Tax Videos Appropriate for Classroom Use

This list of videos accompanies the Campus to Clients column, "Enhance Tax Courses With Documentaries, News Segments, and Other Nonfiction Video Resources," in the February 2013 issue of *The Tax Adviser*.

SHORT VIDEOS (five minutes or less, in alphabetical order)						
TITLE	DATE	DURATION (minutes)	SUMMARY DESCRIPTION	ACCESS INFORMATION		
2011 Louisiana Sales Tax Holiday	2011	1	Describes Louisiana's sales tax holiday	Available online at revenue.louisiana.gov/sections/general/ hottopics/salestaxholiday.aspx.		
Car Wash Owes 4 Cents to I.R.S.	2010	1	Car wash owner explains how a 4-cent tax bill escalated to \$202	Available online at money.cnn.com/video/news/2010/03/16/n_irs_ taxes_car_wash.cnnmoney.		
Congress Ready to Play Poker?	2011	3	Discusses proposals to tax online poker	Available online at edition.cnn.com/video/#/video/bestoftv/2011/04/29/exp.tsr.bolduan.online.poker.cnn?iref=videosearch.		
Couple Files Taxes 3 Ways	2011	4	Comparison of filing methods for individuals: using TurboTax, H&R Block, and a CPA	Available online at cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7358568n&tag= mncol;lst;1.		
Is the United States a Tax Haven?	2009	4	Describes how to set up a Delaware- Geneva-Seychelles tax shelter	Available online at youtube.co/watch?v=nnwM7kZMyIA&feature=channel.		
Louisiana Second Amendment Weekend Sales Tax Holiday	2011	1	Explains Louisiana special sales tax holiday on guns and ammunition	Available online at youtube.com/watch?v=dAhKy8HaDa8.		
Online Shoppers Avoid Sales Tax in California	2010	2	Addresses \$1 billion in lost California sales tax revenue due to internet sales	Available online at abcnews.go.com/Business/video/online-shoppers-avoid-sales-tax-calif-12367745.		
Pakistan's Dual Gender Tax Collectors	2011	2	Highlights a group of transgender tax col- lectors in Pakistan who threaten to hang out at businesses that do not pay taxes	Available online at edition.cnn.com/video/#/video/world/2011/04/14/walsh.pakistan.transgender.cnn?iref=videosearch.		
Profile of the American Tax Cheat	2012	2	Report on a study by DDB Worldwide on who cheats on their taxes	Available online at moneytalksnews.com/2012/02/20/tax-hacks-2012-profile-of-the-american-tax-cheat/.		
Taxes Mac Parody	2007	1	A conservative parody of Apple's Mac/PC advertising campaign as applied to taxes	Available online at youtube.com/watch?v=N7MxFnbbbWE.		
Taxes Three Ways	2008	4	Comparison of three filing methods for individuals: by hand, using computer software, and consulting a tax professional	Available online at current.com/groups/on-current-tv/88881585_ taxes-three-ways.htm.		
U.S. Firms Dodge Bil- lions of Taxes by Moving Profits Overseas	2010	3	Discusses transfer pricing related to Lexapro	Entire newscast is downloadable through Hulu at hulu.com/ watch/149235/abc-world-news-with-diane-sawyer-thu- may-13-2010. (The Lexapro story is 13:20 into the newscast.)		
Virginia Hurricane Sales Tax Holiday	2009	2	Describes an unusual Virginia tax holiday, which allows for tax-free purchases of hurricane preparation items	Available online at youtube.com/watch?v=HbYYbzmn9o4.		
When I Grow Up I Want to Be a Tax Accountant	2011	2	Humorous video regarding the tax accounting profession	Available online at youtube.com/watch?v=hoydCykwMWs.		
Why Boats Get Tax Breaks	2011	1	Discusses the history behind tax breaks for boats	Available online at washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/special/politics/why-boats-get-tax-breaks.		
