



GOP SHELL GAME CONTINUES

UPDATE: Rep. Paul Ryan's proposed Budget claims \$6 Trillion in cuts but actually INCREASES Deficits to \$23 Trillion!

Under Obama, Federal government spending has increased 21.4%.

Under Obama, Federal government debt has increased \$3.5 TRILLION.

Under Obama, welfare spending has increased 54%.

Under Obama, the number of unemployed Americans is 13.9 MILLION.

Reviewing the Obama budget proposals, even the New York Times admits, *"The Budget confirms that Mr. Obama is not taking the lead in embracing the kind of far-reaching deficit-reduction plan recommended in December by a bipartisan majority of his own fiscal commission."*

By comparison, it is little wonder Rep. Ryan's fiscal shell game looks good!

Rep. Paul Ryan's newly released Republican 2012/2013 Budget is being lauded as the greatest thing since sliced bread...except it's not. It has some good points, but some glaring gaps and weaknesses. Much is being made of the GOP's proposed \$6.3 trillion in cuts, but little is said of the real facts.

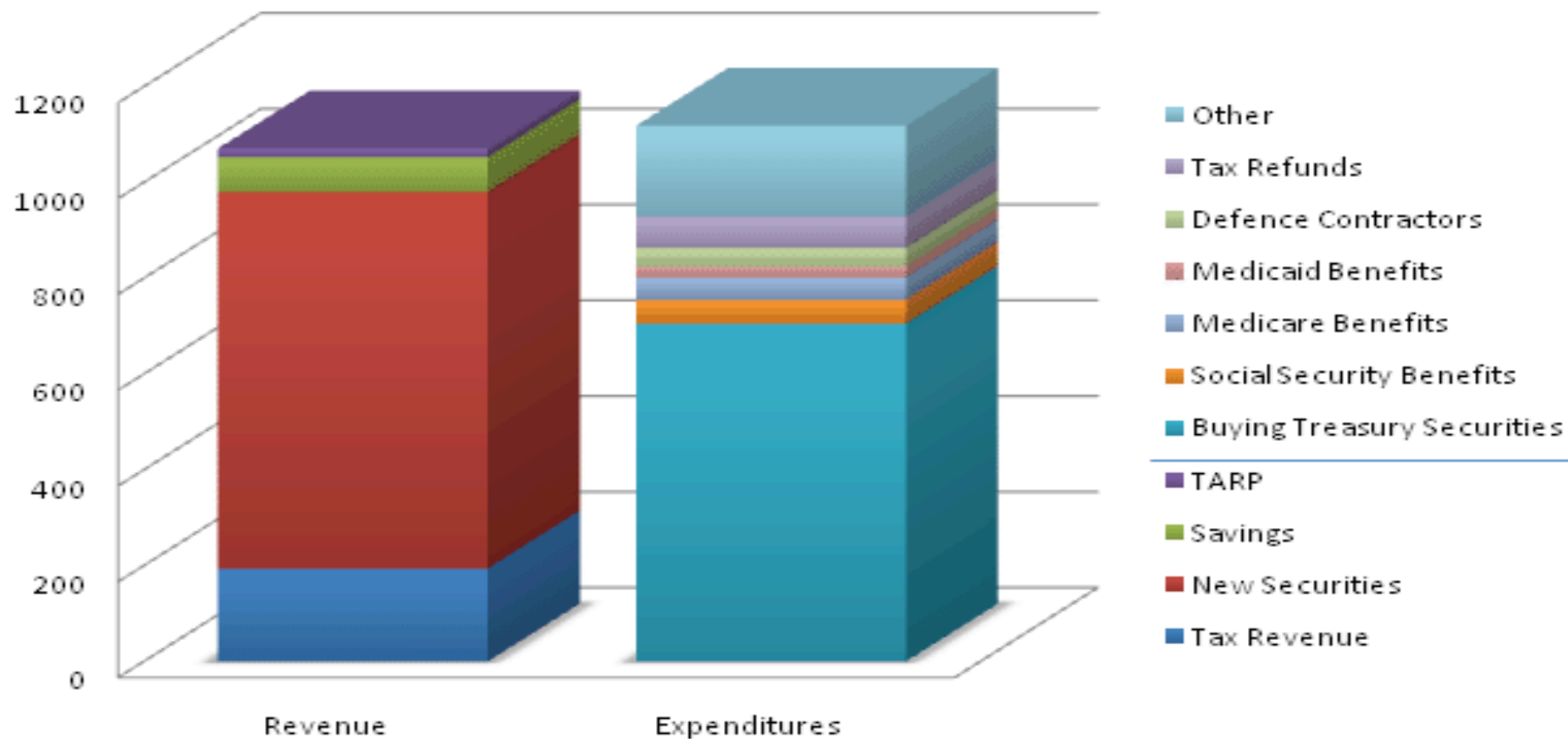
The GOP budget as presented will increase the deficit to \$23 trillion dollars over the next decade. Obama's proposed budget increases the deficit to \$23.5 trillion. BOTH proposals add over \$16 trillion dollars to the deficit.

