

EAF 26 Abolish the income tax addendum

To Fred Barnes, Executive Editor, *The Weekly Standard*

Subject: Abolish the Income tax addendum

To tie my suggestion back to your GOP Go Big article:

GOP should use the “abolish the income tax” suggestion as the headline in a campaign to elect Congressional and Senate candidates who pledge to be active—vigorous, clear, focused action to repeal, replace, streamline current law and regulations that impede economic growth.

Liberal politicians and media measure Congress in terms of number of new laws passed and regulations required. Let’s focus Congress on the number subtracted, not added. Here is a suggested procedure:

First, is this law or regulation useful, feasible, growth oriented? If not (see for example Senator Coburn’s annual list; boy will conservatives miss him), work to prevent or remove this one.

Second, if Congress is going forward with this one, can the private sector do it better? The best American government actions began with public goal-setting, but then partnering with private enterprise: FDR WWII arsenal of democracy, DDE interstate highway system; JFK moon landing; RWR defeat of USSR. And we all know how inefficient government is, even when the goal is worthy, e.g., FAA’s latest boondoggle: redesign of the air traffic control system with no attention to drone flights.

Third, consider negative consequences that might result: estimate knowns with sound probability calculations; comprehensively and openly identify possible negative consequences which cannot be probabilistically estimated.

Reagan’s Choice provides a comprehensive starting point for analyzing such a campaign. Please do contact me if these ideas pique your interest.

