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# **The Conscience of a Liberal**

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## **Don't Cut You, Don't Cut Me**

Cut the fellow behind the tree that's overseas. Pew on [public fiscal views](#) isn't really all that surprising, but it's still striking: people want spending cut, but are opposed to cuts in anything except foreign aid:

And they want state governments to balance their budgets without cutting spending or raising taxes:

The conclusion is inescapable: Republicans have a mandate to repeal the laws of arithmetic.

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