

I have a very simple way to simplify the tax code.

Nobody should pay tax if their total household income is under 5 million dollars during the year. The report would be done by the whole household; no getting away with splitting income between husband, wife, child #1, child #2, child #3, etc, to get the household down to a lower figure.

Anyone whose total household income is above 5 million US dollars, the amount above the 5 million should be taxed at a 50 percent rate.

There are no deductions (except that one would still reduce gross proceeds by basis to arrive at net capital gain), no exemptions, no credits, no preferential rates or "punishment rates," none of that stuff.

By the way, if my 5-million-freebie threshold doesn't result in enough income, make it 4 million, or 3 million, or 2 million.

Sincerely,

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