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TO: Interested Parties

FR: Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee

RE: FACT SHEET: Senate Republicans' Plan "To Raise Taxes On As Much As Half Of The Country."

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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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