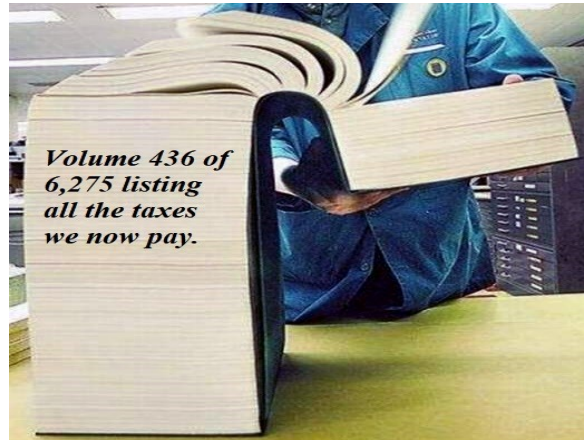


**Taxes that did not exist
100 years ago...**

Accounts Receivable Tax
Building Permit Tax
CDL license Tax
Cigarette Tax
Corporate Income Tax
Dog License Tax
Federal Income Tax
Federal Unemployment Tax
Fishing License Tax
Food License Tax
Fuel permit tax
Gasoline Tax
Hunting License Tax
Inheritance Tax
Interest expense Inventory tax
IRS Interest Charges
IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax)
Liquor Tax
Luxury Taxes
Marriage License Tax
Medicare Tax
Property Tax
Real Estate Tax
Service charge taxes
Social Security Tax
Road usage taxes
Sales Tax
Recreational Vehicle Tax
School Tax
State Income Tax
State Unemployment Tax
Telephone federal excise tax
Telephone federal universal service fee tax
Telephone surcharge taxes
Telephone minimum usage surcharge tax
Telephone recurring and non-recurring charges tax
Telephone state and local tax
Telephone usage charge tax
Utility Taxes
Vehicle License
Registration Tax
Vehicle Sales Tax
Watercraft registration Tax
Well Permit Tax
Workers Compensation Tax
...I'm sure there are dozens more since I found this list a few years ago. Bureaucratic logic (genesis of most taxes) spreads the theft out so we won't notice the volume.

The Frank Report



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All the news I see fit to print.

Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one.

Supreme Court Case Could Screw Up the Tax Code...the case, brought by a Washington state couple, raises a simple question: Must income be received or "realized," before it can be taxed?

The Constitution gave Congress broad national taxing power. But it required that any "direct taxes," such as per-capita taxes, be apportioned among the states by population.

After the Civil War, Congress sought to impose an individual income tax, but the Supreme Court ruled in 1895 that such a move was an unconstitutional direct tax. A response was the 16th Amendment, adopted in 1913, that says "income, from whatever source derived," can be taxed. That's today's federal income tax but the amendment doesn't specify what "income" means, nor does it say income must be received or realized.

In the first 26 years of the federal income tax, the tax code grew from 400 to 504 pages. Most of the growth in the tax code came in the past 30 years, growing from 26,300 pages in 1984 to nearly three times that length today. This growth was caused by lawmakers stuffing the tax code with social and economic objectives, such as incentives for people to buy hybrid vehicles, turn corn into gasoline, purchase health insurance, buy a home, replace that home's windows, adopt children, put them in day-care, purchase school supplies, go to college, invest in historic buildings, spend more on research, and the list is growing.

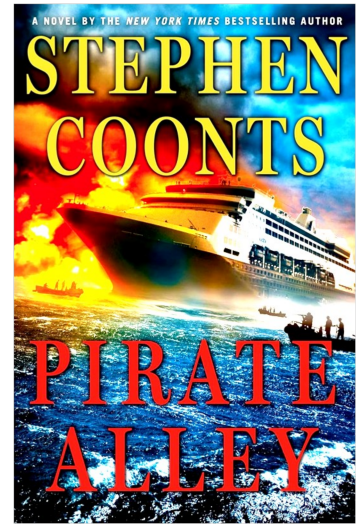
The federal income tax is the one most familiar. Not to be outdone, state and local government has jumped on the bandwagon with taxes noted at the left column. Anybody know what legal excuse they are using to generate those taxes?

We don't elect the bureaucrats who are the main source of new taxes...but they control the elected officials with horror stories if the politicians don't create or raise the taxes.

