

# Lecture 21

## TAXATION & THE ATTACK ON THE AFFIRMATIVE STATE

### Introduction

#### I. What is Taxation?

1. Two answers
2. Tax ideology & class interests

#### II. The logic of Income Taxes

1. Fairness: Three ideas about a fair tax:
2. How the US Income Tax Works
3. Tax system Complexity as a cover for privilege

#### III. Myths and Realities about Taxation in America

1. Are taxes too high in the US?
2. Are tax burdens fair in the US?

#### IV. Attack on the Affirmative State

1. Definition of the *Affirmative State*
2. The three-pronged attack on the affirmative state
3. Four types of anti-Affirmative state Transformations
4. Exception to reducing the state: Military & prisons
5. Summing Up