



Message Guidance: RyanCare v. The Affordable Care Act

The reality is, RyanCare is not about improving health care – it’s a major tax cut for the wealthy funded by taking coverage away from and rising the cost of care for working people. RyanCare will make everyday Americans pay more money for fewer benefits, and even leave many people with no health care at all.

Instead, RyanCare will enact a huge tax giveaway to Trump, his wealthy friends, and insurance company CEOs.

According to Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Americans will see an increase of at least **\$1,700 per year** to get the health care they need.

RyanCare reduces tax credits, making it difficult for middle-income families to receive affordable care.

- For example, in Northumberland County, PA, a 60 year old making 40k per year receives a \$11,150 subsidy under ACA. Under RyanCare, that same person would receive \$4,000 in tax credits that results in \$7,150 less towards health insurance.

RyanCare cuts health care coverage in many ways [h/t Protect Our Care]. It:

- **Ends Medicaid expansion:** Makes it impossible for states to continue Medicaid expansion past 2020, meaning millions of American who need health care most would lose coverage.
- **Cuts regular Medicaid:** Creates per-capita caps to Medicaid funding that will result increased costs for millions of *additional* seniors, low-income families, people with disabilities, and children.
- **Defunds Planned Parenthood:** Puts essential care at risk for millions of patients who depend on Planned Parenthood for their care including cancer screening and critical referrals.
- **Reduces tax credits:** Makes coverage unaffordable for millions of moderate-income families by reducing the size of tax subsidies. The [Kaiser Family Foundation](#) found that many families would pay thousands more a year.
- **Raises premiums and out-of-pocket costs – especially for older people:** Premiums and out-of-pocket costs will rise, especially for older people, because the bill lifts caps on how much insurance companies can charge.
- **Also penalizes people for letting coverage lapse:** It gets rid of the individual mandate, but people who let their coverage lapse more than 2 months can be hit with a 30%

premium hike when they buy new coverage. So there's still a penalty for dropping coverage – but instead of creating an incentive for people to get coverage, it's an incentive not to. That makes the whole system more expensive for everyone.

The CBO projected that the bill would result in 14 million people being uninsured in 2018, rising to 21 million in 2020 and then to 24 million in 2026. Average premiums would rise by as much as 20 percent in 2018 and 2019 before falling in later years.

That is why Republicans refuse to hold public hearings. But what we're seeing across the country is American people fighting back and making their voices heard at townhall meetings and protests.

The Affordable Care Act is working. Before the ACA was passed, tens of thousands of Americans died every year from preventable and treatable causes just because they didn't have health insurance to pay for care. Now millions more Americans have health insurance and get the care they need. RyanCare would take us backwards to a day when Americans die needlessly because they can't afford care.

Defense of CBO

THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE'S PROJECTIONS ARE VIEWED AS UNBIASED AND THE MOST ACCURATE AMONGST FEDERAL ANALYSTS

Independent Analysis Of The C.B.O.'s Forecasting Concluded It Was Not Biased And Was The Most Accurate Of Federal Analysts. "In the C.B.O.'s assessment of its own accuracy, the agency says it has overestimated revenue by an average of 1.1 percent for two-year projections and by 5.3 percent for six-year projections since 1982. Similarly, the C.B.O. concluded that its economic forecasts of the past four decades 'have been comparable in quality to those of the administration and the Blue Chip consensus,' which aggregates analyses from the private sector. Independent analysis of the C.B.O.'s forecasting tends to be even more generous, concluding it is not biased (though perhaps optimistic) and citing the agency as the most accurate of federal analysts." [New York Times, [3/9/17](#)]

Washington Post: "The CBO's Analysis Is Generally Accepted As Sound. Its Own Assessment Of Its Record At Forecasting Economic Trends Found That Its Estimates Have Generally Been In Line With Administration Estimates And The Estimates Of An Average Of 50 Private-Sector Groups."

