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Is Paul Ryan mad at the middle class and the poor?

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Cong. Paul Ryan's Ryan Budget, fully endorsed by Gov. Mitt Romney, takes out its fiscal anger at the middle class and the poor.

It begs a few questions: Why are these wealthy white guys so angry at the middle class and poor? Where does this deep-seated anger come from?

How does Ryan, a Catholic, integrate these proposals with the Eucharist?

Everyone agrees the federal budget and deficits need to be fixed and Medicare and Social Security need real, urgent improvements. But the Ryan Budget, which the U.S. bishops have called a moral failure, is not the way to go -- if one is a Catholic, anyway.

Thanks to James Sunshine and Harry Bradford at the Huffington Post [1], below is a compilation of 10 ways the Ryan Budget really hurts the middle class and the poor:

Wealthy Benefit Most From Tax Cuts
The "Path to Prosperity" would cut $2.4 trillion from Medicaid and other health care programs for people with low or moderate incomes, according to analysis from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Health Care Cuts
Paul Ryan's most recent budget proposal would save those making between $20,000 and $30,000 just $246 in taxes, compared to savings of $265,011 for those who make over $1 million, according to analysis from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Fewer People Covered By Medicaid
Under Ryan's "Path to Prosperity" as many as 44 million fewer people would be covered under Medicaid, according to CBS News.

Reduced Health Care For Retirees
Ryan would raise the age of Medicare eligibility from 65 to 67. If the Affordable Care Act was repealed, something Romney has pledged, that means many 65- and 66-year-olds would be left uninsured, the CBPP reports.

Seniors Would Pay More For Health Coverage
Under Ryan's "Path to Prosperity," senior citizens would have to pay as much as 68 percent of their health care coverage, up from 25 percent today, CBS News reports.

Cuts To Food Stamp Programs
Ryan's proposed "Path to Prosperity" includes $134 billion in cuts to SNAP, according to analysis from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Lower Tax Credit For Single Moms
A single mother of two working full time at the minimum wage would have her Child Tax Credit cut by more than $1,500, assuming she made $14,500 a year, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.
Less Money For Education
Compared to the most recent White House budget proposal, Ryan's budget spends 33 percent less on education, training, employment and social services, the *Washington Post* reports.

Poor Weather Forecasts
Ryan's proposed cuts to environment and natural resource programs could result in weather forecasts being only half as accurate, according to Third Way's budget expert, David Kendall. "For many people planning a weekend outdoors, they may have to wait until Thursday for a forecast as accurate as one they now get on Monday," he's quoted as saying in the *Washington Post*.

No Raises For Government Workers
The current government worker pay freeze would be extended under the "Path to Prosperity," meaning public-sector employees wouldn't get a raise until at least 2015, the *Washington Post* reports.

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