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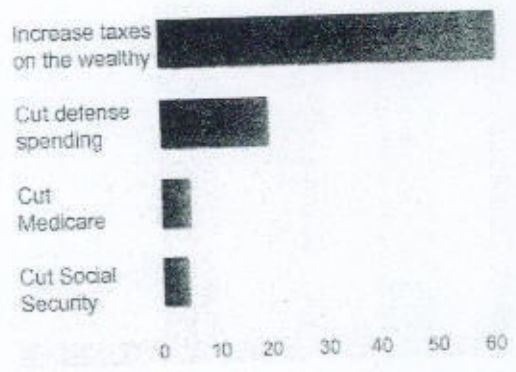
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Who Represents 81% of Us???

Fix US economy poll: 81% Say Tax Rich and/or Cut Military; 3% Say Cut Social Security

From CBS News:

As Washington gears up for a fight over federal spending and the national debt, lawmakers may want to consider some new polling figures.



A survey from CBS News' "60 Minutes" and Vanity Fair magazine shows that most Americans, given a set limited choices for balancing the national budget, would prefer to see taxes increased for the wealthy.

As many as 61 percent said they would prefer increasing taxes on the rich over three other options: cutting defense spending, cutting Medicare or cutting Social Security. Another 20 percent chose cutting defense spending as the best option. Just 4 percent said they would cut Medicare, and just 3 percent said they would cut Social Security.

Perhaps not surprisingly, those with higher incomes were less inclined to say increasing taxes on the wealthy would be the best option. Nevertheless, as many as 46 percent of Americans making more than \$100,000 said it was the best option - 26 points higher than the next-preferred option, cutting defense spending.

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The poll was conducted at the CBS News interviewing facility among a random sample of 1,067 adults nationwide, interviewed by telephone Nov. 29-Dec. 2, 2010.

① (Cartoon) Republican political party, led by House of Representatives Budget Chairman Paul

Ryan last name want to solve the U.S. budget problems by cutting spending on medicare, medicaid, social security, and other social programs but then turn around and tell corporations and the super rich that they can pay less in Taxes. ② Republican political party want to cut spending for the poor and the middle class yet allow the rich to get even richer.

③ (Article) But the vast majority of Americans want the gov't to do the opposite: only 4% want Medicare cut, only 3% want Social Security cut, BUT 61% want the rich to pay more taxes and 20% want spending on defense to be cut. ④ Defense = military

⑤ Even 46% of Americans who make more than \$ _____ say that the best option is for the rich to pay more in taxes.



⑥ The Patriot Act was passed after 9/11 in order to fight terror most terrorism. ⑦ But many Americans have criticized it, saying it takes away too many of our freedom. ⑧ Ashcroft, the U.S. A _____ right after 9/11, said if you criticize it, then you're on the side of the terrorist. ⑨ All people in the U.S. have habeas corpus rights under the U.S. Constitution supreme law of the U.S.