



## Maggie's Civics Corner

### Lesson 26 – Tax & Spend

#### Maggie Says...

*To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.*

*Today's lesson is about taxes: we love bringing joy to the community. Every year my friends and I work on different initiatives to help puppies in the community who are in need of help to find shelters, get food and stay in good health.*

*However, to have necessary supplies for all of this, we decided that each dog should put a small amount of his/her money to a shared bag at the beginning of every year. Young people have*

*the same problem. Many want to know why they have to pay taxes as citizens and how are taxes spent.*

**Sticky Situation:** Dogs, like people, experience difficult times in their lives. I love to see all dogs are treated well, stay healthy happy. However, to help those dogs in trouble, a few dogs chosen by the dog community who make decisions on the puppy community's behalf, need the ability to collect resources and money from all dogs so that the community as a whole can help them. When every dog pays a small percentage of his/her money, the puppy community will have enough money to help sick dogs go to see a doctor, help lonely dogs get companionship and help all dogs maintain nice playing grounds and facilities to have fun? Do you think this ability to ask every dog in the puppy community to pay some money is necessary? If yes, how much money would you think should be collected?

**Activity:** Article I, Section 8 of U.S. Constitution authorized Congress to collect taxes to promote general Welfare of the United States. The 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution gave United States Congress the power to lay and collect taxes on people's incomes. How to you think this power to collect taxes from people can help a country improve people's lives and well-being? If you were to make a list of things that you prefer the money spent on, what would be the top 5 priorities on your list?

**Civic Resources:** Check out the Youtube Video below on the power to tax & spend below:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IW\\_NK1Cwkkgg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IW_NK1Cwkkgg)