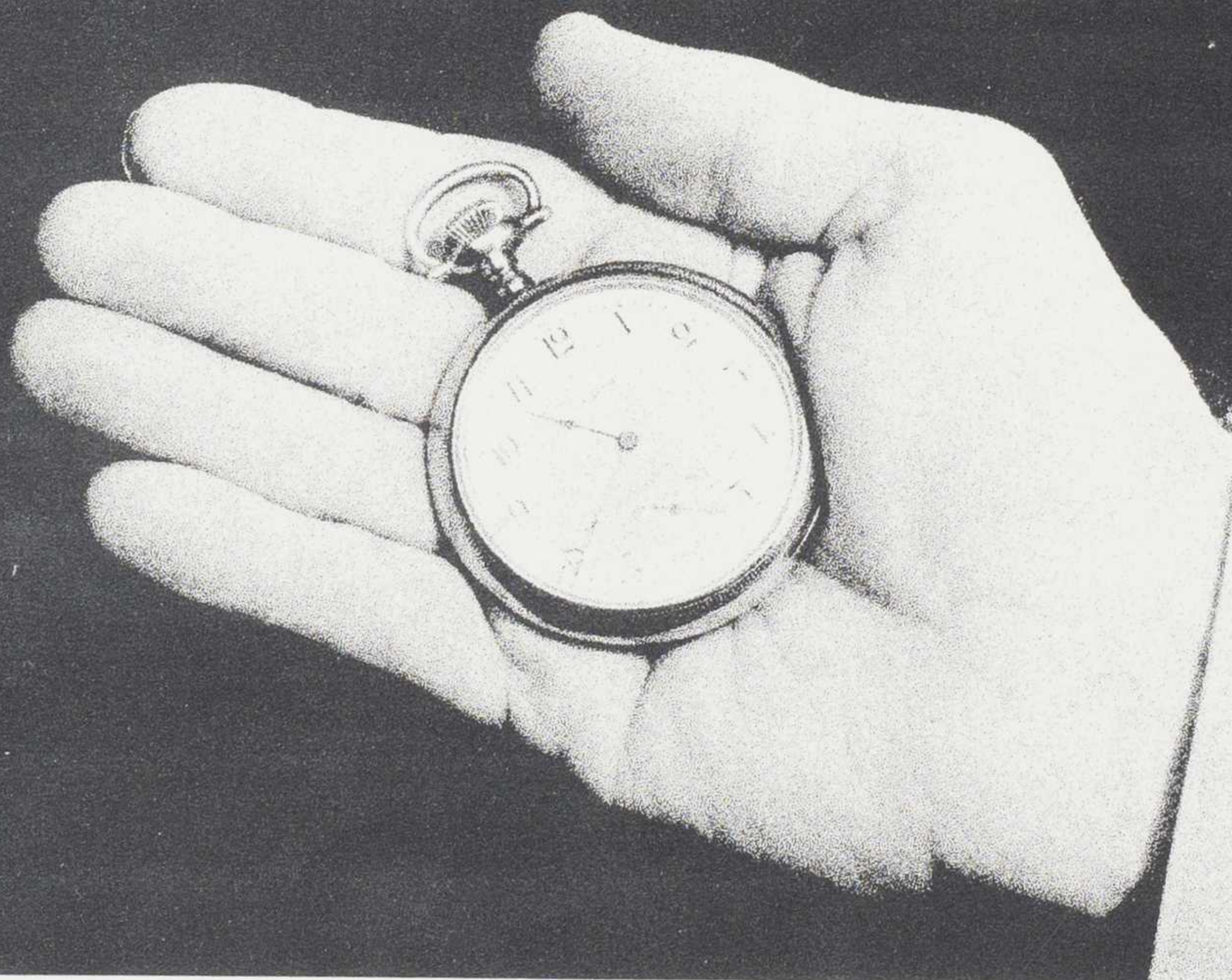
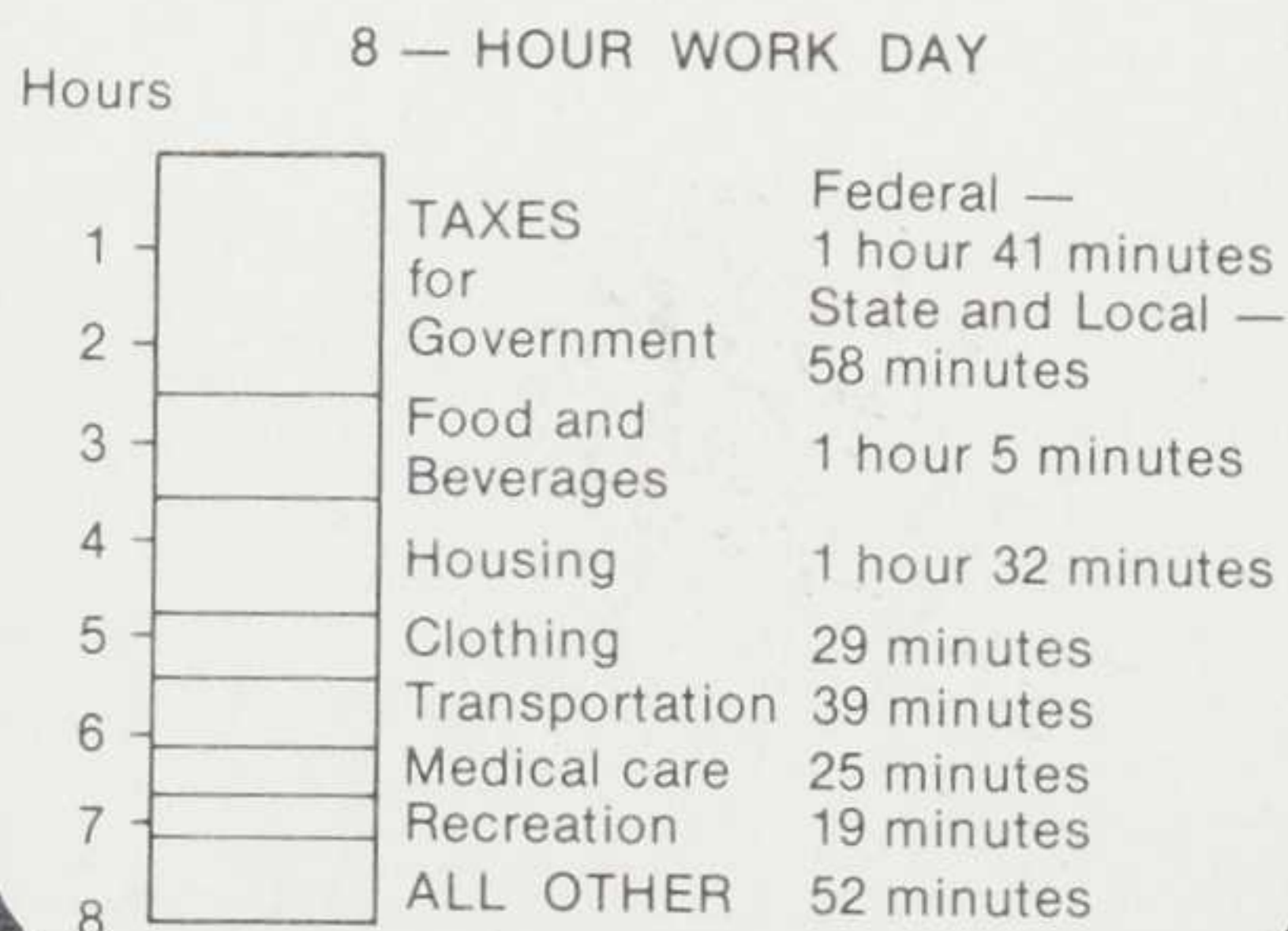


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FACT:

**the average American works longer
for the government than for
anything else.**



Source of Information: Tax Foundation

Americans founded this country because they were determined to be free — to experience economic as well as civil liberty. How do you determine how much economic freedom we have today?

One good way is to ask: How much of our income are we free to keep and spend the way we think best — and how much does government take away and spend as it thinks best? How many hours a day are we free to work for ourselves and how many hours must we work for government?

In 1930, out of every 8-hour work day, the average American worked less than an hour — only 57 minutes — to pay all taxes, federal, state and local. This year, just to pay taxes, the average American must work 2 hours and 39 minutes — exactly one-third of an 8-hour work-day!

In terms of amount of worktime to earn the money, taxes are now the largest item in the average family budget. Next largest item — housing and household operation — is far behind, only 1 hour 32 minutes.

How can we keep the tax bite from getting even bigger in the years ahead? There's only one way and that's to keep down the cost of government.

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