

In My Opinion

None of the above!

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Tax reform should not be accomplished on the backs of hard working middle class people. It must be done by a progressive income tax. Why? Simple, back in the day when property taxes were first introduced only wealthy people owned property. That has changed with the coming of the middle class. It is the American right of passage for ordinary people to be able to own a home and WE have been paying the way ever since. With a graduated income tax the more you earn the more you pay, how profound.

Also let's look at public employee pensions and observe that public employees pay into those funds but for a number of years the State DID NOT! Also let's observe that those same pensions were raided to balance the State budget several times! Let's also realize that if a private company dipped into their employee's pension funds someone would be going to JAIL, not the State! Is there room for reform, absolutely, getting a windfall for unused sick time is well, SICK! But again they put the blame on the working middle class.

Why is it that middle class citizens pay the highest percentage of their hard earned salaries in taxes and people who earn over \$500,000.00 pay a much lower percentage? Why, because big money funds campaigns that's why and money talks simple as that! So what is it that we really need? Campaign reform I say, NO contributions for campaigns at all. Do it with an income tax line item contribution and give each candidate a fixed amount, sounds great but nooooo this will not happen because the elected legislature will not cut off this funding. So it is up to the voters to make the decision by voting for None of the above and only for candidates that will actually represent us and not themselves!! What a change that would be, then and only then would you see fair taxation! REMEMBER- vote - NONE OF THE ABOVE!

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