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### Is Harry Reid a 'dirty liar'?

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Even if Harry Reid's accusation that Romney hadn't paid taxes in 10 years were true, which is highly unlikely, it would almost certainly be because Romney took advantage of the countless provisions in our tax code that enable that result - provisions available to every American who qualifies for them. And who wrote and passed those provisions? Harry Reid and company - the same people who can't bring themselves to write a more rational tax code.

The point of this tax-charge circus should be clear to any sentient being. It's to distract attention from the appalling Obama and Senate records by playing the class-warfare game. Reid's reckless charge - "The word is out ..." - should not surprise anyone who's followed his career. He's all too typical of a party, many of whose members have refined the politics of personal destruction to a fine art. And they're practicing it this year as though their lives depended on it.