## The CyberNation Freedom Test Are You Free or Do You Just Think You Are?

If you have any doubts just answer the following 12 questions and you will know for sure.

- 1. Is more than 15% of your hard earned income forcibly being taken away from you through taxation by your government? (yes or no)
- 2. Does your government force you to participate in Social Security and Medicare? (yes or no)
- 3. Is your Social Security number being used by your government to monitor your income, bank accounts and other activities? (yes or no)
- 4. Is your government engaging in e-mail surveillance operations without probable cause or search warrants? (yes or no)
- 5. When re-entering your own country after a vacation can your government search you and your belongings without probable cause or a search warrant? (yes or no)
- 6. Does your government require you to apply, gain its permission, and pay additional taxes for permits in order to simply add on a room or remodel your own home, on your own property? (yes or no)
- 7. Does your government tax your very ability to talk and communicate with family and friends? (yes or no)
- 8. Does your government practice discrimination against or preference for any individual or group of individuals based upon their race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, or social class? (yes or no)
- 9. If a nationwide television network interviewed you on a variety of political topics would you hide some of your true beliefs for fear of the consequences of publicly crossing the boundaries of 'political correctness'? (yes or no)
- 10. Has your government accumulated an overbearing National Debt liability for you, your children and grandchildren to pay off? (yes or no)
- 11. Is your government dominated by politicians more beholden to their egos and corporate patrons than to you and your individual rights? (yes or no)
- 12. Do you still think you are free? (yes or no)

## **KEY TO ANSWERS**

(The explanations below are specifically for United States citizens.)

1. YES. In the United States today the average individual pays nearly 50% of his or her income in taxes of one form or another. When 50% of your work day (4 of every 8 hours) is forcibly being taken from you by your government, is that not state sponsored slavery? The successful examples of the United States (1800-1929) and modern day Hong Kong have proven that the legitimate operations of government can be funded by a total individual tax of 15% or less of income. Why, and from what authority, are we being forced to pay more?

Please note that the federal income tax in the United States is only half of the tax picture, for one must also consider the following: state income taxes, state disability taxes, Social Security taxes, Medicare taxes, Medicaid taxes, unemployment insurance taxes, local taxes, property taxes, capital gains taxes, estate and inheritance taxes, gift taxes, sales taxes, electricity taxes, water taxes, sewage taxes, telephone taxes, cable taxes, corporate taxes, import taxes, export taxes, luxury taxes, gasoline taxes, alcohol taxes, tobacco taxes, vehicle registration taxes, hotel accommodation taxes, airplane ticket taxes, rental car taxes, building permit taxes, regulation taxes, licensing taxes, parking taxes, etc. (Note that the average individual in Europe pays far more than 50%.)

- 2. YES. When Social Security was first enacted in 1935 it was funded by a 2% payroll tax, today it is funded by a 12.4% payroll tax. The Social Security tax has been raised 54 times in a mere 65 years, measuring a staggering 520% increase. It is now the largest single tax for seven out of 10 taxpaying households. In 1935 only the first \$3,000 of taxpayer income was subject to Social Security taxes, by 1971 it was the first \$7,800, and today it is the first \$72,600. Medicare/Medicaid, started in 1965, was initially funded by a 2.9% payroll tax, with only the first \$4,800 of taxpayer income subject to it. Today the rate is the same, however the income cap has been removed. Even with these dramatic expansions of taxation, both programs are still on the verge of bankruptcy. (This means more tax increases to come in the next economic downturn.) Because you are forced to participate, Social Security and Medicare are without a doubt the largest PONZI SCHEMES ever conceived of. Yet no politician will dare say so. Who is going to pay the Social Security and Medicare benefits for the 78 million baby boomers set to begin retiring in 2010?
- 3. YES. Try to get a job, open a bank or brokerage account, or buy a home without one.
- 4. YES. Take a hard look at the new FBI system known as Carnivore. Once it is connected to an ISP network it has the potential to monitor all communications on that network. Earthlink Inc. has already refused to install this FBI system, saying it had no way of knowing whether it was in fact limiting its surveillance operations to the criminal investigation at hand, or trolling more broadly. (What happened to the protections guaranteed us by the 4th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?)
- 5. YES. If you doubt this, try crossing from Mexico to the U.S. in an older model van with tinted windows. (What happened to the protections guaranteed us by the 4th Amendment to

the U.S. Constitution?)

- 6. YES. The state, city and local governments of the United States have completely undermined the sacred principle of 'property rights' by forcing us to seek government permission to carry out routine additions and changes to our private property, by forcing us to pay building permit taxes for the right to do so, and by forcing us to pay property taxes or face its confiscation.
- 7. YES. Take a close look at the taxes you are forced to pay for both your wired and wireless phone services. Also note the United Nations report of July 1999 which specifically endorses a tax of one American cent to be levied on all lengthy e-mails. E-mail taxes are next if we let down our guard.
- 8. YES. Government first rationalized the existence of slavery, then it rationalized the existence of segregation, and now it rationalizes the existence of affirmative action and quotas. ALL are discrimination, and ALL are wrong.
- 9. YES, for most of us. Is it really 'Freedom of Speech' when you are afraid to speak your mind?
- 10. YES. As of October 10, 2002, the U.S. National Debt was over \$6.23 TRILLION and growing by an average of \$1,135 million per day. With the U.S. population estimated to be 288,559,127, that means each citizen's share of this debt is over \$21,600. Ignore the rhetoric of the politicians when they claim to be paying down this debt with the budget surpluses, because they are NOT. This Congress is the largest domestic spending Congress in the history of the United States.
- 11. YES. Take a hard look at the politicians and their voting records if you doubt this.
- 12. NO, we are not free, we only think we are. The time has come for us to face this difficult truth and start doing something about it.

We hope you will show your support for individual freedom by sending this to as many people as you can. It's time we get the word out that the battle for freedom and individual rights is NOT over. We must measure our government by its actions, not its rhetoric. And always remember, "Freedom is more than just a word."