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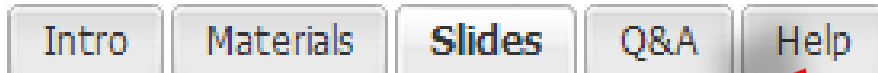
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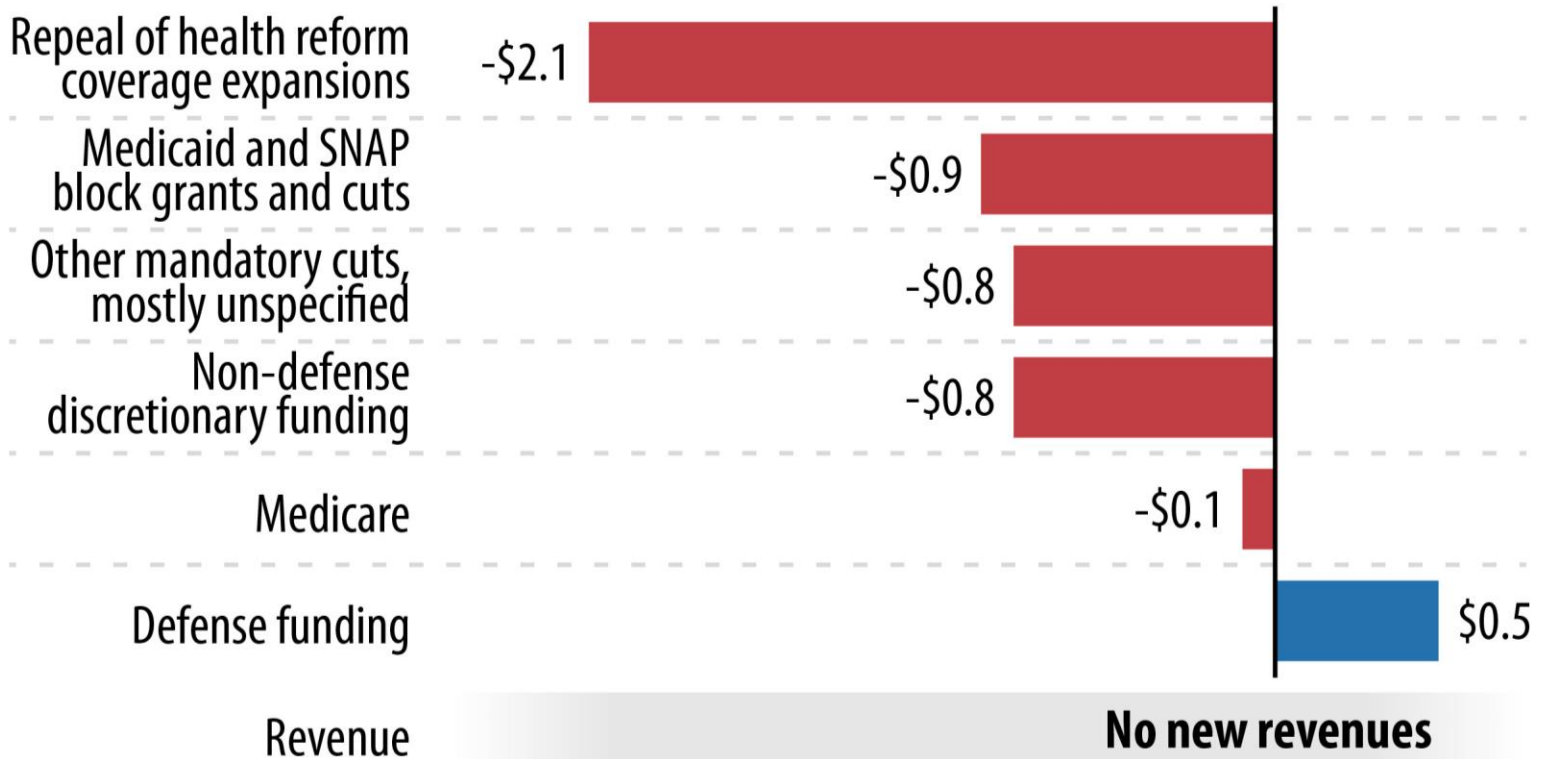
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Ryan Budget Priorities: What's Cut, What's Increased, and What's Missing

