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and Abolishing the IRS:
A Field Manual for Activists**



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About Repeal 16

The Coalition to Repeal the 16th Amendment, Repeal 16, is a national coalition of activists and organizations taking action to repeal the 16th Amendment, and end our corrupting tax system and the oppressive IRS.

The coalition does not advance a specific tax policy structure to replace the current tax code (e.g. FairTax vs. flat tax). It simply seeks to limit Congressional power to impose taxes on production (income, payroll, dividends, estates, etc.).

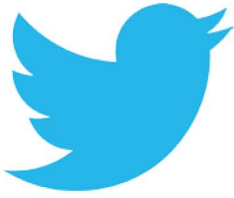
About the Repeal 16 Legislation

Congressman Jim Bridenstine has introduced a bill (HJ Res 104) in the U.S. House of Representatives to repeal the 16th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution which allows the federal government to levy the income tax.

Repeal 16 Partners

The Competitive Governance Action (CGA), a 501-c4 non-profit organization, committed to advancing self-governance and citizen participation, has agreed to manage the project for the coalition. Partners include Americans for Fair Taxation, Tea Party Patriots, Americans for Limited Government, and Free Market America.

Repeal 16 welcomes additional coalition partners, if your group would like to join the growing grassroots movement to repeal the 16th Amendment, please contact us today at info@Repeal16.org or visit our website at www.Repeal16.org.



Sample Tweets for Repeal 16

Below are sample messages for Twitter related to abolishing the IRS and repealing the 16th Amendment.



It's time to end the IRS. [#Repeal16](#)

about 1 hour ago via Twitter



The IRS is a corrupt institution that targeted people for years for their political beliefs. [#Repeal16](#)

about 1 hour ago via Twitter



The tax code is more than 72,000 pages long. It's time for real tax reform. [#Repeal16](#)

about 1 hour ago via Twitter



The IRS has a long history of abuse and corruption. Abolish the IRS, repeal 16th amendment, and start fresh. [#Repeal16](#)

about 1 hour ago via Twitter



The [#Repeal16](#) bill will end the income tax. Check out more here <http://www.repeal16.org/repeal-16-bill.html>

about 1 hour ago via Twitter



I support [@Repeal_16](#) because the income tax has to go. RT [#Repeal16](#) if you're with me. [#Repeal16](#)

about 1 hour ago via Twitter

Tweets about history



The Founding Fathers had rejected income taxes unless they were apportioned to each state according to population

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The first income tax was created during the Civil War. This tax was repealed in 1872 and declared unconstitutional

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Before income tax the majority of federal revenue came from tariffs, now nearly half of federal revenue is raised by income taxes [#Repeal16](#)

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Tweets for reasons to repeal



In 1939 only 5% of the population was required to file tax returns. Today, more than 80% of the population is under the income tax. [#Repeal16](#)

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(Part 1) It is estimated that \$100 billion in federal revenues are lost each year from the underground economy.

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(Part 2) It is estimated that \$65 billion in federal revenues are lost each year because they are not reported. [#Repeal16](#)

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(Part 3) Does this seem fair to the citizens that are paying their fair share in federal income tax? [#Repeal16](#)

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(Part 1) In order to appeal tax cases, you must go through a system of tax courts which are without juries. [#Repeal16](#)

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(Part2) In order to get a tax case into a regular court where there is a jury, the citizen must pay the tax and then sue the government. [#Repeal16](#)

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(Part 3) Is this a fair way for the government to prosecute tax cases? [#Repeal16](#)

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Income taxes were unpopular from the very beginning when enacted during the civil war, prompting a repeal in 1872. [#Repeal16](#)

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Income taxes are so complex that there are 1.2 million tax preparers in the country 6 times more than the number of troops in Iraq. [#Repeal16](#)

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Tweets for reasons to repeal (continued)



Congress hands the accountants business on a silver platter when they create special interest tax forms. [#Repeal16](#)
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The number of pages in the tax code and regulations doubled from 26,300 in 1984 to 54,846 by 2003 and is still growing. [#Repeal16](#)
about 1 hour ago via Twitter



(Part 1) For years Americans have been calling for Congress to simply the tax code, but Congress ignores them. [#Repeal16](#)
about 1 hour ago via Twitter



(Part 2) Instead, they vote for more special interest breaks further complicating tax code. [#Repeal16](#)
about 1 hour ago via Twitter



The IRS asses \$32 million in penalties each year to hard working American citizens. [#Repeal16](#)
about 1 hour ago via Twitter



There have been 25 major changes in the capital gains tax since 1922. It seems Congress has trouble measuring "income". [#Repeal16](#)
about 1 hour ago via Twitter



(Part 3) The IRS guide to IRAs alone is 105 pages long! [#Repeal16](#)
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The income tax distorts financial planning and business investment, and it encourages tax avoidance and evasion. [#Repeal16](#)
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How to Host a Town Hall Meeting for Repeal 16

This brief guide provides ideas for how to plan and organize an effective town hall meeting in your local area on the topic of the IRS and the 16th Amendment.

