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Subject: OT: Political IQ Test

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Just something interesting I'm going to point out about paying taxes. It's a two way street here. If you want a high standard of living (with or without the 'extras' like free health care, and other social assistanc programs), it's going to cost money. With the States currently trillions of dollars in debt, I'm assuming it's reasonable to say people want it paid off. With the debt taking away from the GNP, other sources of income need to be sought for infrastructure. Roads, hospitals, the judicial system, The large military allocation (at least for America). It all costs money to maintain, and even more to improve. So the question is: (And yes other things are a factor, but for the purpose of this I'm going to assume the money is being spent wisely)

How much are you willing to pay for a better life?

The less taxes you pay, the less the overall comfort of living (not using standard of living here). On the flip side, the more you pay, the more the higher comfort of living you could have.

Comfort of living, in the way I'm using it is simply how high quality a countries infrastructure is (and the abundance of "extras" if applicable)

I'm also not saying this to say that overly high taxes are a good idea, but rather to point out that a rise in taxes aren't always a bad thing, and a lowering in them a good thing. (Once again, assuming that the funds are infact going to what they should be, in a perfect world)

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