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Why is Mike Huckabee attacking Fred Thompson?

Mike Huckabee wants to hide the fact that he and Bill Clinton share a **D** lifetime rating for their tax & spend policies.

Both Mike Huckabee and Bill Clinton earned a "D" lifetime rating on the Cato Institutes' scorecard of Governors.¹

Mike Huckabee raised taxes 21 times as Governor of Arkansas, costing tax payers \$505 million.²

He raised taxes on nursing home beds³, income⁴, and gas⁵.

Mike Huckabee allowed the **largest tax increase, in state history, to become law.⁶**

Under Mike Huckabee, the average Arkansan's tax burden increased by over 47%, or **\$933 per person.⁷**

He also increased state spending over 65%... more than three times the rate of inflation.⁸

Mike Huckabee talks like a Republican but taxes like a Democrat.



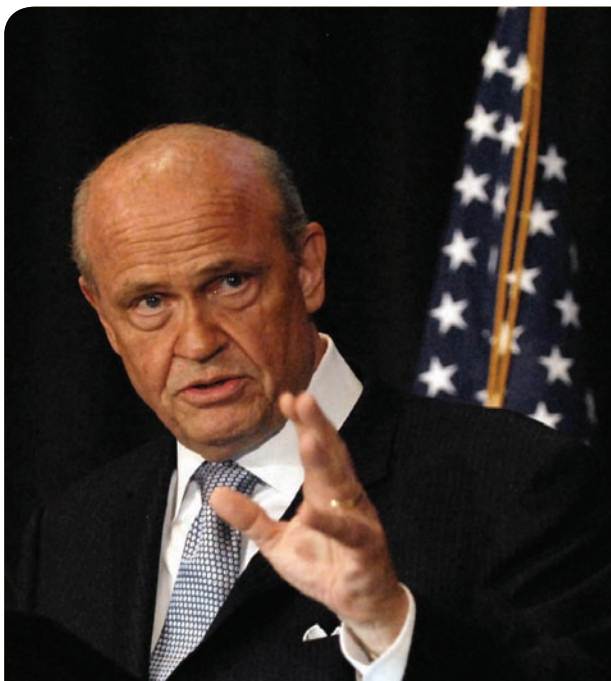
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¹http://www.cato.org/pub_display.php?pub_id=6724; http://www.cato.org/pub_display.php?pub_id=1027. ²(Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 10/4/07). ³Nursing home bed tax: (James Jefferson, "Nursing Care Supporters Rally For Federal Aid," Associated Press, 8/13/01). ⁴Income Tax:(Michael Rowett and Michael Wickline, "Lawmakers Approve Budget Bills, Go Home," Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 5/10/03). ⁵Gas Tax: (Janet Pearson, "Running On Empty? Kansas, Arkansas Pass Important Fuel Taxes," Tulsa World, 8/22/99). ⁶(James Jefferson, "Final Tax Measures Pending Before Senate," Associated Press, 2/6/04). ⁷(Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 10/9/07). ⁸(Americans for Tax Reform, "Governor Huckabee's Record on Taxes," 1/7/07)

The Thompson Plan for Tax Relief and New Economic Growth:

"[FRED THOMPSON HAS] AN HONEST, CLEAR, STRAIGHTFORWARD MESSAGE OF ECONOMIC FREEDOM AND PROBLEM SOLVING"

(Larry Kudlow, National Review, 11/19/07)



- ✓ **Make the Bush Tax Cuts Permanent**
Continue conservative tax relief that has generated a strong economy.
- ✓ **Repeal the Death Tax**
Protect millions of Americans, including small businesses and family farms, from double taxation.
- ✓ **Repeal Alternative Minimum Tax**
Eliminate tax that unfairly penalizes millions of middle class families.
- ✓ **Give Businesses Tax Incentives**
Increase competitiveness in the global marketplace and encourage jobs to stay in America.
- ✓ **Simplify Taxes for Small Business**
Make expensing of equipment and other small business items permanent to encourage greater investment and growth.
- ✓ **Expand Taxpayer Choice**
Allow Americans the option of paying a simplified flat tax rate.

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