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Bush's Plan To Tear Down Social Security? DOA

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Yep, no less than Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said we might have to wait a year before voting on the President's "plan" to restructure Social Security. And even then, it might not include the private accounts. So **Bush's top priority on his domestic agenda is dead on arrival.**

Or at least in **very serious trouble.**

Imagine. Bush said Social Security was in dire straits and about to go bankrupt. (He also said it would go bankrupt in ten years about two decades ago.) He refused to ever give even a broad-stroked guide to how it might be restructured but insisted it was vitally important. Then he insisted the only way to save it was to create trillions in debt by creating private investment accounts where seniors would switch from guaranteed amounts to hoping the stock market would keep them out of poverty. Then Bush finally admitted that adding tons of risk and tons of debt by creating private accounts would do ABSOLUTELY NOTHING to make Social Security more solvent but we needed to do it anyway. And he still refused to give a detailed plan on how to "rescue" SS. Then the media muckrakers behind those lying Swift Boat ads tried to smear teh AARP by calling it pro gay marriage and anti-military. Then Republican leaders went home to their constituents and faced a s*** storm of anger and pointed questions.

In other words, Bush used lies, deception, bait and switch tactics, attack ads and homophobia to push its agenda -- all in a bald-faced, hamfisted, clumsy, transparently mean-spirited and patently untrue manner that flew in the face of logic and common sense. But this time it DIDN'T work.

Someone explain to me why this time was different so we can make sure it keeps happening again.



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