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Leon,

Attacking taxes and the politicians that support them may get you attention, but it is a cheap shot. You know as well as anyone that government costs money, more than can be raised through bake sales. Taxes are necessary. No politician wants to raise taxes, and it takes a lot of courage to do so when it makes them targets for abuse from people like you. Wouldn't it be more productive to direct your attention to ways to cut spending? Or ways to spread the tax burden more fairly, so that everyone pays their share? There are certainly instances of waste in state government, but there are also important things the state should be doing that it can't because it doesn't have enough money - things like fixing roads and bridges and protecting the environment. Taxes are not the issue. The issue is taxing fairly and efficiently, and then spending the money wisely. It might take a little more thought, but it is the right thing to do.

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