

Issue: ***Income Taxes***. Taxpayers pay different percentages of their income, depending on their income level (currently, there are 6 brackets, ranging from 10% for the lowest incomes, to 35% for incomes of \$311,950 or more). Is this fair? If not, to whom is it unfair?

Issue: ***Income Tax Deductions***. Mortgage interest is deductible, as are charitable contributions, property taxes (on principle residence), business expenses, etc. Of course, more deductions means more complicated, so even fees paid to income tax accountants are deductible. Is this fair? If not, to whom is it unfair?

Issue: ***Property Taxes***. Everyone who owns property (and you can bet renters pay the landlord's portion) must pay property taxes; property taxes are the primary source of education funding in Illinois. Is this fair? If not, to whom is it unfair?

Issue: ***State Magnet School Geographical Diversity***. How many students from each county should the school admit? Should we have quotas by school district? The current system looks at each applicant individually. Is this fair? If not, to whom is it unfair?

Issue: ***United Nations Security Council Veto***. Five nations (U.S., France, U.K., Russia, and China) have permanent seats on the U.N. Security Council (nine other seats rotate among member nations). Permanent members are allowed to veto any Security Council resolution. Is this fair? If not, to whom is it unfair?