

Hamilton For Oklahoma

United States Congress District 3

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Deconstruction

of the Federal Government

There is little debate the Federal Government has become so powerful, so massive, that to remove it and maintain order seems impossible. This is by design from our Nation's more recent history. The Federal Government routinely uses our taxes to leverage controls over the states, which is unconstitutional. Article I, Section 2 states:

“Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union”

Does it seem like taxes are being apportioned, or distributed appropriately? There are sales taxes, employment taxes, gas taxes, energy taxes, use taxes, progressive income taxes, some sources say there are a total of 97 different taxes individuals can be required to pay. Is that apportioned in how they are applied? The short answer is no.

The only reason our government exists is because of the taxes we pay. Our representatives have exceeded their constitutional authority in allowing the Federal Government to collect so much in disproportionate taxes. In 2023 an estimated \$4.44 Trillion was collected, minus park fees and customs duties. Yet, Congress still spent more!

The only way to stop this out-of-control spending and taxation is to immediately decrease the size of the Federal Government. Congress has absolute authority to close federal agencies that provide redundant or no longer necessary services; do not let anyone tell you different.

Congress must become responsible and close down inefficient and unnecessary agencies, including elimination of associated cabinet positions. With properly apportioned taxes, states can then decide how to spend those tax dollars at a local level, reducing our tax burden and the power of federal government.



The Constitution is the guide which I never will abandon.

George Washington



Natural Law

The philosophy of John Locke

The purpose of government, Locke wrote, “is to secure and protect the God-given inalienable natural rights of the people. For their part, the people must obey the laws of their rulers.”

We consent to be governed, in exchange for security and peace. However, if that government fails to provide these basic promises, then it is the right of the people to replace the government with one that again respects and protects our natural rights.

We are in a grave time in history. The government we had, has been fundamentally changed to ignore those that have been taxed and consented to be governed. Instead, the government focuses on political minorities and foreign nationals over the majority populace. Why is that?

Congressional Staff

You're not electing one person

When we elect a representative, we are also electing the people that will serve on his or her staff. Those influential individuals often earn generous salaries that can be more than the representative's.

If you want to learn what a representative's compensation and allowances are go to this link:

<https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/RL/RL30064>

The Members Representational Allowance (MRA) is paid yearly to manage a representative's office. There are 435 representatives in Congress. In 2023, the MRAs ranged from \$1.85 Million to \$2.09M. This allowance includes, staff, office supplies, expenses for travel and official business.

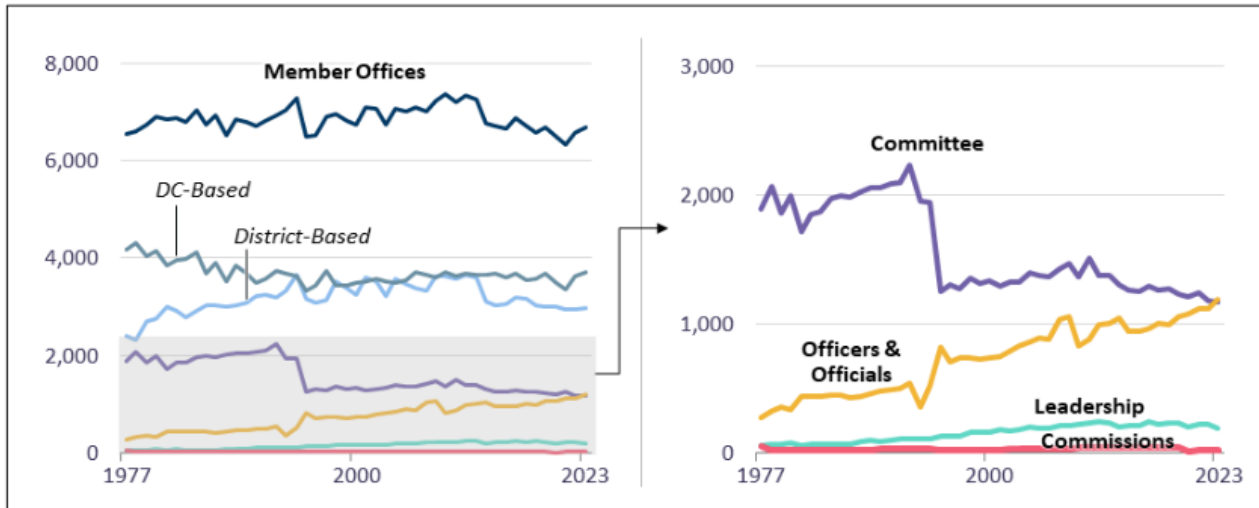
The average number of staff per office is 15, including district office staffing, and potentially

unpaid interns. To run this office with a \$1.8M budget per year seems exorbitant. I wonder how much work representatives actually do versus their staff. If they are not representing or answering their constituents, there is a big problem.

Outside of a congressman's personal staff and costs, congressional committees are also staffed, typically with D.C. based "professionals". This is another significant expense paid by us, the tax payers. See *Figure 1

The Congressional Calendar shows a congressman spends 3 weeks per month in D.C., with August, October, Thanksgiving, and Christmas off as holidays or "working" in the district. **My promise to you is, compared to the last 30 years, my staff and I will earn our salaries!**

Figure 1. House Staff Levels by Category, 1977-2023



Source: Annual House telephone directories, online House Telephone Directory, CRS estimates and calculations.

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