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## Republicans Worry They'll Be Blamed for Shutting Down the Government<sup>1</sup>

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As we approach the 2024 presidential election, the So-Called Liberal Media has apparently forgotten all it learned from having unwittingly helped to elect Donald Trump in 2016.

Its coverage of his ruinous presidency was some penance, but if Trump ends up winning a second term they may find that there is some bite behind Trump's barking that they are enemies of the people.

Fortunately the SCLM is always on the lookout for the next big story, and nothing is bigger than another government shutdown caused by Republicans, followed by the absurd "impeachment inquiry."

The irony is that even Republicans know how ludicrous they appear as they work hard to remind the public why they are incapable of governing themselves let alone a dog pound.

With the government set to shut down by the end of the month unless a budget or a continuing resolution is passed, the Orwellian-named Freedom Caucus is busy exacting revenge on Kevin McCarthy for negotiating a debt ceiling deal with Biden that they now understand was a triumph for Biden.

Not only has there been no movement on the budget, but the nihilists in the Freedom Caucus have blocked consideration of even a Pentagon spending bill while the unhinged Tommy Tuberville is single-handedly blocking routine military promotions.

It seems increasingly likely that they will cause a government shutdown because, well, they can, and they are nihilists who want to burn everything down. As to the consequences, they don't care how it will blow back on them because, well, they are nihilists and nihilist are unconcerned with consequences.

Other Republicans are (let us hope rightly worried). Mike Simpson whined, "We always get the blame. Name one time that we've shut the government down and we haven't got the blame." He's right of course, and the blame is well earned and deserved.

Even far-right Freedom Caucus member Chip Roy is warning his colleagues of the consequences. As he pithily put it:

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I honestly don't know what to say to my fellow Republicans other than you're going to eat a shit sandwich and you probably deserve to eat it.

And then there's what is either the rank hypocrisy or appalling ignorance of Republicans who piously warn of the deficit, even as their party is responsible for the lion's share of the nation's outstanding debt (see below).

