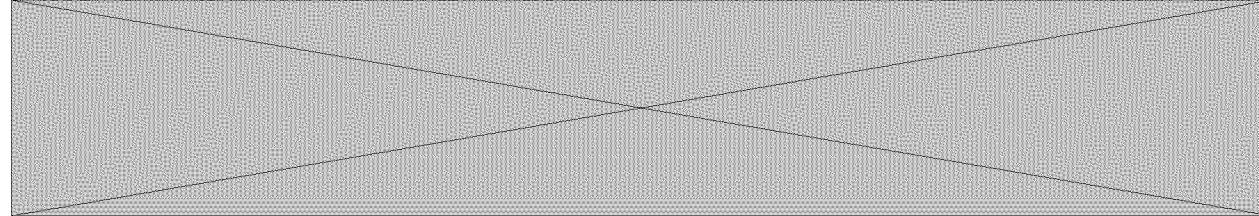


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Republicans need to stop bashing the CBO

Michael R. Strain | Bloomberg View

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) is under fire. Mick Mulvaney, President Trump's budget director, questioned whether "the day of the CBO [has] come and gone." Newt Gingrich says to "abolish CBO. It is totally destructive. It is totally dishonest." And members of the House Freedom Caucus just last week authored amendments to cut the CBO's funding in half. This is all ridiculous: Expert analysis isn't the problem. Bad legislation is.

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John Yoo | The Philadelphia Inquirer

In the wake of accounts that independent counsel Robert Mueller has turned his investigation to the first family, President Trump tweeted last weekend that he has the "complete

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