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## UNDERSTANDING THE GIFT TAX EXCLUSION

Most of us will never face taxes related to money or assets we give away.

"How can I avoid the federal gift tax?"

If this question is on your mind, you aren't alone. The good news is that few taxpayers or estates will ever have to pay it.

Misconceptions surround this tax. The IRS sets annual and lifetime gift tax exclusion amounts, and this is where the confusion develops.

Here's what you have to remember: practically speaking, the federal gift tax is a tax on estates. If it wasn't in place, the rich could simply give away the bulk of their money or property while living to spare their heirs from inheritance taxes.

Now that you know the reason the federal government established the gift tax, you can see that the lifetime gift tax exclusion matters more than the annual one.

## Read the full article here.

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