

# Do governments have the right to tax?

Yes

## Dimensions of Taxation

No

### Purpose

Defense  
Property Protection  
Contract Enforcement  
Infrastructure  
Consumer Protection/  
Business Regulation  
Disaster Relief  
Education  
Healthcare  
Food  
Social Engineering  
Wealth Redistribution

### Amount

High  
Moderate  
Low

### Assessor

Local  
County  
State  
Federal

### Object

Income  
Payroll  
Capital Gains  
Inheritance  
Sales  
Excise  
Property  
Value Added

### Proportionality

Regressive  
Proportional (Flat Tax)  
Progressive

### Theory

Benefit  
Cost of Service  
Ability to Pay  
Proportionate