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In 1900, Tax Freedom day was January 22; roughly 5% of a person's gross income went towards taxes. Today, the average person will contribute roughly 30% of their gross income towards taxes at the state, federal, and local level.

Today, April 23 is Tax Freedom day. Americans should take notice.