"That particular subject aside, the CBO's analysis is generally accepted as sound. Its own assessment of its record at forecasting economic trends found that its estimates have generally been in line with administration estimates and the estimates of an average of 50 private-sector groups. The CBO's analysis is considered sound enough that both Spicer and Trump have, in the past, cited its projections for political points." [Washington Post, [3/10/17](#)]

THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE'S PROJECTIONS FOR THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WERE MORE ACCURATE THAN OTHER PROMINENT ANALYSES FROM 2010

New York Times Fact Check: "The C.B.O.'s Projections For The Affordable Care Act Were More In Line With What Actually Happened Than Four Other Prominent Analyses From 2010."

"C.B.O.'s predictions were off, but less so than others' The agency, created in 1974, released its analysis of the completed version of the health care law in March 2010. It estimated 21 million people would be enrolled in public marketplaces by 2016. The year ended with 11.5 million enrollees. But according to a 2015 report from the Commonwealth Fund, a health care research group, the C.B.O.'s projections for the Affordable Care Act were more in line with what actually

happened than four other prominent analyses from 2010. ‘Nobody always gets this stuff right,’ said Sherry Glied, a health policy expert and the primary author of the report. ‘But if you believe it’s possible to make an assessment, they’re the best at that.’” [New York Times, [3/9/17](#)]

The Commonwealth Fund Foundation Found That CBO’s Predictions For The Affordable Care Act Were More Accurate Than Other Forecasters. “In fact, CBO has hardly been way off ‘in every aspect’ of its predictions, as Spicer said. A study by the liberal-leaning Commonwealth Fund foundation found that CBO’s predictions were more accurate than other forecasters. ‘CBO did much better than other estimators - that has also been true in the past,’ said New York University professor Shelly Glied. ‘Nobody can actually foresee the future, but CBO seems to do a better job than anyone else.’” [Associated Press, Fact Check, [3/8/17](#)]

REPUBLICANS APPOINTED THE CURRENT DIRECTOR OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Associated Press Fact Check: C.B.O.’s “Current Director, Keith Hall, Was Chosen By Republicans And Served On The Council Of Economic Advisers In The Most Recent Bush Administration.” “It’s also worth noting the widespread support CBO enjoys from both Democrats and Republicans. Its current director, Keith Hall, was chosen by Republicans and served on the Council of Economic Advisers in the most recent Bush administration. Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., a former chairman of the House Budget Committee, was a vocal supporter of Hall’s predecessor, Elmendorf, who was named by Democrats.” [Associated Press, Fact Check, [3/8/17](#)]

Republicans Hand-Selected Keith Hall To Run The CBO After Tom Price Called For Replacing The Well-Respected Previous Director. “The CBO is run by an economist Republicans hand-selected after Tom Price — then the Budget Committee chairman, now Mr. Trump’s health and human services secretary — called for replacing the well-respected previous director. Their choice, Keith Hall, has overseen the move toward ‘dynamic scoring,’ which makes Republican tax cuts seem less costly. But not toward rank reality-denial, which is what it would take to swallow some of the claims Republicans have made about repealing and replacing Obamacare.” [Editorial, Washington Post, [3/11/17](#)]

2015: Tom Price Praised CBO Director Keith Hall: “His Vast Understanding Of Economic And Labor Market Policy Will Be Invaluable To The Work Of CBO And The Important Roll It Will Continue To Play As Congress Seeks To Enact Policies.” “The CBO is nonpartisan, but Republicans appointed the current director, Keith Hall, in 2015. At the time, then-House Budget Committee Chairman Tom Price—now a member of President Donald Trump’s cabinet working on replacing Obamacare—praised Hall. ‘Keith Hall will bring an impressive level of economic expertise and experience to the Congressional Budget Office,’ Price said in a statement. ‘His vast understanding of economic and labor market policy will be invaluable to the work of CBO and the important roll it will continue to play as Congress seeks to enact policies that support a healthy and growing economy.’” [CNN, [3/9/17](#)]