Cuts or increases, fiscal years 2015-2024 (in trillions of dollars)*

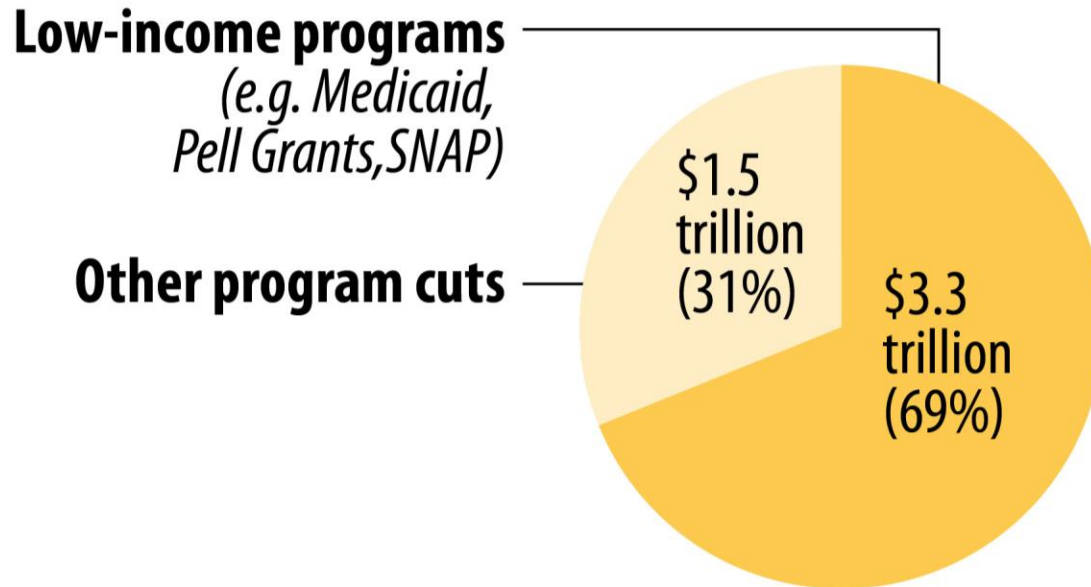


*Reflects outlays for mandatory programs and budget authority for discretionary programs

Source: Ryan budget, CBPP estimates



69 Percent of Cuts in Ryan Plan Come From Programs for People with Low or Moderate Incomes

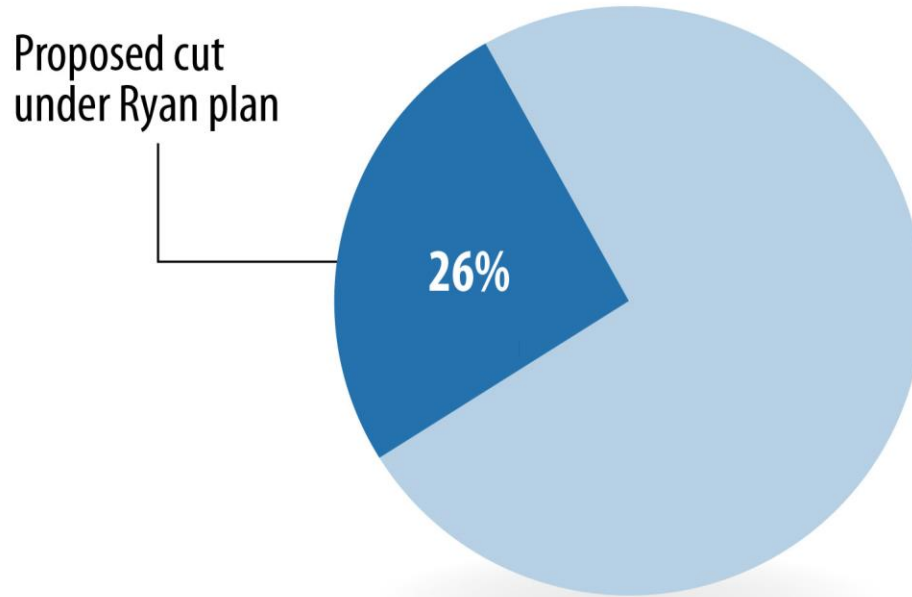


Note: Calculations do not include defense increase.

Source: CBPP based on data from Congressional Budget Office and FY 2015 House Budget Resolution and Committee markup.



