Taxes

But policymaking through the tax code
is comparatively ineffective
and exceedingly complicated
It means people have to know to
take advantage of the credit at tax time,
they actually have to take the credit,
and in the process, it makes filing taxes
more complicated and frustrating
(which, in turn, doesn't inspire a
fondness for government).
But with simple and direct
public programs out of favor,
policymaking through the tax code
became the new normal.

Ganesh Sitaraman, *The Great Democracy*