Furthermore, the famed \$6.3 trillion in cuts are not realized for over 10 years, and only if future congresses and presidents, including a new wave of Democratic Socialists, agree to stick with the so-called "path to prosperity." With 26 years before reaching a balanced budget, assuming nobody in government reneges on the deal, it all seems pretty much wishful thinking – or some very artful politicking.

The truth is, we cannot afford the Ryan proposal any more than we can afford the Obama budget delusion.

As our chart below shows for March 2011, according to the U.S. Treasury, the Federal government grossed \$194 billion in tax revenue and paid out \$65.898 billion in tax refunds, thus netting \$128.179 billion in tax revenue for the month.

At the same time, the Treasury paid out a total of \$1.1187 *trillion*. Minus the \$65.898 billion in tax refunds, the Treasury paid a net of \$1.0528 trillion in Federal expenses for March.



That \$1.0528 trillion in spending for March equaled **8.2 times** the \$128.179 in net federal tax revenue for the month. Who really thinks we can afford still trillions MORE in deficit spending? REALLY?

The lion's share of today's federal spending went to redeem Treasury's \$705.3 billion in loans that came due in March; three of the other top four federal spending items for the month were entitlements programs.

The Treasury paid \$49.8 billion in Social Security benefits in March, \$47.4 billion in Medicare benefits, and \$22.575 billion in Medicaid benefits. It also paid \$37.9 billion to defense contractors.

To help pay off its \$1.0528 trillion in monthly bills on only \$128.179 in monthly tax revenue, the Treasury turned primarily to loans, selling \$786.5 billion in new securities. It also drew down its cash balance from \$190.6 billion to \$118.1 billion by the end of the month. It also reaped \$18 billion from the sale of assets in the Troubled Asset Relief Program, a limited revenue opportunity.

We are drowning in debt, yet Ryan punted on social security reform, and numerous other politically hard tasks—just as he voted for:

- No Child Left Behind
- The Medicare prescription drug benefit
- TARP
- The auto bailout
- The arguably unconstitutional AIG bonus tax
- Capping CEO pay

Rep. Ryan's political courage has its limits.

Ladies and gentleman, this proposal as presented may have some virtue in future negotiations, but it is principally serving as a diversionary tactic designed to distract the voters from the fact that the GOP is in full retreat over the 2011 Budget. Their fear of impending media savaging and political doom from the Democrat's "Shut-Down" strategy and their distress at Conservative rebellion over the upcoming Debt Ceiling vote have the Republican Establishment in serious confusion.

In an effort to appease Obama and Harry Reid, **Speaker John Boehner has already announced he WILL fund Planned Parenthood, he WILL allow ObamaCare to keep its \$105 billion dollars of startup-and-never-end funding already in the pipeline, he WILL concede on paying for EPA to ride roughshod over the Congress – and it is now clear Boehner WILL also collude with the Democrats to raise the Debt Ceiling.**

It's about time Congress stopped spending like a junkie in a crack house with a wallet full of stolen cash. We need to send Washington a clear message – STOP THE SPENDING NOW! No half-hearted measures that cripple future generations with profligate debt. We sent these boys to Washington with a clear mission – stop the insanity – and we expect them to deliver!

\$105.5 billion dollars could be saved today, not in some distant hopey-changeey, DREAM BUDGET future, simply by revoking the 2011 ObamaCare “start-up” money Nancy Pelosi unlawfully hid in the ObamaCare bill. We need LEADERSHIP in the

GOP—not the wishy-washy appeasement game John Boehner is currently playing with Harry Reid, **and not in**

some high voltage bait and switch shell game Paul Ryan is currently performing to shuffle our attention off of Budget 2011 onto Budget 2012/2013!

