

# Want to Pay Even More Taxes? Don't Write a Will.

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Without a will, Uncle Sam is your happiest heir.



## Want to make Uncle Sam your best friend?

Just follow these four simple steps.

### 1. Don't write your will.

Without a will, the court will get to decide how to disburse your assets. Of course, the court doesn't know (or care) that you have stepchildren you're fond of, or that you want to remember a few of your favorite charities in your will.

### 2. Don't write your will.

Without a will, the court will select someone to handle your estate during probate. You may have wanted a close friend to have this important responsibility, but the court won't know (or care) about that.

### 3. Don't write your will.

Without a will, the court will choose a guardian for your minor children. (Surely they'll make a responsible decision... right?)

### 4. Don't write your will.

Without a will, the estate tax dollars that your government could collect will be used for, well, anything the government chooses. (They're not choosing to help the charities and causes you care about.)

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## Honor a loved one with a tribute gift through your will. It's easier than you think.

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Pardon the irony, but have we made our point? Clearly, there are compelling reasons to write your will. We at Jefferson Center urge you—no, *plead* with you: Do not put it off any longer. Because without a valid will, you'll be giving the government the power to make important and personal decisions for you. And you'll leave your grieving loved ones to face the daunting task of untangling your affairs and guessing at the decisions you may have intended to make.

Sure, writing a will takes some time and effort, but it's actually easier than most people realize, and it's one of the least expensive legal documents. The peace of mind will be worth every minute and every penny.

Writing a will is far too important to delay. It's important for you, for your loved ones, and for your favorite charities. Let Uncle Sam take care of himself.

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## Contact us. We're here to help.

Are you interested in honoring a loved one with a tribute gift to Jefferson Center through your will? Please contact us. We can give you sample bequest language to take to your attorney.



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