

# DAVID AXELROD'S QUAINT IDEA OF MIDDLE CLASS "SECURITY"

There's a lot to despise about David Axelrod's announcement of Obama's capitulation to the oligarchs on tax cuts, not least that he made this announcement on the same day Obama's Catfood Commission Chairs started the process of stealing from seniors to "fix" our deficit.

Let yesterday be marked as the day when a nominally Democratic President began to dismantle Democrats' signature policy achievement, social security, so he could shovel \$700 billion to the very rich.

But I was particularly irked by what Axe described as "middle class security."

"There are concerns," he added, that Congress will continue to kick the can down the road in the future by passing temporary extensions for the wealthy time and time again. "But I don't want to trade away security for the middle class in order to make that point."

Here, Axe is defining "security for the middle class" as tax cuts. Not "jobs." Not "access to health care, not just insurance." Not "a guarantee a bankster can't just foreclose on their house with a trumped up piece of paper." Not "some basic safety net for retirement." But "tax cuts."

According to Axe, we have to shovel even more money on the already rich so as to ensure the "security" of the middle class by giving them a tax cut.

And while I agree that raising middle class tax cuts at this point would be bad for the economy, it's not the worst thing that could happen to the economy.

In fact, the worst thing that could happen to this economy may well be passing legislation that continues to hollow out of the middle class and with it increasing the massive income inequality that continues to subject the American people to the craven demands of a few very rich people. That is, precisely what Axe and Obama have now agreed to do.

These men either don't know or don't give a damn about the security of the middle class.