## Lawyer Doron Levy Advocates for Tax Resistance as a Form of Civil Disobedience



Ramat Hasharon, Tel Aviv Aug 16, 2023 (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - <u>Lawyer Doron Levy, a respected tax</u> expert, has highlighted the significance of tax resistance as a potent tool of civil disobedience in the face of governmental actions and policies that citizens find objectionable in Israel.

Tax resistance, the act of refusing to pay taxes as a demonstration of opposition to government actions or policies, has been lauded by Lawyer Doron Levy as a form of direct action that can lead to critical societal changes. Adv. Levy underlines that civil disobedience, including tax resistance, holds a special place as a means of defiance against government norms, particularly in societies transitioning from democracy to dictatorship.

Lawyer Doron Levy aptly states, "Tax resistance is not just about financial dissent; it's a moral stance against supporting governments that engage in objectionable actions. It's a way for citizens to voice their opposition and to withhold financial support from regimes they disagree with."

Drawing inspiration from historical figures such as Henry David Thoreau and William Lloyd Garrison, who embraced tax resistance to protest unjust policies, Adv. Levy points out the diversity of ideologies and motivations behind tax resisters. Some individuals refuse to contribute to war efforts, while others see tax resistance as a strategy to challenge and eventually change the government.

Lawyer Doron Levy emphasizes, "In societies where the government's legitimacy is questionable due to its actions, citizens have a moral duty to question their role in financing those actions. Tax resistance is a principled way to express this moral objection."

Adv. Levy's perspective resonates strongly with Thoreau's philosophy on civil disobedience, where he stressed the moral obligation of citizens to resist not just unjust laws but also immoral actions enforced by their government. Levy maintains that if a government's actions are seen as morally objectionable by its citizens, paying taxes to such a government is tantamount to being complicit in its wrongdoing.

Addressing the current scenario in Israel, Lawyer Doron Levy asserts, "Citizens facing the transformation of their government into an authoritarian regime must contemplate whether they are willing to support such a regime financially. By resisting taxes, they signal their objection and contribute to the larger call for change."

Adv. Levy emphasizes the legality and simplicity of reducing tax payments through reduced consumption. He suggests that citizens can opt for a legitimate and legal approach by significantly cutting back on consumption, thus impacting the state's revenues and creating a budget deficit. This, Levy argues, not only holds financial implications but carries a symbolic weight that can't be ignored.

In conclusion, Lawyer Doron Levy emphasizes that tax resistance is a powerful means of expressing citizens' dissent and a principled form of civil disobedience. His insightful remarks shed light on the moral and legal dimensions of this form of protest, urging citizens to consider the impact of their financial contributions on the governments they oppose.

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