



Rep. Tom Emmer on Congressman Emmer speaks at GOP Leadership roundtable on Democrats' proposed IRS surveillance scheme

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** really see what government's trying to do here. This is so dirty. And I really appreciate you doing this because the American public needs to understand this is the intent as Ashley was just saying. This is the intent of this administration. This is the intent of Democrats. And I take issue. I don't think it's stupid. This is literally spying on American citizens. Our government is actually moving to spy on citizens. It's so dirty because we aren't even talking about the fact that this proposal to spy on bank accounts of individual Americans all across the country has been out there since last May. They slipped it into the Treasury Green Book last May, never talked about it. They just wanted this thing, in your words Mr. Leader, they didn't want to have to read the bill before they passed it and then boy, lo and behold the IRS would be showing up at the next Andrew Clyde business and saying you know what, we don't like what you're doing with these transactions. And whether it's \$600 or \$10,000, that's just a game, that's a shell game. They're playing games with numbers right? The bottom line is this is going to attack every law abiding American where it counts. It also, I gotta tell you we found out about it in August because there was a grassroots movement out there which is good because it came before the bill was ever passed. In my district for instance, in my home I've got letters from the credit union down in Red Wing, Minnesota. I've got others that have weighed in. I love this quote from this Red Wing credit union. Personal and business finances are very private matters to our members and our credit union has worked hard to be their trusted partner and advisor. We have heard from other members that if this proposal becomes law, which we will be compelled to follow, they will close their financial accounts. You will have people that are already leaving. Keep in mind that more than 3 and 5 adults already do not trust the IRS and when you hear stories like Andrew's, why would they and why should they? By the way that's including more than 50% of Democrats don't trust the IRS. More than half of adults don't trust the IRS to keep their financial data safe. I mean these guys can't keep up with the SARS reports that they get right now. I've got one from a different financial institution in Minnesota that told me they have sent over 700 of these SARS reports in the last 5 years. They've never heard back on one of them. Not one of them. Not one time. Why would they ever want all this new data that they can't even handle the data they're getting? Keep in mind the last one. Kevin, you know this better than anybody. The IRS gets about 1.4 billion cyber attacks a year. They've already been compromised. This is a terrible attack on individual liberty, on privacy. Whether you're a Democrat, Republican or you call yourself something else, people disagree that our government should be spying on them. I just don't understand it. You think of America, you think of the freedom...



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