

## **Zombies: How to Survive the Apocalypse**

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The continuing threat of a zombie apocalypse requires heightened awareness and preparation in order to survive. There is a need for the availability of public health resources and survival techniques. In addition to public resources, individuals will have to take the initiative to be aware and prepare. Focus on development and implementation of resources will prove to have a high return on investment; preparedness will ensure survival of the human species.

Procrastination will lead to being assimilated into the zombie ranks.

One of the first things everyone can do to prepare for the arrival of zombies is to stock up on water, food, batteries and candles. Having the proper supplies is an important step in being ready in the event of an outbreak. The Office of Public Health has excellent information on what you can do to get ready (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2012).

Some people think it is frivolous to prepare for the eventuality of a zombie apocalypse. A zombie apocalypse is something for which even the United States military trains (Mulrine, 2012). This indicates that civilians should be taking the threat seriously and heeding the advice of not only the government but the military as well.

Other considerations have to be taken into account by those in the legal field, including, “examining the critical question of whether the undead should be considered dead for estate tax purposes” (Chodorow, 2013, p. 1207). It would be difficult to recoup assets once an estate has been distributed; verification of the status of the deceased is critical before the probate process begins.

This exercise highlights the flawed assumption that lies at the heart of our tax code - namely, that death is permanent - and reveals Congress's complete lack of foresight in designing the nation's tax laws. In light of the difficulties of applying existing tax law to

the undead, it may well be that Congress needs to create new laws for the undead, or possibly even different laws for different types of undead. The point here is not to advocate for any particular solution. Instead it is to highlight the problem and convince Congress and the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") that they must act now, before it is too late. (Chodorow, 2013, p. 1207)

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Chodorow's assertion that Congress needs to amend our public laws in order to properly deal with the undead is an interesting one.

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