What if we established only two transparent sources for federal and state governments? They would have to justify any increase and be accountable for how the money was spent.

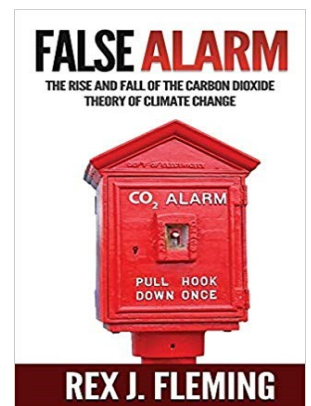
That's a nightmare for any politician or bureaucrat.

They'd probably create a new tax to pay for it.



Book Report

Steven Coonts; dozens of books I have now found thanks to Dr. M. Very similar to the Clive Cussler novels with same type of heroes and plots. However, Coonts dialogue is crisper and moves faster. Coonts is a Naval aviator Vietnam era so almost contemporary of Cussler. Well worth the time. I recommend starting with ***Liars and Thieves***, the 2004 introduction of the ***Tommy Carmellini*** character and his relationship with Coonts other hero ***Jake Grafton***.



Dr. Rex J. Fleming has over 50 years' experience in weather and climate research. He has authored over 25 scientific papers and three books; and has several U. S. Patents. Al Gore and John Kerry wished he didn't. Read his book to find out why. Available at Amazon.

*curmudgeon
quotes*



Just to be clear... they're not bad habits if I enjoy them.

One out of every four persons is suffering from mental illness. Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's you.

**My new mantra:
I don't want to,
I don't have to
and I ain't gonna.**

My tolerance for idiots is extremely low these days. I used to have some immunity built up, but obviously, there's a new strain out there.

As I watch this generation try to rewrite our history, I'm sure of one thing: it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

Not true that I enjoy pushing people's buttons. If true, I would have found their mute button.

I am not grouchy. I just stopped being polite and started being honest.

The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.

At my age, "on time" is when I get there. Deal with it.

We could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to experts.

Why does a slight tax increase cost you \$200 and a substantial tax cut saves you thirty cents?



Pope Francis sent a message to the United Nations climate summit decrying the "unbridled exploitation" of the environment by first world nations. The pope blamed capitalist greed for the failure to act more decisively to prevent climate change. Climate scientists who know better have suggested that the pope attach a small propeller to that beanie hat he wears. Al Gore has offered to donate solar panels to keep it spinning but needs a tax subsidy of at least a million dollars to fund the addition. A GoFundMe account has been started to buy a spot on the next Elon Musk SpaceX rocket so the pope can get closer to God and away from those barrels of sacramental wine at the Vatican.

A new financing mechanism to support nations being "harmed" by climate change was agreed to at the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai, with an initial pledge of over \$400 million from industrialized countries and the host, the United Arab Emirates. John Kerry pledged \$17.5 million...*betcha it wasn't his money. It was ours.* The scene was also the largest gathering of private jets ever assembled. WTF?



Tidbits

(a small and particularly interesting item of gossip or information)

Democrat Denver Mayor Mike Johnston's car was stolen, just before Joe Biden arrived.

FBI Agent's Car Stolen at Gunpoint in Daylight Carjacking in Washington, DC.

NYC Mayor Adams Announces City will Reduce NYPD Officers to Below 30,000 and Slash Education Department Due to Financial Impact of Illegal Aliens.

US Army Removes COVID Vaccine Requirement for Recruits Following Historic Low in Recruitment Since 1973 while those kicked out for refusing the vaccine are suing for billions.

Nextdoor Social Media Giant Slashes 25% of Staff in Latest Layoffs. Nextdoor= "one big 'Karen' clambake of angry menopausal harpies". *(personal note: I have been banished from Nextdoor much to your surprise?)*

U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) provides further evidence that the COVID-19 shows heart failure spiked nearly 1,000% among military pilots in 2022. *FAA to issue heart monitors to TSA for commercial pilots?*

Democrat John Kerry Vows to Shut Down All Coal Plants in US that Supply 22% of Electricity to US Homes and Businesses and Replace It with Chinese Windmills.

Meanwhile, China is ramping up coal and natural gas production, imports, and consumption...

Until next week...

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