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## The Smoking Gun

### Democrat Party's Senior Scare Campaign Exposed

*Internal E-Mail Shows High-Level Democrat Staffers Producing, Approving "Not Entirely Factually Accurate" Senior Scare Propaganda*

WASHINGTON — Republicans today made public an incriminating internal Democrat document on Social Security, raising serious new ethical questions about the way national Democrats are targeting senior citizens and near retirees. The document shows high-level Democrat staffers deliberately employing false and deceptive scare tactics in an effort to make political gains with voters on Social Security.

"We have said for months that national Democrats are engaged in a cynical and deceptive campaign to scare seniors on the issue of Social Security," commented National Republican Congressional Committee Chairman Tom Davis (R-VA). "After reviewing this document, there is absolutely no question that Democrats are knowingly and willfully using false and misleading information to scare seniors about their Social Security. This is a smoking gun."

In late March, high-level staffers in the office of Appropriations Committee member Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) composed an op-ed, presumably intended for release to the public. Republicans obtained a paper trail of these staffers deliberating via e-mail on the accuracy of the op-ed, which, among other things, falsely accused Republicans of favoring Social Security "privatization."

"Does the rhetoric match the facts here?" wrote one staffer.

“[It is] not entirely factually accurate,” replied another staffer. “Talk about scaring seniors — this may be a little over the top. But it is sooo fun to bash Republicans.:)”

The e-mail was obtained by Republicans after Kaptur aides mistakenly carbon copied an unintended Republican recipient who shared the same last name with another of Kaptur’s aides.

“The language used in this draft op-ed is exactly the kind of language that is routinely used by Democrats across the board to falsely accuse Republicans of wanting to privatize Social Security,” added Davis. “This e-mail shows that there is an entrenched culture among Democrats that takes pleasure in preying on the fears of seniors with false and deceptive misinformation for no other reason than to score political points.”

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