Past Comments on the CBO

CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS, WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS AND THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF HAVE PREVIOUSLY PRAISED THE CBO’S NONPARTISAN ANALYSES

Washington Post Editorial: “The GOP Hypocrisy Is Mind-Blowing... Time After Time, Republicans Had Nothing But Praise For The [Congressional Budget] Office’s ‘Nonpartisan’ Work.” “The GOP hypocrisy is mind-blowing. Over the past two decades, CBO is perhaps best known for analyses that put a stamp of budgetary responsibility on Obamacare, but also papers that enabled Republicans to cut taxes during the George W. Bush years and, later, to slam President Obama on the long-term debt picture. Time

after time, Republicans had nothing but praise for the office's 'nonpartisan' work. They were quick to cite the CBO when it concluded that some people would willingly work less under Obamacare." [Editorial, Washington Post, [3/11/17](#)]

Donald Trump And Sean Spicer Had Both Previously Cited CBO's Projections On Health Care.

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Donald Trump

TRUMP HAS CITED CBO ESTIMATES ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS OVER THE YEARS

September 2016: Trump's Economic Plan Relied On A CBO Baseline, Noting That "This Is Common Practice In The Modeling Community." "3 These gains are expressed in nominal dollars and cumulated over the course of the standard ten-year budget window that stretches from 2017 to 2026. They represent gains above the baseline scenario of a 1.96% annual increase in real GDP growth over the 10-year period as forecast by the Congressional Budget Office. We use the CBO baseline because this is common practice in the modeling community." [Scoring the Trump Economic Plan: Trade, Regulatory, & Energy Policy Impacts, Donald J. Trump for President, [9/29/16](#)]

September 2016: A Trump Campaign Press Release Cited The "Nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office." "The Non-Partisan Congressional Budget Office Concluded That The Shale Revolution Will Increase The Size Of The U.S. Economy For Decades To Come. 'In the long run, CBO estimates, the development of shale resources will lead to higher GDP by increasing the productivity of existing labor and capital and by increasing the amount of labor and capital in use. Specifically, CBO projects that real GDP will be 0.7 percent higher in 2020 and 0.9 percent higher in 2040 than it would have been without shale development.' ('The Economic and Budgetary Effects of Producing Oil and Natural Gas From Shale,' Congressional Budget Office, 12/14)" [Press Release, Donald J. Trump for President, [9/22/16](#)]

April 2014: Donald Trump Cited CBO's Estimates On The Impact Of ObamaCare. TRUMP: "CBO now estimates that over 2.5M will lose jobs directly because of ObamaCare. REPEAL now before it is too late." [@realDonaldTrump, Twitter, [4/18/14](#)]

April 2014: Donald Trump Said Obama Was "Caught Lying" On ObamaCare Enrollment By The CBO. TRUMP: "As I predicted, Obama already caught lying on Ocare enrollment # by CBO who's sticking w/ '6 million enrollments'" [@realDonaldTrump, Twitter, [4/24/14](#)]

February 2014: Trump Noted That "CBO Estimates Over 2.3M Jobs Will Be Lost Due To Obamacare." TRUMP: "CBO estimates over 2.3M jobs will be lost due to ObamaCare <http://cnb.cx/MrErFZ> Elections have consequences." [@realDonaldTrump, Twitter, [2/4/14](#)]

2012: Trump Inaccurately Cited A CBO Report In Talking About The Unemployment Rate. "On Thursday, Mr. Romney also joined Mr. Trump in incorrectly citing another report from the Congressional Budget Office. Mr. Trump said the report this week projected that unemployment, now 8.5 percent, would go up to 9.2 percent by 2013. In fact, the office projected that the unemployment rate would remain above 8 percent this year and next year before slowly declining further." [The Caucus, New York Times, [2/2/12](#)]

