Today Senate Republicans unveiled their policy agenda for the midterm elections: “to raise taxes on as much as half of the country” — including seniors and working families.

Here are the facts:

- **Senate Republicans will “raise taxes on as much as half of the country.”** [Washington Post, 2/22/22]
  - Ramesh Ponnuru (National Review): Might also have been good to put out an agenda that did not include raising taxes on more than a hundred million Americans.
  - Bill Kristol (The Bulwark): The NRSC head is promising to raise income taxes on tens of millions of Americans, including retirees.
  - Sam Stein (POLITICO): Tucked in Rick Scott’s 11 pt GOP plan is a call for a tax hike, however small, on the lowest income Americans.

- **Senate Republicans will raise taxes on millions of “retirees who can’t earn an income because they are no longer in the work force.”** [MSNBC, 2/22/22]

- **Senate Republicans’ plan could raise taxes on roughly half of the more than 60 million Social Security beneficiaries.** [Social Security Administration, February 2015]

- **Senate Republicans’ would make it easier for “rich people to cheat on their taxes.”** [Washington Post, 2/22/22]

- **Senate Republicans’ plan “offers nothing on health care, child care, ideas on how to curb inflation.”** [MSNBC, 2/22/22]
  - Washington Post (Opinion): Let’s start with what is not in there: any proposal to bring down inflation (which Republicans have been hollering about for months); to increase wages or reduce income inequality; to prepare workers for the 21st-century economy…and to increase school performance on basic subjects.

- **When they were in charge, Senate Republicans gave tax breaks to the ultra-wealthy and corporations that ship jobs overseas “while overlooking working families”.** [Economic Policy Institute, 12/17/19; New York Times, 1/8/18]

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