

Even The Cato Institute Laughs At Republicans

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I love the title of this post "[If You Call Obama 'Socialist' Then the House GOP Is 99% Socialist.](#)"

As I note in a recent New York Post op-ed Republicans are fond of implying that President Obama is a big-spending socialist. But the House GOP recently offered a spending cut plan that was able to find savings worth less than one percent of Obama's budget.

As Tad DeHaven and Brian Riedl have also pointed out, the GOP spending reform effort is rather pathetic. It proposed specific annual budget cuts of about \$14 billion per year.

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Thus, the Brookings scholars found cuts more than twenty times larger than the House GOP leadership cuts, and Brookings proposed its plan back when the deficit was about one-fifth of the size it is today. (Note that both the Brookings and GOP plans would also put a cap on overall nondefense discretionary spending, in addition to these specific cuts).

Even the GOP's own base is noticing that the GOP is full of hot air. The national GOP has only fantasy and an alternate reality right now. Maybe someday we'll find some Republicans that are ready to govern, but the GOP in its current form isn't ready to govern.

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