

The GOP's Fatal Sellout of the Taxpayer

President Trump said that he wants to “take millions and millions of people off the taxpaying rolls.” He and the GOP (see A Better Way) propose to accomplish that by doubling the Standard Deduction (to \$25,000 for a couple) and possibly also by increasing the Child Tax Credit (but, the devil is in the details).

According to the CBO (2013 tax year), the top 20% pay an astounding 88% of the total Income Tax, while earning only 53% of the income. About half pay *none*. Thus, even today, taxpayers are an endangered minority.

Taking more people off the taxpaying rolls, would make taxpayers an even smaller, indefensible minority that would be so much *more* difficult, if not impossible, to protect. This is the taxpayers’ last stand!

Although the Freedom Caucus is well aware of this problem, they appear to be unwilling to stand up to the majority GOP Progressives and are instead poised to “compromise” with them so as to achieve a tax rate-cut for business (and tax cuts for lower and middle income individuals).

While tax cuts for business would likely help the economy (in the short term), the price paid for this Progressive GOP “compromise” will ultimately prove fatal to the Republic. ***Congress will eventually squeeze the life out of the small taxpaying minority, as it heeds only the voices of the masses.***

Bear in mind that this “deal” is being made among the GOP which currently controls Congress – think of what the Democrats will do to this minority when they retake control. The GOP stands to make this ultimately fatal Faustian deal with the Devil to trade its soul (i.e., taxpayers) for short term gains. The “price” we pay is way out of proportion for the short-term benefit we receive.

Any change to this proposal that would merely slow down the *rate* of shrinkage of the tax base would only make matters worse. That would make the shrinkage less noticeable by taxpayers, like turning up the flame more slowly so that the cannibals’ victims are not aware that the water will eventually boil.

The GOP must not succumb to Progressive demonization of success and their demands that the “rich” (who pay most of the tax) get no relief and must pay at least the same share of the total tax.

This GOP proposal violates *all* of the principles of the North Carolina Republican Party

- 1) We Believe... the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person’s dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.

Comment: The dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility of the small taxpaying minority will *not* be honored.

- 2) We Believe... in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or disability.

Comment: The small taxpaying minority will *not* receive equal justice and opportunity.

- 3) Believe... free enterprise and the encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

Comment: Free enterprise and individual initiative will be **discouraged**.

- 4) We Believe... government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of their own money they earn.

Comment: The government would **not** be practicing fiscal responsibility and ultimately, taxpayers would retain **less** of their own money.

- 5) We Believe... the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations, and that the best government is that which governs least.

Comment: The government meeting the needs of the great majority at the expense of the minority is **not** a legal Constitutional role. Such needs **can** (and Constitutionally should) be provided by the individuals and private organizations.

- 6) We Believe... the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to the people.

Comment: A small taxpaying minority is entirely estranged from its government.

- 7) We Believe... Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times.

Comment: We would be abandoning the principles of individual responsibility of **all** citizens and having most all who have the power to vote have "skin-in-the-game."

- 8) We Believe... Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

Comment: Massive wealth redistribution from a small minority to the masses violates America's basic Constitutional values and would ultimately undermine our national strength.

- 9) We Believe... the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government. – Source: <http://nc.gop/about/#history>

Comment: It is the majority Progressive wing of the Republican Party that is collaborating with Democrats to undermine our Republic and create a flawed government. Our last hope is in having the Freedom Caucus preserve the Republic and the Republican Party, by **rejecting** the

proposed bargain with the Devil to further shrink the taxpaying base and, instead, begin to ***expand*** it.

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