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In general, considering the increased and additional new taxes levied by "Obamacare", the elimination of any tax burden would provide some financial relief to the average working American. In the recent past, i.e., post WWII, statistics have shown that as the tax burden decreases, discretionary spending increases. This increased spending stimulates economic growth and helps reduce unemployment. Specifically, the concept behind Social Security was to provide some income for individuals when they retire. The Personal Tax on Social Security benefits runs counter to this concept and, in fact, penalizes the retiree. Retirement is the time when the retiree most needs the income. Within the past few years various newspapers and journals have reported that the number of workers who can retire at age 66 has been reduced because of inflation and an increased tax burden. The number of those unable to retire runs between 25% and 40%. Relieving the Personal Income Tax on SS will perhaps reduce that percentage or it will definitely provide for greater retiree income, easing some of the oppressive tax burden we Americans undergo.