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Beck's "Plan," Day 2: Medicare and Social Security

April 13, 2010 8:19 pm ET by Christine Schwen

This week on his Fox News program, Glenn Beck is laying out "The Plan," a series of proposals he has developed with the assistance of conservative think tanks for "slashing the budget," which he claims is necessary for the United States **"to survive."**

Today, Beck looked at Medicare and Social Security:

- Beck rejected Cato Institute tax policy director Chris Edwards' **proposal to privatize** Social Security (because "it goes against everything [the founders] stood for"). Beck instead **stated** that under his plan, "you're 55 years old to 62, maybe you get 40 percent... 62-plus, okay, we're going to take care of you... but if you're below 54... you get nothing." He then added "then, you go back to... we slave it to the life expectancy. As the life expectancy goes up, so does the retirement age." Beck did not specify when his version of Social Security would be re-implemented for those in their mid-fifties and younger, or state what the starting retirement age or the level of benefits would be.
- Turning to Medicare, Beck and Edwards **discussed** privatizing the program, with Edwards stating, "someone hits the age of 65, you give them a federal \$11,000 voucher, they can go and buy health insurance on the private market if they want."

Beck also **teased** tomorrow's portion of "The Plan": "Tomorrow ... we abolish the Department of Education."

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Oh no we do *not* abolish the Department of Education you friggin' moron.

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by Byte Man (4 hours and 17 minutes ago) 4

You forget, this moron only got a H.S. Diploma. He believes becoming intelligent diminishes his audience...which it does.

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by magnolialover (3 hours and 35 minutes ago) 3

He barely got that diploma. He don't need no book learning though, because he educated himself. And from the looks of it, and from the sounds of it, not very well.

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by Byte Man (3 hours and 28 minutes ago) 4

Honestly, I have a friend that sounds like him who's a H.S. dropout...only smarter.

...and better-looking. OSNAP!

Beck makes my IQ cry.

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I'm wondering where Beck thinks he's going to get the money to keep social security payments going out.

Once you tell the workers (under 54) that they won't be getting anything BACK from social security they are unlikely to keep paying in.

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...and now you get it.

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by achorn316 (April 13, 2010 8:57 pm ET)

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It's real nice for Mr. "32 million a year" Beck to tell people to go screw themselves when they get to retirement age.

btw.. his "plan" sounds a hell of a lot like "I got mine, screw the rest of you..."

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by brodiman (April 13, 2010 10:33 pm ET)

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Well if we all worked as hard as Beck I'm sure that this health care problem would take care of itself.
*Snort

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by Good Creon (April 13, 2010 10:35 pm ET)

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That's pretty much most conservative proposals in a nut shell

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Oh, PLEASE encourage Republicans to run on these.

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Does he realize where a lot of our older citizens would be without social security and Medicare? Does he realize that they'd be homeless, dying in the streets, and be downtrodden? A lot would be.

Mr. Beck doesn't care though, he makes enough money, he doesn't need social security or Medicare when he retires.

This guy gets consistently more insane as the days roll onward.

And as someone else said, yes, please republicans, run on this one. Would love to see it. Because you would get trounced.

On a different note, was reading some polling numbers earlier tonight pitting Obama against the potential 2012 republicans running for President. Turns out, Obama beats Palin by double digits. Something like 55 to 42. And not only did he beat Palin by double digits, he beats Gingrich by double digits. He beats anyone who is thought of, of possibly running easily. Ron Paul loses. Romney loses. Huckabee loses.

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The reasons we developed Social Security?

Well, we were a rich enough nation that we could no longer stand by and let people live in dire poverty until they died. We're richer now than we were back in the 1930's.

We recognized that families didn't all live together in the same neighborhoods, communities and sometimes the same household anymore like they had in the past. With the Industrial Revolution and the Civil War, people started moving away from their families in droves, which left the poor, the disabled and the elderly often without family who could easily care for the disadvantaged family members. And we're MORE distant now from our families than we were back in the 1930's, so that's even more of a reason to help the disadvantaged with gov't help to supplant the missing family support!

And family size has gone down. It used to be that there were lots of siblings and maternal and paternal relatives and children who could help out those who still lived near the disadvantaged elderly and disabled. Today, family size is much smaller, and so there aren't as many familial safety nets out there now as there used to be.

We CANT go back to the olden days, because they don't exist any more.

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by grmce (2 hours and 42 minutes ago)

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Sort of gives stupidity a bad name.

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