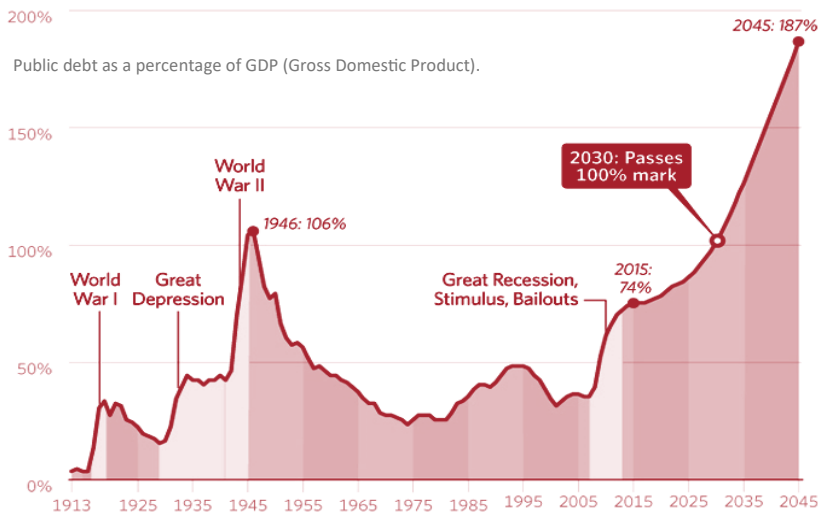


When was the last time you payed  
*less* in taxes than the year before?



You wouldn't give the government 40% of your IRA, would you? At least not on purpose, would you? With the top US tax rate at 39.6%, many retirees do just that. It's not what you earn, but what you keep that matters.



As of May 18th 2022 the U.S. National debt is over

*\$30.4 Trillion Dollars.*

That's \$242,985 per taxpayer.

Source: [www.usdebtclock.org](http://www.usdebtclock.org)

There are two main ways that the U.S. government raises money. Taxes and issuing debt. At some point their ability to issue new debt could stop. Where do you think they will look for revenue next?

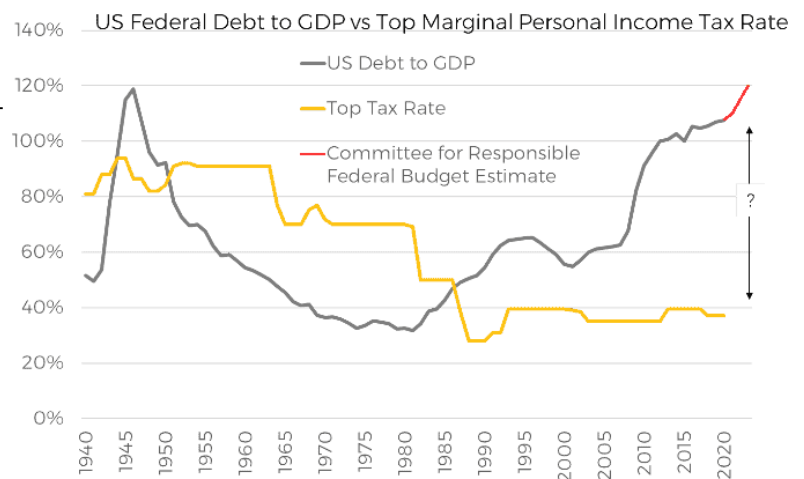
Sources: Congressional Budget Office and Office of Management and Budget.

## When was the last time you **paid less** in taxes than the year before?

It's not what you earn, but what you keep that matters. Rates of return can help you meet your investment goals, but they're only a part of the picture. Taxes may ruin your best intended plans.

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Source: Internal Revenue Service; Office of Management and Budget; Cresset Capital. Chart #1052

<sup>1</sup>Income from an investment company investing in municipal bonds is subject to state or local income taxes.

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