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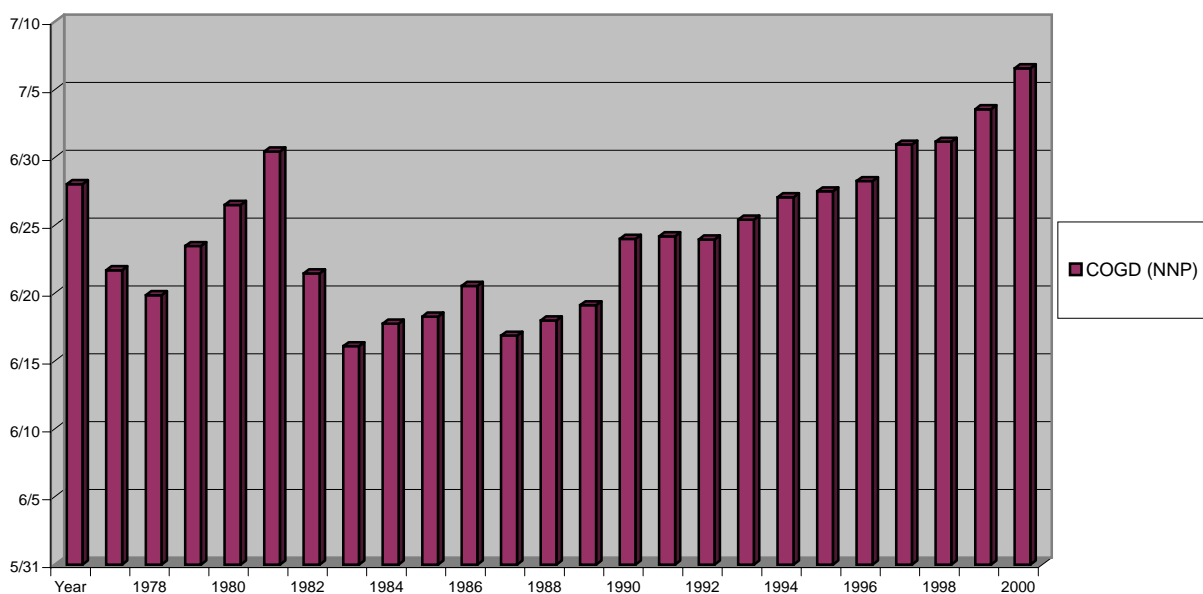
Cost of Government Day 2001: July 6th

Cost of Government Day is the date of the calendar year on which the average American worker has earned enough gross income to pay off his or her share of tax and regulatory burdens imposed by all levels of government (federal, state and local taxation and regulatory compliance costs).

*A few of our initial findings in this year's
Cost of Government Day report:*

- **The upward trend continues.** The overall cost of government has risen steadily, every year, since 1993, an unprecedented trend in the history of Cost of Government Day (calculated since 1977).
- **Taxes outstrip GDP in unprecedented trend.** Federal tax revenues have grown faster than GDP every year since 1993 (an unprecedented trend in the modern era), reaching highs never before seen in our nations history (20.7% in 2001).
- **State taxes match economic growth.** By contrast, state revenues have steadily matched the rate of economic growth. Aggregate state revenues, measured as a percentage of GDP, have remained flat since the mid 1980's (National Income Product Accounts).
- **Federal Regulation Explodes.** The number of major new regulatory rules accelerated its recent flight upward, culminating in 48 new major rules in just the first quarter of 2001.

Cost of Government Day, 1977-- 2001



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