Trump: "And Just A Little While Ago, I Didn't Even Mention This, But The CBO Chief In Washington Announced That Unemployment Is Going Up To 9.2 Percent By Sometime In January. So It's Going To Go Up. And The Growth Rate Is Going To Be At About One Percent. So This Just Came Out, Not Good News. It's My Honor, Real Honor And

Privilege To Endorse Mitt Romney. [Romney for President Campaign Event, Las Vegas NV, 2/2/12]

Mike Pence

MIKE PENCE HAS CALLED THE CBO “NONPARTISAN”

Mike Pence Cited The “Nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.” “As a result of the House Republican bill, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office now confirms that families will see their health care premiums reduced by up to 10 percent.’ — Mike Pence on Thursday, November 5th, 2009 in a press release.” [PolitiFact, [11/6/09](#)]

MIKE PENCE TRIED TO USE A CBO REPORT TO ATTACK ACA, BUT GOT HIS FACTS WRONG

Mike Pence Incorrectly Cited A CBO Report To Claim That The ACA Would Raise Healthcare Costs On Working Families. “So Republican Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana cited the report as evidence that the Democrats' plan would drive up family premiums. ‘The CBO has confirmed what every American already knows, the Democrats' plan for a government takeover of health care will dramatically raise health care costs on working families,’ Pence said in a Nov. 30 press release. ‘This latest CBO study reveals that the health care bill before the U.S. Senate will raise individual insurance premiums by up to 13 percent. That means every family that refuses the government's one-size-fits-all plan, will be forced to spend an additional \$2,100 a year to keep their current health care.’... Mostly False.” [PolitiFact, [12/1/09](#)]

2009: PENCE CLAIMED THE CBO NUMBER FOR REPUBLICAN HEALTHCARE PLANS WOULD BE “RATHER IMPRESSIVE”

2009: Mike Pence Predicted The CBO Score For The Republican Healthcare Proposal Would Be “Rather Impressive” To Americans. VAN SUSTEREN: “All right, what's your cost? And will this -- and how many more Americans do you anticipate being covered by your Republican proposal?” PENCE: “Well, as I stand here with you right now, I'm not sure the CBO cost is yet out, but we'll be talking about that. I think it's going to be a very pleasant surprise for Americans that are troubled about this \$1.3 trillion government takeover that Democrats are moving through the House. I think the CBO number is going to be rather impressive. And I won't preempt that. I'll let the Congressional Budget Office describe that for you. But your second question was, again?” [On the Record, Fox News, [11/4/09](#)]

Tom Price

TOM PRICE PRAISED THE “CRITICAL” AND “TREMENDOUS WORK” OF THE CBO

Tom Price: “CBO Has Done Tremendous Work Over The Past 40 Years Thanks To Its Incredibly Talented And Dedicated Staff.” PRICE: “CBO has done tremendous work over the past 40 years thanks to its incredibly talented and dedicated staff. Thank you again Dr. Hall for testifying today and for your leadership of this important agency.” [CBO Oversight Hearing, House Budget Committee, [6/3/15](#)]

Tom Price Said The CBO Played A “Critical Role” In Making Sure Taxpayer Money Was Used Responsibly And The Information It Provided To Congress Was “Vital.” PRICE: “Something must be done, and I appreciate the critical role that CBO has played and will continue to play in our efforts to ensure that the money taxpayers send to Washington is used responsibly and that there is transparency and oversight of all government programs. The information CBO provides our committee and our colleagues in Congress is vital to that goal and to the legislative process. Having sound analysis in a timely manner that is responsive to the needs of members of Congress will help us advance real solutions.” [CBO Oversight Hearing, House Budget Committee, [6/3/15](#)]

Tom Price Praised The “Important Role” The CBO Played In Congress’s Debates Over Economic

