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## Boehner: “Democrats Are Raiding Medicare, Not Saving It”

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — House Republican Leader John Boehner (R-OH) issued the following statement responding to the release of the Social Security and Medicare Trustees’ report:

*“Simple logic says that you can’t spend and save the same dollar – but logic doesn’t apply if you’re a Democrat in Washington. The Trustees’ report confirms that Medicare’s future now rests on Washington Democrats’ accounting gimmicks and tricks, a risk America’s seniors are by no means eager to take. In fact, the chief Medicare actuary has already blown the whistle on the Obama Administration for attempting to pass off cuts as ‘savings’ within Medicare when, in fact, the money is being used to establish a new federal entitlement and massive new bureaucracies. Democrats are raiding Medicare, not saving it.*

*“The Trustees’ report also draws attention to the growing fiscal crisis our nation faces. We need a bipartisan commitment to saving Social Security and Medicare and preserving these programs, not an expansion of government on the backs of our people, masquerading as reform.”*

**NOTE:** The [Associated Press](#) noted earlier today that an April 22 report issued by the Obama Administration’s chief Medicare actuary “pointed out that **the highly touted gain of 12 years of additional solvency for Medicare from the health overhaul is largely an ‘appearance.’**” stemming from how Medicare cuts are handled under federal accounting rules. ... ‘In practice, the improved (Medicare) financing cannot be simultaneously used to finance other federal outlays (such as the coverage expansions) and to extend the trust fund, despite the appearance of this result from the respective accounting conventions,’ the report said.” That report [also confirmed](#) that the new law forces millions of seniors off their current Medicare coverage.

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