Ryan Budget Plan Would Slash Federal Medicaid and CHIP Funding by More Than One-Quarter in 2024*

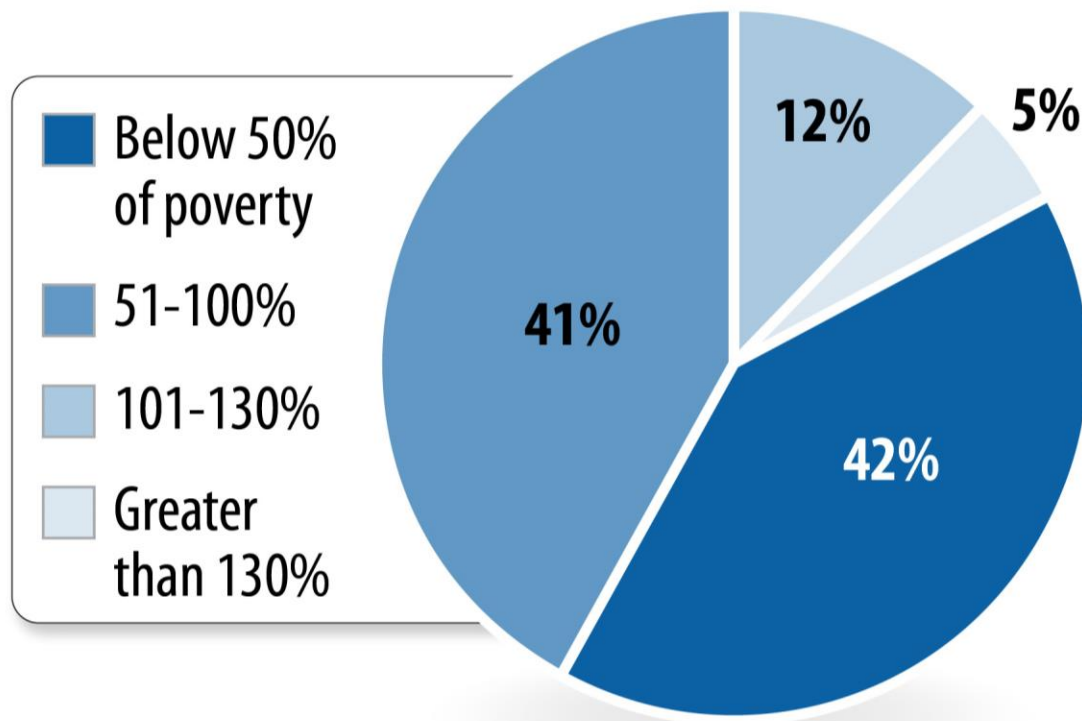


*Compared to current law (after excluding effects of repealing Medicaid expansion and CHIP extension in health reform law).

Source: CBPP analysis.



