

# Libertarian skeptic pleasantly surprised by Republicans' fortitude on Bush Tax Cuts

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From Eric Dondero:

All 42 Republican Senators stood firm and blocked the Democrats plan to raise taxes on the wealthiest Americans. This included moderates such as Senators Olympia Snowe, Lindsey Graham, and notably Mark Kirk of Illinois. This prompted Dan Mitchell of the Cato Institute, normally a big skeptic of GOP devotion to free market principles, to compliment Senate Republicans.

From [BigGovernment.com](#), "Words I don't say often":

*I fully expected that GOPers would fold on this issue several months ago because Democrats were using the class-warfare argument that Republicans were holding the middle class hostage in order to protect "millionaires and billionaires." Republicans usually have a hard time fighting back against such demagoguery, and I was especially pessimistic since Republican Senators had to stay united to block Senate Democrats from pushing through Obama's plan for higher tax rates on the so-called rich.*

*But the GOP surprised me earlier this year with their united opposition to higher taxes, and they stayed strong again yesterday in blocking a bill that would raise tax rates on upper-income taxpayers.*

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