

# Respect and Disrespect

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Our US Declaration of Independence and Constitution limit the power of Congress and of federal, state and local governments. Congress would violate the Fourth, Fifth and even the Sixteenth Amendments if it demanded that individuals report information about personal income, or if Congress wrote any law to force a person to sign a 1040 tax form. However, Congress does have authority under the commerce clause of the Constitution to require employers to follow its orders. Built upon that mandate is 26USC, the complex code most people accept as the mandate forcing them to file what the US Treasury calls "Voluntary income tax." Therefore:

## We Respect:

1. . . . the Old Testament, whose core message is individual liberty: God did not create robots. He wants voluntary companionship and worship from his created people, so he set us free. His concern for those who mis-use their liberty was acted out in the core message of the New Testament, the story of how He redeems even those who break his laws.
2. . . . the people who have risked and lost their lives by going to war to protect individual liberty.
3. . . . law, and we expect those citizens who benefit from law and order to respect government officers and agents who work within the limits of law.
4. . . . the US Constitution and its amendments, containing the definitions of those limits.
5. . . . limited government structured by the Constitution to allow us to be secure in our homes without fear of capricious takings of our earnings and personal property;<sup>1</sup> we respect legislators who use the law-making power we give them, and we respect those laws because they are the product of representative government.
6. . . . those politicians who wish to use government for social welfare, even if we might disagree with their views.
7. . . . the "Welfare State," because it is the product of representative government.
8. . . . agents of government who refuse to violate our right to due process, including but not limited to our right to refuse to sign any document<sup>2</sup> that might later put us in jeopardy.<sup>2</sup>
9. . . . those who believe in honest weights and measure, meaning money issued as a store of value, a unit of account and a means of exchange,<sup>3</sup> unlike today's Federal Reserve (promissory) Notes, which are the product of a complex note-selling process making each unit of currency evidence of debt: debt whose interest payments to private bankers are fraud.
10. . . . Congressional officials who make an effort (without success) to balance government expense with growth in GNP/GDP, after allowing for the impact of economic velocity.
11. . . . the right of Congress to enact the controversial act in 1942 requiring employers to withhold money from paychecks and deposit it with the US Treasury Department.<sup>4</sup>
12. . . . the fact that employers must follow rules set by Congress, under the commerce clause of the constitution even though the constitution forbids Congress from demanding that any individual reveal anything about his personal or financial life to government, unless there is probable cause of criminal behavior, in which case we cannot be compelled to sign an incriminating document.

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1 US Constitution, Amendment IV

2 US Constitution, Amendment V

3 Leviticus 19:36 – *Use honest scales, honest weights, and honest measures. Deuteronomy 25:15 -- Use accurate and honest weights and measures. Then you will live for a long time in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. Proverbs 16:11 – Honest balances and scales belong to the LORD. He made the entire set of weights. Deuteronomy 30:14-16 – These words are ... in your mouth and in your heart so that you will obey them. Today I offer you life and prosperity or death and destruction. This is what I'm commanding you today: Love the LORD your God, follow his directions, and obey his commands, laws, and rules. Then you will live, your population will increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you're about to enter and take possession of.*

4 <http://www.strike-the-root.com/columns/Smith/smith39.html>

## **We Do Not Respect:**

1. . . . any person whose behavior falls under the condemnation of the Nuremberg convictions, who obeys an unlawful order simply because “I was doing my job.”
2. . . . any official or agent of government who pretends authority outside the limits of power applied to government by the Founders of the US.
3. . . . all those who conspired in the early twentieth century to make national monetary policy a simplistic function of accounting, allowing money to be created “out of thin air,” freeing national governments from reliance upon honest weights and measures, so that governments no longer are forced to possess gold and silver, a system providing international economic imbalances to be corrected without putting domestic economies at risk, and that justified the collection of tariffs.
4. . . . the system whereby governments spend money simply by writing checks in overdraft, while at the same time promoting the archaic income tax, claiming without evidence that collections from income tax are essential for the support of government activities, when that tax is no more necessary than would be a bucket of sand “paid” to a vast ocean beach.
5. . . . Walt Disney studios for releasing to US theaters in 1943 a Donald Duck cartoon to “sell” the personal income tax, distorting public opinion to cause tens of millions of people to believe personal income taxation was mandated by law. Congress was prohibited by the constitution from enacting any law that would give the US Treasury power to view the financial records of any except those accused of a crime. Congress could not lawfully require us to pay income tax; the US Constitution's Fourth and Fifth amendments forbid it. Disney created the impression that unlawful structure is mandatory when he sold the US public on the 1040 being a form to get back part of the withholding tax, thus the “income tax *return*.”<sup>5</sup>
6. . . . Congress for using devious means to defeat the effect of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments of the US Constitution by allowing Henry Morgenthau,<sup>6</sup> then-Secretary of the US Treasury to devise the scheme, and to conspire with Walt Disney in person to do that job.<sup>7</sup>
7. . . . the fact that today's Federal judges apply more authority to this cartoon-based public policy than to the authority of the US Constitution. This fashion-of-justice has allowed the US Treasury Department to remove from tax bulletins the former common wording, “The Voluntary Personal Income Tax.”
8. . . . Donald Duck for making robots of us.

We should respect and support any politician who acknowledges this history and determines either to try to 1) Amend the US Constitution to repeal the Fourth and Fifth Amendments, or 2) to eliminate the income tax.

Do not expect perfection in any area of life, but demand that government behave in harmony with its founding documents, without hypocrisy.

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<sup>5</sup> Disney's written history tells that Walt Disney received funds for the construction of Disneyland in Anaheim as his reward for that selling job. See *Building a company: Roy O. Disney and the Creation of an Entertainment Empire*. Publisher New York Disney Editions 1998. ISBN Number: 0-7868-6200-9 / 9780786862009.

<sup>6</sup> Henry Morgenthau, Jr., 52<sup>nd</sup> Secretary of the U.S. Treasury. May 11, 1891 – February 6, 1967. He served during the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

<sup>7</sup> Leonard Malton's interview with Joe Grant, Disney artist, who was with Walt Disney at the US Treasury when the meeting with Morgenthau was held. See “*Walt Disney's Treasures*” DVD series, “*Walt Disney on the Front Lines*.” During W.W. II Disney studios was taken over by the War Department for the production of propaganda films.