Advance Planning

- 1. Plan early!** You will need several weeks of lead-time, especially if you hope to have a Member of Congress participate.
- 2. Create an agenda for the town hall meeting.** Identify the major theme.
- 3. Identify a moderator.** This person should be well-versed on the subject and able to keep the conversation going.
- 4. Secure a location.**
- 5. Invite your Member of Congress to participate.** You may also want to invite other elected officials, depending on the topic. State and local government officials may be interested in participating.
- 6. Advertise the event.** Use social media to reach a broad audience. If any elected officials are participating, encourage them to send out an email to their email lists.
- 7. Invite members of the press.** Contact your local radio show hosts and tell them about the event. If you have relationships with any local journalists or bloggers, extend a personal invitation.
- 8. Encourage attendees to submit their questions in advance** of the meeting to help manage time. You may want to set up a dedicated webform or Google Survey to keep track of submissions.
- 9. Create a back-up list of questions** to ask if there are breaks in the conversation at the meeting.
- 10. Prepare any handouts or documents** to distribute at the meeting.



How to Host a Town Hall Meeting for Repeal 16 (continued)

DURING the Town Hall Meeting

1. **Welcome attendees and the guest speakers.** Thank everyone for participating.
2. **Introduce the moderator and the guest speakers.**
3. **Explain the agenda.** If using a PowerPoint presentation, display the agenda so everyone knows how the meeting will be organized.
4. **Explain the purpose of the meeting and the chief objectives.**
5. **Allow the moderator to guide the discussion** and open with brief remarks and a few questions for the guest speakers.
6. **Allow audience members to ask questions.** Remember that the purpose of the town hall is to provide a forum where citizens can get answers to their questions, so allow as many people as possible to ask questions.
7. **Don't allow anyone in the audience to monopolize the microphone.** Maintain a set time limit for questions.

AFTER the Town Hall Meeting

1. **Thank everyone for attending.**
2. **Encourage everyone to sign up with their email addresses** so they can continue to hear from you.
3. **Distribute a survey** (either in person or online) with questions about what the attendees liked about the event and what could be improved.
4. If there are any actions that need to be taken as a result of the town hall (e.g. specific actions that the Member of Congress will take), **write those down and follow-up with the appropriate people.** Once progress has been made, email the attendees an update.



Writing a Letter to the Editor

A letter to the editor of a newspaper is a great opportunity for you to express your opinion about a recent article published in the paper or an issue in the news. Letters to the editor allow activists to reach a broad audience, hold local journalists and elected officials accountable, and present alternative views on political issues and current events.

Letters to the editor are usually found in the first section of the newspaper or on the editorial page.

Guidelines for Getting a Letter to the Editor Published

Most newspapers publish guidelines with their specific requirements for getting a letter published, but here are some general rules that will help you get your letter to the editor published.

- 1. Provide contact information:** Include your name and address and a telephone number where you can be reached.
- 2. Be respectful:** Always be respectful and courteous, even when disagreeing with the Editorial Board about a specific issue.
- 3. Be specific:** If you are opposed to the 16th Amendment, mention the specific reasons why. Provide examples.
- 4. Cite your sources:** If you include any quoted material, be sure to correctly cite your source or attribute the quote.
- 5. Use proper grammar:** Spellcheck your letter and be sure to use proper grammar.
- 6. Be concise:** Letters to the editor are much more likely to be published if they are 300 words or less. Make your point as clearly and concisely as possible.



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the 16th Amendment?

The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution allows the Congress to levy an income tax without apportioning it among the states. The IRS was created as a result of the 16th Amendment.

What is Repeal 16?

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Why Repeal 16?

Fundamental tax reform is not being seriously considered in Washington, D.C. Why? Because incumbents, lobbyists, and crony capitalists are addicted to the taxpayer money that the current tax code, and its enforcer the IRS, rips from the paychecks and pockets of working Americans. They “love” a policy that turns your money and your wealth into the lobbying funds and campaign contributions that maintain the ruling elite in Washington, D.C.

How does Repeal 16 engage?

The repeal question must be called during an election season. Every Member of Congress must be forced to declare where he or she stands: with the American people or with the IRS. “Repeal 16” will advocate for immediate passage of a bill repealing the 16th Amendment and make repeal a top issue in the 2014 Congressional primary election season.



Get Involved Today!

- ◆ **SIGN THE PETITION** at www.Repeal16.org
and sign up for email updates
- ◆ Email us at Info@Repeal16.org
- ◆ Share Repeal 16's latest news on
Facebook.com/Repeal16
and Twitter @Repeal_16
- ◆ Volunteer to host an event or speaker
- ◆ **SPREAD THE WORD!** Update your
Facebook profile picture or wall cover
photo or add an event graphic
- ◆ **STAND WITH REP. BRIDENSTINE**
Go to www.Repeal16.org and
use what you've learned to tweet
your support!