Per Rep. Steve King: "It makes no sense to allow funding of a law that the American public has rejected, that the House and every Republican in Congress has voted to repeal and that a federal judge has declared to be unconstitutional and void in its entirety. It is impossible to justify turning away from our oath to defend the Constitution and our obligation to save American taxpayers \$105.5 billion that otherwise will be spent unconstitutionally and irresponsibly." And that will auto-renew year in and year out! But Majority Speaker John Boehner is on the verge of doing just that – **by negotiating away our strength on Budget 2011!**

Speaker John Boehner is playing a dangerous game. Boehner's exact words on February 17, 2011 were, "We're going to do everything that we can in this bill to make sure there's no money in ObamaCare." So why is Boehner allowing \$105.5 billion in ObamaCare funding, not just this year, but every year moving forward? The GOP Establishment is PLAYING WITH FIRE IF THEY TRY TO PLAY 'FOOL THE VOTER' ON OBAMACARE WITH THE TEA PARTY AND PATRIOT MOVEMENTS — AND THE REST OF AMERICA. The mandate of November 2010 was clear and unequivocal — OBAMACARE'S COMPLETE AND TOTAL REPEAL. NO EXCUSES. NO EXCEPTIONS. KILL THE BILL. **CUT THE SPENDING.**

Rep. King (R-IA) tried to introduce an amendment to **COMPLETELY DEFUND OBAMACARE**, but the **GOP establishment House of Representatives' Rules Committee shut him down** and refused him a necessary waiver of the rule. Instead, **GOP Leadership chose to leave over \$105 billion in ObamaCare funding in the 2011 budget.** It seems Republican "Leaders" are afraid of a fight with Obama and Democrats over the Continuing Resolution, and are lamely trying to conceal their political cowardice!

In refusing Rep. King's amendment to completely defund ObamaCare on the original Continuing Resolution (CR) for this year's budget, the House Rules Committee used as an excuse that such an amendment would be against House Rules because it would affect mandatory programs and so extend beyond the sphere of an appropriations bill amendment. They claimed in the Continuing Resolution votes that they could only deal with funding that is strictly discretionary.

This is absurd and untrue. And COWARDLY.

The truth is, Boehner and his "Leaders" made a political calculation to keep the House spending cuts in the CR to a non-threatening \$60 billion threshold, well below HALF what the Republican Study Committee recommended in order to staunch the dire gush

of red ink that is imperiling America's fiscal survival! This strategy was supposed to buy some love and approval from Senate Democrats...good luck with that!

The current Continuing Resolution/Budget battle is a must-pass bill and AGAIN presents a prime opportunity for the House to throttle ObamaCare with its purse strings. Why does Boehner blink? He is terrified of elite opinion if the Democrats force a Federal shut-down. This is called preemptive capitulation, appeasement — and is the course of cowards and the strategy of defeat!

The sad, sorry truth is that the new Republican "Leadership" is already running scared of the Harry Reid Senate and Obama's veto pen. They fear the leftwing Sunday morning news shows savaging them about the hyped up specter of "government shut-down" should they meet their obligations to those who elected them and "shut-down" ObamaCare. They are terrified of a show down with Harry Reid and the Democrat Senate where they would have to hold their ground. They are afraid to do their duty. The only way we will see serious contests transpire over the Continuing Resolution and Budget, and actual DEFUNDING of ObamaCare, is if we FORCE it on cowardly Republican "Leaders" who are looking more like RINOs every day!

Once again, Rep. King is offering excellent language to solve the problem.

Rep. King states, "My language would shut off the unprecedented \$105.5 billion in automatic ObamaCare funding already in the pipeline, and it would freeze ObamaCare dead in its tracks. No previous Congress can bind a subsequent Congress. We decide here...to stop an unconstitutional, irresponsible socialized medicine policy in an appropriations bill."

BE ADVISED: \$105.5 billion is about to be spent to implement and enforce ObamaCare ... unless the Congress votes to DEFUND IT ALL!!!

Please help us ensure there are no more weasel words and straw man arguments coming from so-called "Leadership" that are code for, "We don't have the belly for this battle."

You cannot win battles you refuse to fight.

This is a fight we can win, if we find the will and the political courage to wage it. Let us pray that Patriots will persevere and carry America forward safely through these dangerous waters. God bless America.

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