

Taxation is theft



Taxation is when the government takes a part of your income or part of anything that you buy or sell, and uses it for other purposes. Debates have been around for the longest time on whether the government has a right to take money from people, or whether people should keep all of the money that they earn.

Points For	Points Against
The government should have no right to take money from people. It is money that was earned by the people and it should stay with them unless they choose to give it to the government.	By living in the US, you form a Civil Contract. This means that you agree to abide by the laws of the land while you are currently living on it. Taxes are legal and in the contract you agreed to abide by.
People do not consent to have their money taken from their pay, or to be forced with violence to pay a certain amount of money from what they earn. If they do not consent, then it is theft.	Taxes are used from everything such as roads and school, to hospitals and prisons. The money is used to further research, and maintain infrastructure, so it is needed.
There is not enough benefits to outweigh the costs. Pretty much everything that the taxes are being used for can be done by a private company willingly.	Even if it is taken without consent, it is a necessary evil in order to make sure that things such as food stamps and other welfare programs for the poor and needy are funded.



Useful language to use in formal debates

In general, you would need to come up with 4-5 main arguments to support your team's debating position. It's also important to remember to also anticipate the opposition's arguments to help you defend your team's point of view.

Building your Argument

Introducing your point: To begin with... First of all...

Connecting your points: Also... Furthermore... What's more...

Showing importance: More importantly... What's worse... Above all else...

Giving examples: For instance... For example...

Opinions, Preferences:

In my opinion..., The way I see it..., As far as I'm concerned..., If it were up to me..., I suppose..., I suspect that..., I'm pretty sure that..., I honestly feel that, Without a doubt...,

Disagreeing:

Don't you think it would be better..., Shouldn't we consider..., But what about..., I'm afraid I don't agree..., Frankly, I doubt if..., The truth of the matter is..., The problem with your point of view is that..., It's a fact that..., According to ..., The reality of the situation is..., The numbers show that..., The fact is this:...,

Partially agreeing:

I agree with you to a point however..., I see where you are coming from but..., I see what you are saying but ...,

Delaying Strategies

I can't answer that directly..., I'll need time to think about that..., That's a very interesting question, because..., That's a difficult question to answer,

Asking someone to repeat

Pardon me? Pardon? Excuse me? Sorry? I'm sorry? I beg your pardon?

Holding the floor

Hold on..., Hold on a second..., Yes, I was about to mention that..., Well, I was about to come to that..., Sorry, I haven't finished yet, I haven't made my point yet ...

Expressing solutions and alternatives

The solution is to..., Then you will..., The best way to ... is ...,
To ..., you really have to ..., There are many choices...,

Supplementary materials



If needed, each member can be given a card indicating their position in the debate.

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