

I listened with great interest to Rep. Paul Ryan deliver the Republican response to the State of the Union last night. Now, we still don't know whether his proposed budget cuts will mean [1,720 fewer FBI agents, 3,628 fewer cancer research grants, or both and more](#)

. Indeed, we don't know anything that the Republicans plan to cut. Their so-called budget, of which Mr. Ryan spoke so proudly, [doesn't have a single dollar figure in it](#)

. I've never heard of numberless budgeting before, but it's not surprising when you consider that

[no one in Republican leadership](#)

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[from the Speaker on down](#)

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[can name](#)

[a single program](#)

[they'd cut](#)

. But there was one thing Mr. Ryan said that drew my particular attention, and I want to make sure you didn't miss it.

Mr. Ryan promised that, under the Republican plan, "people in and near retirement will be protected." He chose his words carefully because under his Republican [Roadmap](#), [a plan the Republican leadership has embraced](#)

, no one currently under the age of 55 will ever receive

[Medicare](#)

and

[Social Security](#)

as we know them. Instead, the Republican Roadmap would

[force seniors to buy their health insurance on the private market](#)

, with their own bank accounts backstopping the costs, and

[to gamble their Social Security in the stock market](#)

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The two speeches last night drew a very clear distinction between where our two major political parties want our country to go. The President spoke for the Democratic Party, laying out a plan to invest in our children and our country. The Republicans described a plan to turn the worst Wall Street bankers and insurance companies loose on the most vulnerable Americans. I will be standing with the President and against those Republican proposals. I hope that you will stand with me.

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