Policy. “Dr. Hall’s term as CBO Director will begin April 1, 2015. Until that time, Dr. Douglas Elmendorf will continue to serve as director. Chairman Price issued the following statement thanking Director Elmendorf for agreeing to extend his time at CBO: ‘Director Elmendorf has earned our respect and appreciation for his service as director of the Congressional Budget Office. He has shown a tireless commitment to the work of the CBO and to the important role it plays in Congress’ debates over fiscal and economic policy. I’m particularly grateful for his willingness to continue serving as director after his term has expired and through the end of March as the House and Senate Budget Committees are hard at work building our budget proposals.’” [Press Release, House Budget Committee, [2/27/15](#)]

TOM PRICE RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CURRENT CBO DIRECTOR

2/26/15: In A Letter To Speaker Boehner, Tom Price Recommended The Appointment Of Kevin Hall To Serve As Director Of The Congressional Budget Office.[@SenateDems, Twitter, [3/8/17](#)]

Tom Price Praised The Appointment Of CBO Director Kevin Hall, Saying Hall Would Be “Invaluable” To The “Important” Work Of The CBO. “House Budget Committee Chairman Tom Price, M.D. (GA-06) issued the following statement today after Dr. Keith Hall was appointed to serve as the next Director of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO): ‘Keith Hall will bring an impressive level of economic expertise and experience to the Congressional Budget Office. Throughout his career, he has served in both the public and private sector, under presidents of both parties, and in roles that make him well-suited to lead the CBO. In particular, during his time at the U.S. International Trade Commission, Dr. Hall has worked on providing Congress with non-partisan economic analyses – a role similar to the responsibilities he will now assume as CBO director. His vast understanding of economic and labor market policy will be invaluable to the work of CBO and the important roll it will continue to play as Congress seeks to enact policies that support a healthy and growing economy.’” [Press Release, House Budget Committee, [2/27/15](#)]

Mick Mulvaney

OMB DIRECTOR MULVANEY WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CBO’S SCORE OF THE REPUBLICAN HEALTHCARE PLAN

OMB Director Mulvaney Said The Only Question About The CBO’s Healthcare Score Was Whether It Was “Going To Be Really Good, Or Is It Going To Be Great When That Number Finally Comes Out?” “Mick Mulvaney, director of the Office of Management and Budget, said Wednesday that the forthcoming nonpartisan budget analysis of the House GOP’s health plan will be ‘really good’ or ‘great.’ ‘This is a reconciliation bill. We all know it’s going to score positive to helping out the deficit, to spending less money — another thing that conservatives should be supportive of,’ Mr. Mulvaney said on MSNBC’s ‘Morning Joe.’ ‘I hear all the talk about the CBO score,’ he said, referring to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. ‘The only question about the CBO: Is it going to be really good, or is it going to be great when that number finally comes out?’ he said, adding that he thinks the figures will be released on Monday.” [Washington Times, [3/8/17](#); Morning Joe, MSNBC, 3/8/17]

MULVANEY PREVIOUSLY PRAISED THE CBO’S “NONPARTISAN ANALYSIS”

Mulvaney Touted The CBO’S “Nonpartisan Analysis.” “When Democrats accused Mulvaney of presenting a ‘charade’ - something other than Obama’s spending plan - Mulvaney said he crafted his amendment from the Congressional Budget Office’s ‘nonpartisan analysis of what the president gave us.’” [The Herald, 3/30/12]

Sean Spicer

SPICER HAS REPEATEDLY CITED THE CBO AND CHARACTERIZED IT AS A NEUTRAL ARBITER

Sean Spicer Had Previously Cited The C.B.O. As A Neutral Arbiter. “Mr. Spicer himself has cited the

C.B.O. throughout the years, sometimes characterizing it as a neutral arbiter.” [New York Times, [3/9/17](#)]

· **Spicer: “Bill Gutting #Obamacare Would Save Half-Trillion Over A Decade, CBO Finds.”**

SPICER: “Bill gutting #ObamaCare would save half-trillion over a decade, CBO finds@thehill <http://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/264696-cbo-bill-to-gut-obamacare-would-save-half-trillion-over-a-decade> ...” [@seanspicer, Twitter, [1/4/16](#)]

