

Crooks and Liars

Sunday May 29, 2011 09:30 pm

Eric Cantor Doubles Down on His Hostage Taking of Tornado Victims for Spending Cuts

By *Heather*

Yashwanth Manjunath at Alan Colmes Liberland summed up House Majority Leader Eric Cantor's hostage taking [on Face the Nation](#) very well here -- [Eric Cantor Doubles Down On Using Disaster Victims As Hostages To Spending Cuts](#):

Last week Alan mentioned how Eric Cantor is denying emergency disaster relief funds to tornado victims in Joplin, MO unless they are first paid for with politically-motivated spending cuts. Today on CBS' Face the Nation *Cantor doubled down on using the tornado victims as political hostages for spending cuts to clean energy*. He compared the situation to that of a family facing an unexpected expenditure.

"Because families don't have unlimited money," Cantor said. "And, really, neither does the federal government."

I could go into all of the different macroeconomic reasons why comparing the budget of the United States federal government to that of a typical American family is one of the most moronic and ignorant analogies ever made, but that is an argument for another day. The much larger issue with Cantor's comments are the disdain and callousness he is showing towards the Joplin victims, his vile political opportunism, and worst of all, his unbearable hypocrisy. [Read on...](#)

As [Murshed already pointed out here last week](#), the one word that immediately comes to mind for this -- heartless. While they were mourning their dead in Joplin today, Cantor's on the television still hostage taking before allowing them some help. I'm not sure how much more that party has to do to prove that they hate the working class in America, but they seem determined to make sure everyone knows it with this callousness.