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Subject: Scrap the income tax!

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DeathgodI didn't say it was bad, or that it was the sole reason our economy sucks. I just pointed it out.

I remember an old example from my economics class that has always served well. You take two companies making brooms. One of them is in the US, one is in Mexico. These two factories' stock is bought by the same company to sell here in the US. The brooms are functionally and stylistically identical, yet the US broom costs 500% more to make in terms of wages and resources. Now this is a simplistic example, to be sure, but the basic underlying idea is the same: why the fuck do people in the US waste money making brooms here when they can ship them from out of the country and still pay 1/4 of what the US broom costs?

As I said, it's simplistic but it can be applied to most industries that we are involved in outsourcing in.

Amusing side note relating to this topic, courtesy of the Onion:

<http://www.theonion.com/nib/index.php?issue=4116&nib=1>

It is that simple, unless you're a democrat. They have a problem with the workers in the US broom factory no longer having a job because we let Mexico make the brooms instead.. They would rather we just shut up and pay the 500% markup on the brooms so those workers don't have to take the time to look for another job.

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