· **Spicer: “New RNC Ads Use CBO #Obamacare Report To Target @Marylandrieu , Other Senate Dems.”** SPICER: “New RNC Ads Use CBO #Obamacare Report To Target @MaryLandrieu , Other Senate Dems

http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2014/02/obamacare_landrieu_rnc_cbo_sen.html ...”
[@seanspicer, Twitter, [2/12/14](#)]

2004: Sean Spicer, As Spokesman For The House Budget Committee, Said Lawmakers Were “Blaming The Messenger” By Criticizing The CBO Reports. “Spicer himself used to be much more trusting of Congressional Budget Office numbers, when they suited his previous bosses’ agendas. “You’re blaming the messenger,” Spicer told The New York Times in 2004, when he was spokesman for the House Budget Committee, referring to Republican lawmakers complaining that a previous GOP-appointed CBO director wasn’t giving them the answers they wanted.” [Huffington Post, [3/8/17](#)]

Paul Ryan

PAUL RYAN HAS TRUSTED THE CBO’S FINDINGS ON HEALTHCARE LEGISLATION WHEN IT SUITED HIM

February 2014: Paul Ryan Cited The Congressional Budget Office On The Impact Of The Affordable Care Act. RYAN: “CBO says that about half of this decline is attributable to the aging of the population. This is what we knew. You know, baby boomers are coming. They’re retiring and fewer people are following them into the workforce, a problem we have had with us a long time that we have yet to solve. But most notably in this report is that CBO also says that government policies, especially the president’s health care law, are discouraging work. Washington is making this problem worse.” [Hearing On The CBO Economic Outlook, House Committee On The Budget, [2/5/14](#)]

Paul Ryan Has Used CBO’s Findings To Attack Obamacare. “CBO also makes clear that government spending on health care is still a key driver of the debt. In response, House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin issued the following statement:... ‘Washington can’t continue to ignore the problem: trillions of dollars in empty promises. And Obamacare is only making things worse. This costly law is not only pushing government spending to new heights; it is disrupting coverage and leaving millions of Americans worse off. CBO says the law will push 2.3 million people out of the workforce and will insure far fewer people than previously expected.’” [Press Release, House Budget Committee, [2/4/14](#)]

Paul Ryan’s Health Care Issue Page On His Congressional Website Cites CBO Figures To Attack The Affordable Care Act And Medicaid Spending. “There is no doubt that health care reform is needed in this country, but the law the President signed aggravates the worst aspects of the U.S. health care system, without fixing what was and remains broken... In fact, in early December 2015, the Congressional Budget Office noted that, ‘the labor force is projected to be about 2 million full-time-equivalent workers smaller in 2025 under the ACA than it would have been otherwise.’ Instead of offering quick fixes that only temper the consequences, Congress should instead be focused on offering much-needed reforms to our nation’s health care industry... Medicaid is meant to offer affordable care to those with limited financial resources including: low income children, parents, women who are pregnant and seniors. Unfortunately, the program’s costs are bursting at the seams. The Congressional Budget Office projects federal spending on this program to be \$335 billion in Fiscal Year 2015; this amount is expected to grow by 75 percent within the next 10 years.” [Health Care, Office of Rep. Paul Ryan, Accessed [3/12/17](#)]

IN 2009, RYAN ARGUED HE NEEDED A CBO SCORE TO EVALUATE DEMOCRATIC HEALTHCARE PROPOSALS

2009: Paul Ryan Wrote To The CBO And Asked For Them To Provide A Preliminary Cost Estimate For An Early Version Of The Affordable Care Act Before It Went To Committee Mark-Ups. “But Ryan had a different view eight years ago, when Democrats were crafting the Affordable Care Act. In June 2009, Ryan sent a letter to the CBO asking that it analyze—or ‘score’—the bill in advance of committee mark-ups. ‘Given the stated intention of the Majority to have Committees consider this legislation during the week of July 6, we ask that you please provide a preliminary cost estimate on this legislation by Monday, July 6,’ stated the letter, signed by Ryan and three other senior Republicans.” [Mother Jones, [3/8/17](#); [Letter](#)]

