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The wheels are coming off the Romney campaign...and he could still pull off a win

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I'm reading and watching reactions to the hilarious tapes of Romney crapping on 47% of Americans in front of his rich supporters revealed in a Mother Jones piece.

There are 47 percent of the people who will vote for the president no matter what. All right, there are 47 percent who are with him, who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims, who believe the government has a responsibility to care for them, who believe that they are entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you-name-it. That that's an entitlement. And the government should give it to them. And they will vote for this president no matter what...These are people who pay no income tax.

I watched Romney flack Bay Buchanan flailing this AM as CNN's Soledad O'Brien tried to ask her to explain how the GOP presidential candidate didn't crap on half of Americans, since that figure includes people on Social Security, students with Pell Grants, veterans receiving benefits... not just the assumed "welfare queens" - those victim-mindset folks on the government teat that Romney was visualizing. It was a colossal spin fail. Bay couldn't refute facts. From Politico's Who are Mitt Romney's '47 percent'?:

Half of those nonpayers earn too little to pay any taxes, and half of them get there through tax deductions and exemptions, according to the Tax Policy Center. Of the latter half, 44 percent use tax deductions designed to help the elderly, and 30 percent use tax deductions that aid the working poor or children.

The Tax Policy Center uses a family of four earning less than \$26,400 as an example. After the \$11,600 standard deduction and four \$3,700 exemptions, they have no taxable income.

But many of these people pay federal payroll and excise taxes, as well as state income taxes.

What wasn't discussed was that fact that Mitt wasn't talking about these "freeloaders," was he?

When you hear the term "welfare" or "welfare reform" what comes to mind? If you are like most people, you conjure up images of people who are getting checks or food assistance each month. You may think of the many children who get assistance, or the millions of working families that get some sort of financial aid to help make ends meet each month. But what you may be surprised to know is that a heck of a lot of money gets spent in this country each year in the form of corporate welfare.

Corporate welfare takes a big bite out of our country's finances each year. In fact, it's estimated by the CATO Institute, that \$100 billion per year is spent on corporate welfare in America. Yes, that's billion. It's a big problem that the country faces, and yet it's one you barely ever hear about.

No, those are Mittens' friends. The tapes, recorded at the Boca Raton home of private equity manager Marc Leder in May, are a motherlode of offensive tripe that only underscores Mitt Romney's disdain for people not in his social strata, as well as his severe tone-deafness when it comes to political humor.

"My dad, as you probably know, was the governor of Michigan and was the head of a car company. But he was born in Mexico ... and uh, had he been born of uh, Mexican parents, I'd have a better shot at winning this," Romney says in the video. "But he was unfortunately born to Americans living in Mexico. He lived there for a number of years. I mean, I say that jokingly, but it would be helpful to be Latino."

Romney is not Mexican, but his ancestors were white Americans who moved to Mexico when the state of Utah banned polygamy. Romney's son, Craig, cut a Spanish-language radio ad in August making a point similar to the one that his father did at the fundraiser. "My grandfather George was born in Mexico," Craig noted, leaving out the reason why.

Meanwhile, the brain-dead propaganda status of the network confirmed again. Fox and Friends host Brian Kilmeade bleats "I Would Love" Romney's Remarks On The 47 Percent "To Be A Message For Any Candidate On The Stump" (via Media Matters).

<http://mediamatters.org/embed/189962>

Anyone who thinks Romney's toast needs to remember this fact: no matter how much Team Romney or Mittens himself royally screws up his campaign, the sheer hatred of Barack Obama could still allow Mr. 1% to pull this election off.

A release put out by the DNC rounded up some of the reactions to the videos. It's below the fold.