Why Are Minnesota Property Taxes Going Up?	2011	3	Explains the effect of replacing a Minnesota homestead credit with an exclusion	Available online at minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2011/10/25/video-property-taxes-increase.		

MEDIUM-LENGTH VIDEOS (six to 15 minutes, in alphabetical order)					
TITLE	DATE	DURATION (minutes)	SUMMARY DESCRIPTION	ACCESS INFORMATION	
A Crack in the Swiss Vault	2010	13	Examines the UBS banking scandal and the story of a former UBS banker and IRS whistleblower	Available online at the <i>60 Minutes</i> website: cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=6050245n. It can also be purchased at Amazon at amazon. com/60-Minutes-Crack-Swiss-January/dp/B0032ANFBG for approximately \$18 plus shipping.	
Deficits: Taxing the Rich	2010	13	Examines the difficulties of imposing a new income tax in Washington state	Available online at the <i>60 Minutes</i> website at cbsnews.com/video/wat ch/?id=7009217n&tag=contentMain;contentBody. It can be purchased through Amazon at amazon.com/60-Minutes-Rich-October-2010/dp/B004A8ZWQA for approximately \$18 plus shipping.	
Gimme Shelter	2003	13	Discusses the Cobra tax shelter (basis- shifting scheme using currency options)	Transcript available at cbsnews.com/stories/2003/10/16/60minutes/main578497.shtml. (Old <i>60 Minutes</i> segments can be obtained by contacting footage@cbsnews.com.)	
The New Spirit	1942	7	Disney animated short encouraging federal income tax compliance	Available online at youtube.com/watch?v=00u6qUelp6c.	
The New Tax Havens	2011	13	Describes the impact of domestic-foreign tax rate differentials	Available online at the 60 Minutes website cbsnews.com/video/ watch/?id=7360932n. The DVD can be purchased from Amazon at amazon.com/60-Minutes-Havens-March-2011/dp/B004U774QC for approximately \$18 plus shipping.	
Spirit of '43	1943	6	Disney animated short encouraging federal income tax compliance	Available online at youtube.com/watch?v=rQs00fU59SM.	
Tax Free Living in Pakistan	2010	8	Describes tax payment avoidance in Pakistan	Available online at nytimes.com/video/2010/07/18/world/asia/1247468421481/tax-free-living-in-pakistan.html.	
Tax Justice	2011	11	Addresses the elusive concept of a fair tax system	Available online at video.pbs.org/video/1774472886. The segment begins about five minutes into the program.	
Tax Revolt	2001	13	Focuses on a group of small business owners who stopped paying taxes	Transcript available at cbsnews.com/stories/2001/04/02/60II/main283404.shtml. Old 60 Minutes segments can be obtained by contacting footage@cbsnews.com. Cost of obtaining "Tax Revolt" with shipping and education license is \$112.	

LONG VIDEOS (16 minutes or longer, in alphabetical order)					
TITLE	DATE	DURATION (minutes)	SUMMARY DESCRIPTION	ACCESS INFORMATION	
The American Tax Cheat	2011	43	Focuses on tax cheaters but also discusses IRS forensic labs	Available online at Amazon Instant Video or iTunes for approximately \$2.	
Contempt of Conscience	2007	51	Chronicles a group of U.K. activists who attempt to redirect their taxes away from military spending	Available online for a small fee at Journeyman Pictures or purchased for institutional use for £153 plus VAT at journeyman.tv/58992/documentaries/contempt-of-conscience.html.	
Death and Taxes	1993	113	Investigates life and death of a forerun- ner of the Tax Defier movement	Can be purchased for about \$30 by emailing Jeff Jackson at jeff@ taoslandandfilm.com.	
An Inconvenient Tax	2011	79	Describes history of, and proposals to reform, the U.S. tax system	Available online at iTunes and Amazon Instant Video for approximately \$4 or can be purchased for \$15. <i>An Inconvenient Tax</i> is also available on hulu.com with some commercials.	
