

Subject: **Anyone know what a BILLION IS...**

Just thought it would be helpful to know what a billion was / is

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

The next time you hear a politician use the word 'billion' in a casual manner, think about whether you want the 'politicians' spending YOUR tax money.

A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into some perspective in one of its releases.

- A. A billion seconds ago it was 1972
- B. A billion minutes ago Jesus had returned to heaven some 70 years ago.
- C. A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.
- D. A billion days ago no-one walked on the earth on two feet.
- E. A billion dollars ago was only 8 hours and 20 minutes, at the rate our government is spending it. (Twice this fast now)

While this thought is still fresh in our brain, let's take a look at New Orleans It's amazing what you can learn with some simple division. Louisiana Senator, Mary Landrieu (D), is asking the Congress for \$250 BILLION to rebuild New Orleans. Interesting number, what does it mean?

- A. Well, if you are one of 484,674 residents of New Orleans (every man, woman, child), you each get \$516,528.
- B. Or, if you have one of the 188,251 homes in New Orleans, your home gets \$1,329,787.
- C. Or, if you are a family of four, your family gets \$2,066,012.

And the President wants a lot more than that for his 'war on terrorism.'

Washington, D.C... HELLO!!!... Are your calculators broken??

- ✓ Tax his land,
- ✓ Tax his wage,
- ✓ Tax his bed in which he lays.
- ✓ Tax his tractor,
- ✓ Tax his mule,
- ✓ Teach him taxes are the rule.
- ✓ Tax his cow,
- ✓ Tax his goat,
- ✓ Tax his pants,
- ✓ Tax his coat.
- ✓ Tax his ties,

- ✓ Tax his shirts,
- ✓ Tax his work,
- ✓ Tax his dirt.
- ✓ Tax his tobacco,
- ✓ Tax his drink,
- ✓ Tax him if he tries to think.
- ✓ Tax his booze,
- ✓ Tax his beers,
- ✓ If he cries,
- ✓ Tax his tears.
- ✓ Tax his bills,
- ✓ Tax his gas,
- ✓ Tax his notes,
- ✓ Tax his cash.
- ✓ Tax him good and let him know that after taxes, he has no dough.
- ✓ If he hollers,
- ✓ Tax him more,
- ✓ Tax him until he's good and sore.
- ✓ Tax his coffin,
- ✓ Tax his grave,
- ✓ Tax the sod in which he lays.
- ✓ Put these words upon his tomb, 'Taxes drove me to my doom!'
- ✓ And when he's gone,
- ✓ We won't relax,
- ✓ We'll still be after the inheritance TAX!!
- ✓ Accounts Receivable Tax
- ✓ Building Permit Tax
- ✓ CDL License Tax
- ✓ Cigarette Tax
- ✓ Corporate Income Tax
- ✓ Dog License Tax
- ✓ Federal Income Tax
- ✓ Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA)

- ✓ Fishing License Tax
- ✓ Food License Tax
- ✓ Fuel Permit Tax
- ✓ Gasoline Tax
- ✓ Hunting License Tax
- ✓ Inheritance Tax
- ✓ Inventory Tax
- ✓ IRS Interest Charges (tax on top of tax),
- ✓ IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax),
- ✓ Liquor Tax,
- ✓ Luxury Tax,
- ✓ Marriage License Tax,
- ✓ Medicare Tax,
- ✓ Property Tax,
- ✓ Real Estate Tax,
- ✓ Service charge taxes,
- ✓ Social Security Tax,
- ✓ Road Usage Tax (Truckers),
- ✓ Sales Taxes,
- ✓ Recreational Vehicle Tax,
- ✓ School Tax,
- ✓ State Income Tax,
- ✓ State Unemployment Tax (SUTA),
- ✓ Telephone Federal Excise Tax,
- ✓ Telephone Federal Universal Service Fee Tax,
- ✓ Telephone Federal, State and Local Surcharge Tax,
- ✓ Telephone Minimum Usage Surcharge Tax,
- ✓ Telephone Recurring and Non-recurring Charges Tax,
- ✓ Telephone State and Local Tax,
- ✓ Telephone Usage Charge Tax,
- ✓ Utility Tax,
- ✓ Vehicle License Registration Tax,
- ✓ Vehicle Sales Tax,

- ✓ Watercraft Registration Tax,
- ✓ Well Permit Tax,
- ✓ Workers Compensation Tax.
- ✓ Oh yes, lets not forget inflation [tax], and dollar depreciation [tax], and any other fines, fees, levies, etc., which may have not made the above list.

STILL THINK THIS IS FUNNY?

Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago, and our nation was the most prosperous in the world. We had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world, and Mom stayed home to raise the kids.

What happened? Can you spell 'politicians??'

Oh yes, and I still have to 'press 1' for English.

I hope this goes around the USA at least 100 times.

What the heck happened?????

I can tell you some of what happened. We've been sold out people! Consider that the government and more specifically the US Department of Education get what it pays for. And consider this:

"The chief enemies of republican freedom are mental sloth, conformity, bigotry, superstition, credulity, monopoly in the market of ideas, and utter, benighted ignorance." Adderley v. State of Florida, 385 U.S. 39, 49 (1967)
Decision by Justice Black

[Footnote 1] "Where would we really find the principal danger to civil liberty in a republic? Not in the governors as governors, not in the governed as governed, but in the governed unequipped to function as governors. The chief enemies of republican freedom are mental sloth, conformity, bigotry, superstition, credulity, monopoly in the market of ideas, and utter, benighted ignorance. Relying as it does on the consent of the governed, representative government cannot succeed unless the community receives enough information to grasp public issues and make sensible decisions. As lights which may have been enough for the past do not meet the needs of the present, so present lights will not suffice for the more extensive and complex problems of the future. Heretofore public enlightenment may have been only a manifest desideratum; today it constitutes an imperative necessity. The First Amendment, says Justice Black, 'reflects the faith that a good society is not static but advancing, and that the fullest possible interchange of ideas and beliefs is essential to attainment of this goal.' [From Feldman v. United States, 322 U.S. 487, 501 (dissenting opinion).]" Cahn, *supra*, at 102.

Justice Black sounds as he might be fed-up with the whole situation. At one time we had the best deal on the planet. We had [and might yet have] freedom and liberty beyond that of any other people. And what have we done with it?

- ◇ mental sloth
- ◇ conformity
- ◇ bigotry
- ◇ superstition
- ◇ credulity
- ◇ monopoly in the market of ideas, and
- ◇ utter, benighted ignorance.

Think about these things and how they might be applied to your life and to you.

One cannot 'right the world' if one is not right in the world!

Are you some manner of automaton [robot]?

There has never been a better time for individualism!

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