Two-Fifths of SNAP Households Are Below Half the Poverty Line

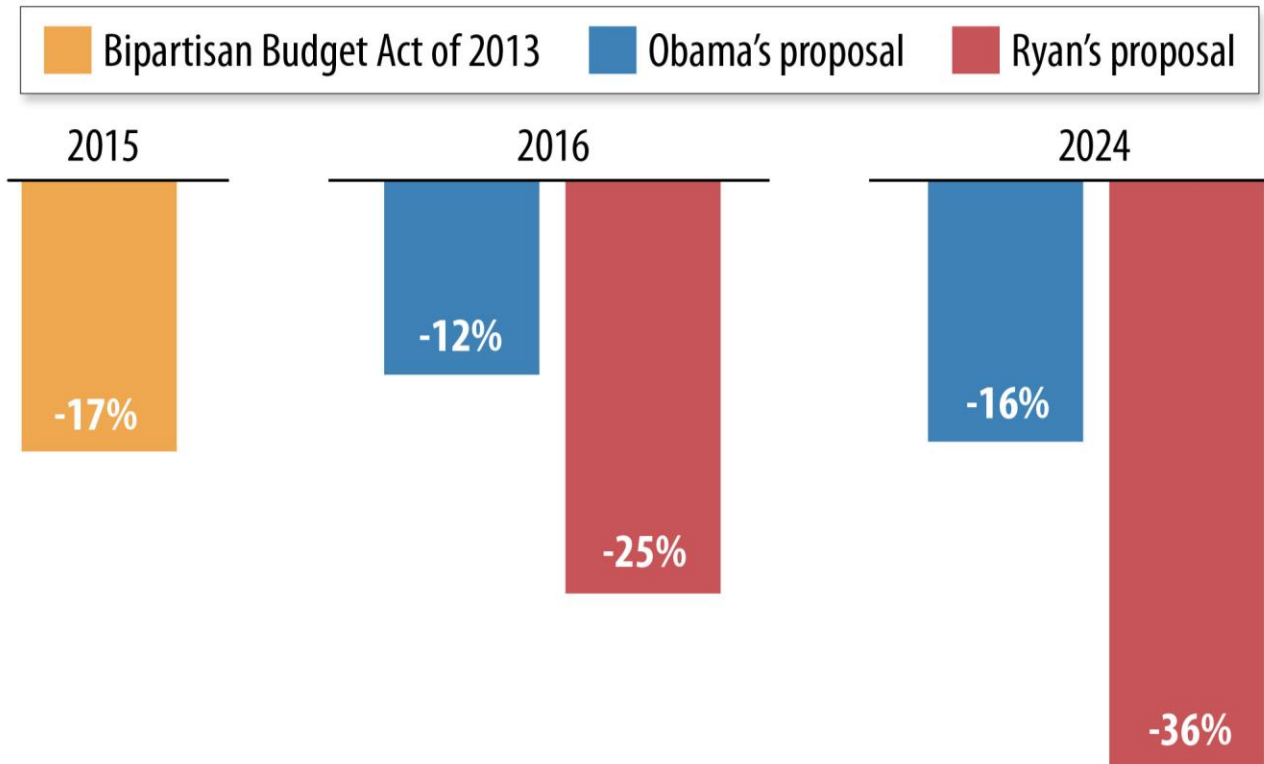


Source: USDA Household Characteristics Data, FY 2011.



Contrasting Visions of Non-Defense Discretionary Funding

Percent cut in non-defense discretionary programs relative to 2010 appropriations, adjusted for inflation



Source: CBPP calculations based on data from the Congressional Budget Office and Office of Management and Budget.

Introduction

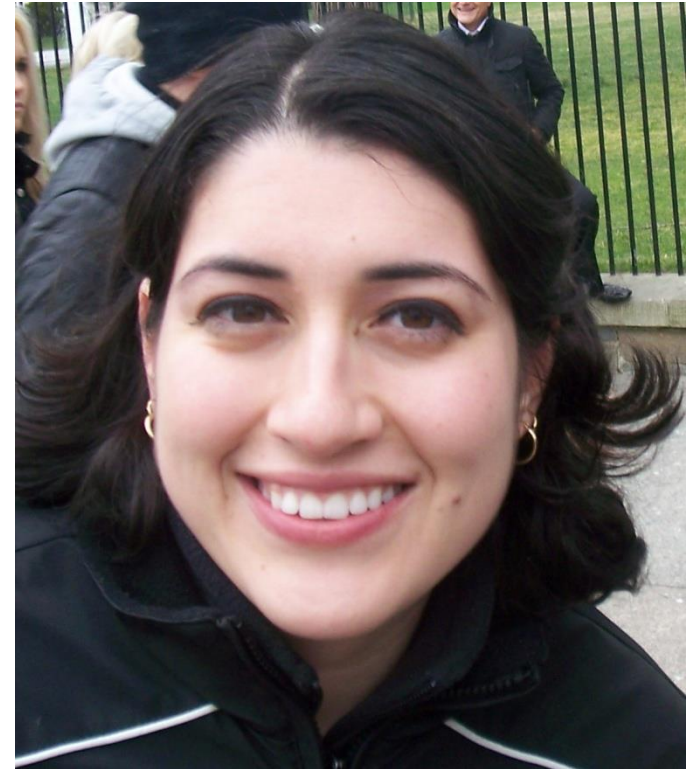
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- **Cultural & university visits**

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A Look at Last Year's Budget Cuts

- **More need, less money**
- **Less students served**
- **Less social and cultural programming for students**

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Imagining 30% Budget Cuts to TRiO

**“An investment
in knowledge
pays the best
interest.”**

---Benjamin Franklin

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The Ryan Budget Truth Squad

**Why it matters;
What you can do.**

Deborah Weinstein

April 17, 2014



219 Reps voted for...

- Repealing the health care law that new Gallup Poll estimates has so far brought the number of uninsured down from **43.5m** to **36.3m**;
- All health care cuts would add up to **40m** people denied health insurance through FY 2024;
- Slashing SNAP/food stamps by \$137b, denying food altogether to **millions** and/or cutting benefits harshly;
- Reducing SSI benefits for **150,000** children with disabilities;
- Freezing Pell Grants indefinitely at maximum \$5,730;
- In FY 2016, would cut domestic appropriations by **15%**:
 - **170,000** fewer children in Head Start
 - **200,000** fewer young children and moms served by WIC
 - **3.5 million** fewer people would get job training/placement
 - **29,000** fewer teachers and aides in low-income schools

And voted for...

