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If the Democrats have their way, the spending numbers will only go up. In fact, a poll by Investor's Business Daily last month found that 90 percent of Democrats favor "raising taxes on the wealthiest Americans to pay for programs that will benefit the lower and middle classes."

Never mind that we've been fighting a "war on poverty" ever since President Lyndon Johnson announced it back in the 1960s. Despite spending trillions of dollars on various welfare programs, the numbers-crunchers say we have more poverty in America now than we did when that phony war began. (Of course, "poverty" today means owning several color TVs and spending over a hundred bucks on a pair of sneakers.)

It was Harry Hopkins, a close aide of President Franklin Roosevelt and one of the architects of the New Deal, who summarized the Democrat strategy this way: "Tax and tax, spend and spend, elect and elect." That formula has worked pretty well for Democrats for the past 80 years. We'll find out next year if they can get enough voters to buy into it again.

Until next time, keep some powder dry.

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