

News flash: Everybody has to pay income tax

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NFL rookies are required to attend “How not to mess up your life like those other professional athletes” training. They learn about such things as sexual harassment, AIDS, common-law marriage, and, of course, taxes.

Kendrell Bell, a Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker, tells of his great awakening to the verities of income tax: “I got a million-dollar signing bonus. But then I got the check, and it was only \$624,000. I thought, Oh, well, I’ll get the other half later. Then I found out that’s all there was. I thought, They can’t do this to me. Then I got on the Internet and I found out they can.”

Shocking! Football players have to pay income tax! Where will the injustice end?

[Update: Yes, this is an inadvertent repeat. The link is better, though, not requiring a New York Times subscription.]

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