RYAN HAS REPEATEDLY TOUTED CBO REPORTS

Paul Ryan Touted That His Budget Plan Was “Backed Up By Congressional Budget Office Estimates.” “Today, House Budget Committee Ranking Republican Paul Ryan (WI) reintroduced his legislation, A Roadmap for America’s Future, updated to reflect the dramatic decline in our Nation’s economic and fiscal condition since its introduction in 2008... ‘Roadmap is a complete legislative proposal consisting of specific policies backed up by Congressional Budget Office estimates of its fiscal and economic consequences. It’s unlikely that everyone will agree with every aspect of my proposal, and that’s fine. My hope is that it will spur all Americans to not only take a hard look down the dangerous path our country is headed, but also to become actively involved in restoring our ability – and longheld legacy – of leaving the next generation of Americans better off.” [Press Release, Rep. Paul Ryan, [1/27/10](#)]

2009: Paul Ryan Advocated Looking At The CBO Analysis Of Healthcare Legislation. “Does health care bill meet the Administration’s test of being deficit neutral? Let’s ask CBO: <http://bit.ly/Bt2gy>” [@SpeakerRyan, Twitter, [7/16/09](#)]

2009: Paul Ryan Touted The CBO Analysis Of Healthcare Legislation. “CBO confirms HC legislation increases the deficit: http://www.house.gov/budget_republicans/press/2007/pr20091119healthscore.pdf” [@SpeakerRyan, Twitter, [11/19/09](#)]

Paul Ryan Touted The CBO Analysis Of His Roadmap Plan. “Highlights from CBO’s analysis of Roadmap: <http://tinyurl.com/pryncbo>” [@SpeakerRyan, Twitter, [2/9/10](#)]

Paul Ryan Touted A CBO Report To Criticize Obamacare. “CBO NEWS: #hcr law fails to address the explosion in hcr costs. Mandatory spending on hcr jumps 86% nxt 24 yrs: <http://ow.ly/5nQKw> #2Futures” [@SpeakerRyan, Twitter, [11/22/11](#)]

PAUL RYAN’S OFFICE HAS REPEATEDLY CALLED THE CBO “NONPARTISAN”

Paul Ryan’s Congressional Office Referred To The CBO As “Nonpartisan.” “The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) today released its latest deficit projections, which show the budget deficit falling from \$248 billion in Fiscal Year 2006 to \$172 billion in Fiscal Year 2007 (FY07), primarily due to robust federal tax revenues. CBO even forecasts a deficit decline, though by a smaller amount, when additional appropriations for Iraq are enacted – estimating that the deficit would be ‘in the vicinity of \$200 billion’ in FY07.” [Press Release, Rep. Paul Ryan, [1/24/07](#)]

Ryan’s “A Better Way” Health Care Plan Repeatedly Cited Figures From The “Nonpartisan” Congressional Budget Office. “The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has said that premiums in the individual market ‘are projected to grow somewhat more quickly over the next few years because of factors related to the ACA.’ ... According to CBO, 11 million new individuals enrolled in Medicaid in 2015, and by 2025 there will be 14.5 million new people in the program. 34 Newly eligible beneficiaries will add pressure to already-strained state budgets beginning in 2016, when the federal funds to support the expansion begin to decrease and the health care law forces states to bear a greater share of the costs... The non-partisan CBO projects this job-based subsidy will lower federal revenues by \$266 billion in fiscal year 2016 alone and \$3.6 trillion over the next decade. 37 ... This study should also review state anti-trust regulation regarding health insurance since such regulation is not preempted by McCarran-Ferguson. Past

