

What happens if governments are dependent on broad taxation? Three causal pathways:

1. Motivation to advance the prosperity of (potential) taxpayers [Caveat: requires a long term perspective]
2. Motivation to extend to apparatus of bureaucratic rule to capture more (potential) taxpayers [Caveat: squeezing existing taxpayers may be an alternative]
3. Motivation to smooth the collection process by (a) responding pre-emptively to taxpayers' needs and/or (b) bargaining with them [Caveat: coercive taxation may be an alternative]