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# The Conscience of a Liberal

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## Memory Hole Alert

Wow. Yesterday afternoon I downloaded the tables from that Heritage report that's the basis for the Ryan plan. The first page looked like this:

You can see the unemployment forecast, with the amazing 2.8 percent prediction, in the fourth set of figures.

But go to the same place right now, and you get this:

Yep — they took the offending number out.

I mean, really, guys — this is all over the blogosphere; did you really think you could get away with pretending it was never there?

But this does bring back memories: during the Social Security debate, Cato tried to expunge all evidence that it had ever used the word “privatization”, when it was easy to show that its project was originally the Project on Social Security Privatization.

Anyway, you now know what kind of people we're dealing with.

**Update:** For reference, here they are (pdf files):

[As of yesterday.](#)

[As of today.](#)

**Update update:** It's worth noting that both the original and purged versions also assume that we're on the wrong side of the Laffer curve. The Ryan plan sharply cuts taxes on top income, yet if you look at the last page you'll see that tax receipts are supposed to go up by almost \$600 billion.

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