CBO analyses and third party actuarial estimates should also be consulted when studying this idea.” [Health Care, “A Better Way,” [6/22/16](#)]

Paul Ryan’s Office Noted They Had Requested Estimates From The “Nonpartisan” Congressional Budget Office In Their Fact Sheet On Ryan’s Healthcare Proposal. “15. You seem to make a lot of promises about universal health care, as well as investments in prevention and health IT. How much will your plan cost the American taxpayer? A. The Patient’s Choice Act is budget neutral. A. We anticipate a cost estimate will demonstrate revenue-neutrality as well, meaning net taxes will decline, or remain at their current level, costing the American taxpayers no additional money. The legislation will redirect tax dollars, leveling the playing field so every American has access to affordable health insurance. Official cost estimates have been requested from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation.” [Patients Choice Act Q&A, Rep. Paul Ryan, accessed [3/10/17](#)]

Freedom Caucus

THE HOUSE FREEDOM CAUCUS AND REPS. MEADOWS AND JORDAN HAVE PREVIOUSLY CITED THE CBO IN POLICY DISCUSSIONS

March 2016: The House Freedom Caucus Cited A CBO Score In Explaining Its Opposition To The House Budget Plan. “The House Freedom Caucus issued the following statement in opposition to the current House budget plan: ‘From the beginning of the budget process, the House Freedom Caucus has called for a Republican budget that shows the American people we are serious about addressing Washington’s out-of-control spending problem. Our Members have put forward multiple proposals that would rein in spending through real budget reforms. House leadership has continually asked the Republican conference to support President Obama’s budget levels, even though the national debt passed the \$19 trillion mark in January, and the Congressional Budget Office has reported that the federal deficit increased by \$105 billion this year. As a group, we have decided that we cannot support the current budget at the \$1.07 trillion level for discretionary spending. We continue to hope that we can work with the House Republican conference to write a conservative budget that reduces spending while prioritizing our defense needs and the priorities of the American people.’” [House Freedom Caucus Press Release, Office of Rep. Jim Jordan, [3/14/16](#)]

December 2013: Congressman Mark Meadows Cited The Congressional Budget Office For Estimates On The Number Of Americans Left Uninsured By The Affordable Care Act. MEADOWS: “To estimate, some 30 million people will still be left uninsured is what the current estimates have. Some 30 million people would still be without insurance even under ACA.” THOMAS: “And may I asked where those estimates are from?” MEADOWS: “CBO and so if—if you look at the CBO, they’re saying almost 30 million people will still not be covered, so this is not a solution, we will have everybody covered. So, I want to ask you know, you—you’ve gone and you had a—a number of options here as we started to look at history, can—do you—can you speak to the fact that we have trends right now, we’re under current Medicaid and Medicare that the reimbursements are not covering the cost. Would you agree with that, to provide that—those health care coverage? Does Medicaid cover all the cost of actually providing that service? The reimbursement to physicians.” [Hearing On [Healthcare.Gov](#) Rollout, House Committee On Oversight And Government Reform, 12/4/13]

April 2016: Rep. Jordan Cited The CBO’s Federal Deficit Figures In Calling For Spending Cutbacks. “Since the irresponsible Obama-Boehner agreement last year, our national debt has passed the \$19 trillion mark. Additionally, the Congressional Budget Office has reported that the federal deficit will increase by over \$100 billion this year. With these crises in mind, conservatives are even more motivated to get spending back under control.” [Jim Jordan op/ed, Lima News, [4/18/16](#)]

June 2011: Congressman Jim Jordan Cited The Congressional Budget Office’s Numbers On The National Debt. JORDAN: “We are headed—you know the numbers, the debt-to-GDP numbers. CBO just came out with some new numbers today that look even worse than we suspected. so, the debt-to-GDP ratio, deficit-to-GDP ratio were comparable to the countries in Europe who are having big problems right now. We are heading the same place if we don’t fix it.” [Your World With Neil Cavuto, Fox News, 6/22/11]

