opportunity, NOT guarantees equal outcome regardless of race, creed, or ethnicity. He had a dream that one day we would all be judged by the content of our character and NOT by the color of our skin! Remember that? Clearly, you do not. I, for one, am sick and tired of where so many of our political leaders and our ignorant wizards of smart are taking our great nation. Articles like this are the antithesis of everything Dr. King had wanted for America: not a black America or a white America, but a *United* States of America. Shame on you.

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disaster. The landlord certainly won't stop raising the rent and eat his tax hike and his suppliers are also subject to inflation as well.

By imposing more mandates like raising the minimum wage, the government makes burgers unaffordable, and puts shops out of business. But wait, aren't the people who want to raise the minimum wage the same ones who blame businesses for sending jobs overseas? So, you're not allowed to make a profit, - that's greedy - but you're supposed to sustain your business because you must have some hidden profits you're not telling the government. Government forces you to operate at a loss so entry-level workers get a higher wage because that's what's "fair?" And we haven't even touched on the deleterious effects on business of the unaffordable Affordable Care Act best known as Obamacare.

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RI TEA PARTY

Tax Day Tea Party!

April 15th
3:45 - 5:45pm
State House Lawn

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Bring your family, your friends, your neighbors, and let the career politicians and political insiders know that you'll be their doormat no longer!

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A Letter to the Editor, Newport Daily News

I have grave concerns regarding the nine anti-Second Amendment bills recently proposed in the General Assembly, including the 17+% tax on firearms and ammunition.

Attempts to tax or charge a fee for the exercise of a civil right, such as last year's ill-fated proposal by Representative Finn, have been repeatedly struck down by the courts. Such laws are blatantly discriminatory, disenfranchising the poor.

There's a more sinister side as well. In the eyes of the courts all civil rights guaranteed by the Constitution must be considered equal. A restriction allowed on one establishes the precedent to apply similar restrictions to the others. Are you willing to pay Representative Finn's \$100.00 fee, be fingerprinted and background checked each time you vote? If you accept the nonsensical arguments for ten-round magazine limits for firearms, you may also have to accept a ten-word limit on your freedom of speech. Do you believe the Second Amendment doesn't apply to semi-automatic firearms because the Founders couldn't have envisioned them? If you do, then the First Amendment doesn't apply to movies, television, or any electronic media, giving government the right to monitor, censor, and tax you each time you use a phone or access the internet. Can't happen? The NSA is already monitoring your phone calls and e-mails on behalf of an administration infamous for its abuse of power. Limits on your rights may be closer than you think.

This begs the question why any elected representative would be so irresponsible as to author, introduce, or support legislation attacking the Bill of Rights, specifically the Second Amendment.

Maybe it's ignorance; ignorance of the proven societal benefits of firearms ownership and legal concealed carry, or simply a profound ignorance of constitutional law concerning civil rights. Either way, ignorance means incompetence and they should be removed from the General Assembly.

Perhaps it's vanity and the opportunity to bully others into accepting their personal biases. Unfortunately, the laws they champion have a proven record of failure. They will be expensive, not only in higher crime, but in court challenges. The state will spend millions defending their vainglorious arrogance.

It's also possible they're well meaning people who've been duped into believing "it's for the children". Using children to forward a political agenda is beneath contempt, yet there are organizations and coalitions dedicated to destruction of Second Amendment rights that regularly play the child card. They know people will bear any burden, sacrifice any liberty, if they're led to believe "it's for the children". If they truly care about our children's future they'd be vigorously opposing any incursion on the Bill of Rights instead of manipulating gullible lawmakers to destroy it.

So which is it?

Scott McCarthy, Tiverton, RI

45 GOALS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

In 1958, author Cleon Skousen published the book "The Naked Communist". He listed the "45 goals" of the International Communist Party to take over the world.

GOAL 3. Develop the illusion that total disarmament [by] the United States would be a demonstration of moral strength.

GOAL 6. Provide American aid to all nations regardless of Communist domination.

DO YOU THINK ANY OF THESE GOALS HAVE BEEN MET?