

Yesterday's Debt Limit Vote

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Yesterday's vote on the debt limit was a complete farce and political theater at its worst. There isn't one budget proposal that does not require raising the debt ceiling. The Republican Budget that just passed the House requires that the government take on nearly 10 trillion dollars in debt over the next decade, which is a whopping 4 trillion dollars more than what our "People's Budget" alternative requires. I challenge Republicans to prove they are serious about not raising the debt limit by proposing a budget that does not require additional borrowing. Until they do, all the world – at least in Washington – continues to be a stage.

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