"Let me point this out now. Your income tax is 100 percent voluntary tax, and your liquor tax is 100 percent enforced tax. Now, the situation is as different as night and day. Consequently, your same rules just will not apply..."

-- Dwight E. Avis, former head of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division of the IRS
Source: testifying before a House Ways and Means subcommittee in 1953

"Only the rare taxpayer would be likely to know that he could refuse to produce his records to IRS agents... Who would believe the ironic truth that the cooperative taxpayer fares much worse than the individual who relies upon his constitutional rights."

-- Judge Cummings, U.S. Federal Judge
Source: in US. v. Dickerson (7th Circuit 1969)

"The United States has a system of taxation by confession."

-- Justice Hugo L. Black, US Supreme Court Justice (1886-1971)
Source: U.S.A. vs. Kahriger

"Given the opportunity, the IRS will take the easy way out and grab whatever it can... the IRS does not really care about you and what your future... may be."

-- Santo Presti, former IRS Criminal Investigation Agent and author of "IRS In Action"

"Fear is the key element for the IRS in achieving its mission. Without fear, the IRS would have a difficult time maintaining our so-called system of voluntary compliance..."

-- Santo Presti, former IRS Criminal Investigation Agent and author of "IRS in Action"

"The agency that is so strict on the way Americans keep their books cannot even pass a financial audit."

-- Ted Stevens, US Senator, Alaska-R
Source: on the first-ever audit of the IRS in 1993.
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