

## **Republicans reject the middle class**

The Republicans have finally revealed themselves to the middle class. For years, Republicans have played divisive politics, pitting citizens against one another.

In this view, some Americans deserve to live the American Dream, in contrast to the other people who do not. The "us" and "them" are almost never specified, but only vaguely implied. That way, members of the middle class could imagine themselves to be included in the Republican "us" of hard-working, deserving people.

It turns out middle-class Americans were flattering themselves to think they were among the Republicans.

Political events of the past few months across several states have revealed that Republicans have never considered the American middle class among their allies.

The American middle class, including carpenters, auto workers and public employees who teach our children, clean our streets, maintain our public buildings, protect us from fires and maintain order are all among the undeserving "them."

Republicans think these public servants and private employees are earning too much, enjoying retirement too much, getting too much medical care and benefiting from too much security on the job.

This would be in contrast to the real Republicans who earn outsize salaries or collect inherited wealth, never working a day in their lives or getting their money by fleecing Americans of their hard-earned money in Wall Street shenanigans for which they rightly should be in jail.

I hope this is the last time middle-class Americans fall for the story that they are among the Republican "us."

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