

We are told from a young age that we have certain duties, and that we have certain obligations to fill, towards our country, our culture, our friends and families. However, what most people ignore is that these are mere social constructs and we do not have any obligation to fill in actuality.

It is drilled into us that these certain duties and obligations are necessary, but oftentimes they aren't. Sometimes these duties are less so moral, and more so forced upon by imposing it as a religious practice, patriarchal imposition or induced guilt, and that is the point at which these duties become more unnecessary and where people choose not to do these duties and obligations.

One of these obligations which we are legally forced to comply with is paying taxes. While the concept of taxes makes sense, that it is our price for civilization, the utilization of taxes is a very controversial practice, and there is much discrepancy between all the legislators and political figures and what they wish to do using taxpayer money. While many politicians claim that the money is to go to welfare, health care and other reasonable places for taxpayer money to be allocated, is this really where the money is going? If assisting the middle and lower classes has been such a large issue these past few years, why does the largest country in the Western World, the United States, spend a whopping 649 billion Dollars on defence? This amount is needlessly large. You could add the defense budgets of China, Saudi Arabia, India, France, Russia, United Kingdom and Germany all together, and you would still fall 40 billion dollars short of the 649 billion dollars allocated to the Department of Defense. All the other countries mentioned are considered to be among the largest military superpowers, yet they aren't allocated as much as the United States Department of Defense.

As there are 140 million tax paying citizens in the United States, an average of 4635 5/7 USD is spent by the average citizen that goes towards the United States Department of Defense. The money that politicians claim is being used to help citizens struggling to make ends meet is instead being used to stage attacks on foreign countries, often in disputes that they have no business joining. This goes for practically every nation in existence. They spend an obscene amount of money on defense and the military and continue to neglect their citizens. This is a practice done by every country, and no one is willing to stop this. What makes this even worse is the fact that everyone who pays attention to these facts just chooses to stay quiet and nod their heads.

Many of these countries choose to ignore the welfare and liberty of their citizens and instead choose to go to war with other nations for petty reasons. Legislators within countries like the US continue to raise taxes. They continue to convince us that the money goes towards Social Security, Medicare and more, yet all we receive are miniscule increases in those programs and massive increases in the Department of Defense and other departments in which more money is unneeded. The fact that the countries consider paying taxes a duty and a nationalistic thing to do is bewildering. The more taxes increase, the less money that people have to use for themselves. More money is piling into the useless pit of war while the promised increases in departments that do really serve the people are in fact very miniscule. Why are people being forced to invest money into something that many don't endorse in war while they receive very little in return? I believe that it is time for taxes to be decreased, and for the money that is spent on taxes to be spent on programs that give back to the people.

While money should still be invested into defense, the amount that the world spends in the general on defense is far too large. The concept that we owe obligations to the government and that we have a duty to assist the government is tremendously flawed and a very flawed logic. Why is loyalty to a nation necessary? The concept that we must be loyal towards a nation and that we must fulfill certain obligations towards the government in exchange for simple exchanges and services from the government is broken. Why must we pay taxes and swear loyalty to a country for them to assist us?

To be eligible for government plans, for example OHIP, the Ontario Health Insurance Plan, you need to be a citizen or resident of Ontario. Let us see this broken logic now. All people living in Canada pay taxes, including non residents. Non-Residents indirectly fund these programs by paying taxes, but they are unable to benefit directly from it as they are not citizens or residents of the country. Ontario contains 580416 non residents. This means that there are nearly 600000 Ontarians who do not receive benefits from some of the programs in place, yet still are forced to fund them anyway.

The Government forces us to pay taxes, claiming it to be the duty of all who reside within the country, but refuse to support some of the people who still pay taxes and fund the programs in general. The sense of duty

that we are told of, and that we are instructed to follow is no longer present for some. The longer it is that the government continues to deceive us, the less it is that the desire to pay taxes and assist the government begins to fade. What is the duty that is taxation, and what purpose does it serve us? The purpose of the government is for them to assist us, yet the assistance we receive is nothing compared to the assistance that useless government departments receive. The governmental budget allocation system needs to be changed, for good.

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