- Tax rate reductions that will provide millionaires with at least **\$200,000** in FY 2015 alone.
- Tax cuts are worth at least **\$4 trillion**, paid for by a secret plan (that is bound to raise middle class taxes – say, \$2,000 per family with children).



*Sources: Citizens for Tax Justice,
House Budget Committee Democrats*

Hold Them Accountable.

When advocates had a unified message around protecting low-income people in deficit reduction plans:

- *Many key low-income programs were exempted from cuts*

But now we're too quiet.



Truth Squad Messengers



- **Faith leaders:** Our congregation/community benefits from (SNAP, Medicaid, unemployment benefits, homeless services...); the Ryan budget endangers our people.
- **Parents:** My child benefits from (Head Start...); the Ryan budget would deny Head Start to 170,000 children in FY16.
- **Local officials:** My community benefits from affordable housing; the Ryan budget would cut well over 100,000 rental vouchers and increase rents.
- **Physicians:** My patients benefit from ACA, Medicaid, SCHIP, SNAP; the Ryan budget would make them sicker.

More Messengers

- **College Students:** I benefit from (TRIO; Pell grants); the Ryan budget would slash/freeze these programs.
- **People Getting Health Coverage:** I'm now insured! The Ryan budget would take that away.
- **Service Provider Agency Staff:** Our clients benefit from (x); the Ryan budget would cut it by 30% in 2024.

...any many others



Stories Worth Telling

(thanks to Families USA for sharing these)

- **Monica** had an illness that caused her to be hospitalized. She had insurance through COBRA; it was about to expire. She got a policy through the exchange, with subsidies, it costs \$197/mo. If not available, only alternative: South Carolina high risk pool, costing \$1,974 per month.
- **Nathan**, of Salem, VA, was paying **55%** of his income on health care. He had a brain tumor 8 years before, while he was on his parents' insurance. Then he got a high risk plan - \$483/month and \$5,000 deductible. He spent \$1,203/month on medication. New plan under ACA: **20%** of his income: \$111.48 premium; \$1,567 deductible; \$2,052 cap on out-of-pocket expenses.

Under Ryan plan: **ACA repealed.**

Ryan's 30% Cuts to Sample of Programs

	FY 2014 (in millions)	If Ryan in place over past 10 years
TRIO College Programs	\$853	-\$256
Head Start	\$8,598	-\$2,579
WIC	\$6,522	-\$1,957
Adult Job Training (WIA)	\$766	-\$230
Community Svc. Block Gt.	\$710	-\$213
Child Welfare Services	\$269	-\$81
Runaway, Homeless Youth	\$97	-\$29

Note: Sequestration last year cut programs by a little more than 5% - resulted in 57,000 kids not getting Head Start, for example

It doesn't have to be this way.

Progressive Caucus' Better Off Budget

	Impact
Job creation	+8.8 million jobs by FY17
Sequestration	Eliminates; makes additional investments
Total spending through FY24	\$51 trillion
Total revenues through FY24	\$47.2 trillion
SNAP	Undoes cuts
ACA	Builds upon; allows public option

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	Impact
Job loss	-1.1m jobs in FY15; -3m jobs in FY16
Sequestration	Cuts more deeply
Total spending through FY24	\$42.6 trillion
Total revenues through FY24	\$40.6 trillion
SNAP	Block-grants, cuts \$137b
ACA	Repeals

Join the Truth Squad

- Video or write down how you, your community, program, family, congregation... benefit from services and would be hurt by the Ryan budget.
- Send it to Our American Story and/or post on CHN's new blog.
- Help us find physicians, local officials, service providers, students, others directly affected.



Parts of a Message

- ✓ I/We benefit from services in this way...
- ✓ The Ryan budget would take us in a dangerous, harmful direction by...
- ✓ It's wrong to hand millionaires \$200k+ each while decimating vital services
- ✓ It doesn't have to be this way – we **can** invest responsibly and rebuild our economy for all



Ways to Get the Truth Out

- Candidates' forums
- Invite members of Congress to program sites
- Social media
- Blogs
- Letters to the editor
- Our American Story
- Talk to the press
- Arrange conference calls with members of Congress





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