Inside the IRS	2007	44	Discussion of IRS functions and operations	Available online at iTunes for approximately \$2. The DVD can also be purchased from the <i>National Geographic</i> Channel or Amazon for about \$20.	
I.O.U.S.A.	2008	84	Documentary examines causes of U.S. national debt and the threat to economic stability of future large projected increases	Available online at youtube.com/watch?v=XDkt396VB6w. Video was purchased by the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, which encourages educational screenings. An enhanced DVD of the film with additional features can be borrowed from the foundation by contacting it at screening@pgpf.org. The Peterson Foundation also provides a downloadable citizen's guide that may be helpful as a student study guide. DVD with educational license can be purchased from PBS for approximately \$50 plus shipping and handling at teacher.shop.pbs. org/product/index.jsp?productId=3445714.	
I.O.U.S.A. Solutions	2010	42	Focuses on a range of long-term solutions to control national debt increases	Available online in five parts at: 1) youtube.com/watch?v=e5dT2uwj5jA. 2) youtube.com/watch?v=hnzXIHD-F-Y. 3) youtube.com/watch?v=4HSzIGVal38. 4) youtube.com/watch?v=9ain_VXnUhs. 5) youtube.com/watch?v=tuvx4-5vszU. It can be borrowed from the Peterson Foundation for screenings by contacting the foundation at screening@pgpf.org.	
The Legacy of Prop 13	2010	26	Describes legacy of California's Proposition 13	Available online at kpbs.org/news/envision/prop13.	
Rising Tide	2009	26 or 39	Tells the story of the unexpected consequences of a luxury excise tax imposed on yachts	A 26-minute version, made for New Jersey Public Television, and a preferred 39-minute version can be purchased for about \$18 including shipping from SLU Productions, P.O. Box 64, Caldwell, NJ 07006.	
Tax Collection Methods	2007	33	Interview with IRS taxpayer advocate on the tax gap and other tax issues	Available online at c-spanvideo.org/program/196405-6.	
TaxMasters Under Investigation	2011	17	Investigation into TaxMasters tax resolution business and discussion of IRS collections process	Available online in three parts on the ABC News website at abcnews. com/Blotter/video/taxmasters-investigation-13383505?tab=9482931& section=10268699&playlist=13384076.	
Tax Me If You Can	2008	45	Australian documentary exposes tax haven operations and the practices used	Available online at the Four Corners website abc.net.au/4corners/content/2008/20081006_tax/interviews.htm. A DVD of the program is available through Journeyman Pictures for €135 plus VAT at journeyman.tv/59229/documentaries/tax-me-if-you-can.html.	
Tax Me If You Can	2004	55	Examines a portion of the tax shelter industry	Can be purchased for educational use for approximately \$56 including shipping and handling at teacher.shop.pbs.org/product/index.jsp? productId=1731937&cp=&sr=1&kw=tax+me+if+you+can&origkw= tax+me+if+you+can&parentPage=search.	
Taxing the Poor	2008	24	Focuses on regressive nature of Alabama state tax structure	Available online at pbs.org/now/shows/415/video.html. The website includes some supplementary teaching resources. The DVD can be purchased with educational use license for approximately \$46 including shipping and handling at teacher.shop.pbs.org.	
Ten Trillion and Counting	2009	53	Provides a history of the politics surrounding fiscal policy over the past 30 years	Available online at pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/tentrillion/view. The documentary can be purchased for educational use for approximately \$55 plus shipping and handling at ShopPBS for Teachers at teacher. shop.pbs.org/product/index.jsp?productId=3450835. (The site map at pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/tentrillion/etc/sitemap.html provides additional analysis, interviews, and a teacher's guide.)	
We're Not Broke	2012	81	Activist documentary showing how corporations use transfer pricing and tax havens to avoid taxes	A DVD of the film can be purchased for \$20 at werenotbrokemovie. com/buy. The link also includes related discussion questions and talking points. It is also available on iTunes at \$5 to rent and \$13 to buy.	