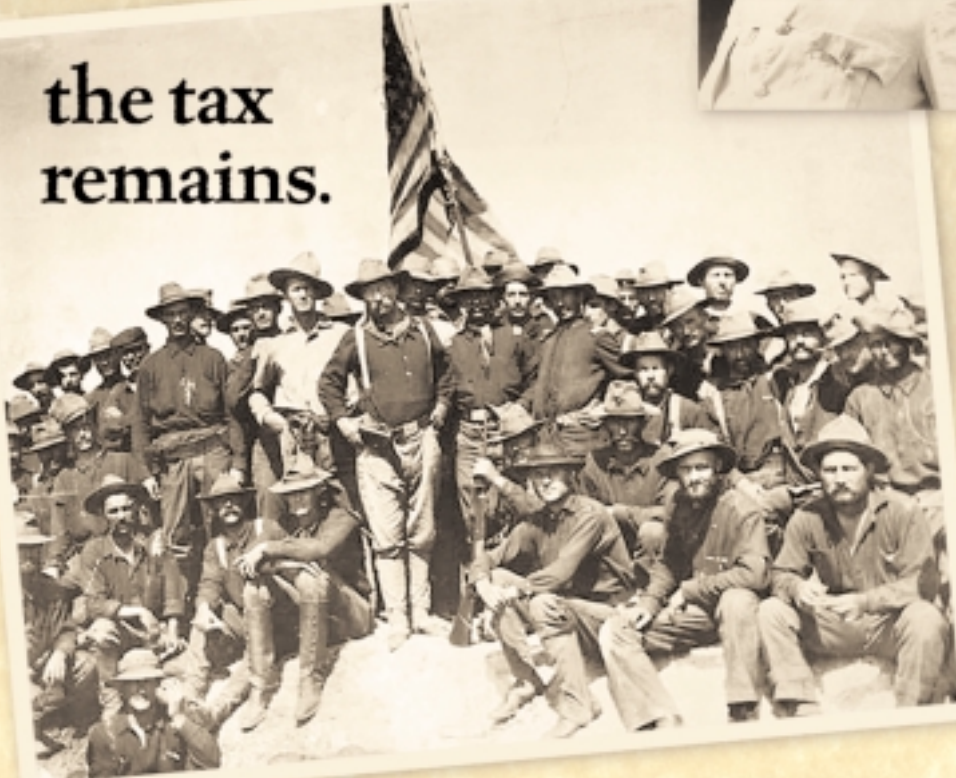


# The Spanish-American War is over —



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It's time to repeal the "Tax on Talking." There it is, right at the bottom of your phone bill. The old three percent Federal Excise Tax.

It's a tax on telephone service that was "temporarily" instituted in 1898 to help pay for the Spanish-American War. The war is paid for, the tax remains.

In 1898, telephone service was a luxury, so the tax affected only the richest Americans. Today, the "Tax on Talking" isn't just on regular telephone service, but includes cellular service and access to the Internet. Everyone pays the tax — with the heaviest burden on low and fixed income Americans, who spend a larger percentage of their incomes to pay the tax.

Repealing the "Tax on Talking" will lower phone bills and save the average family up to \$50 per year. It's time to end the longest "temporary" tax in American history.

**The No Tax on Talking Coalition**