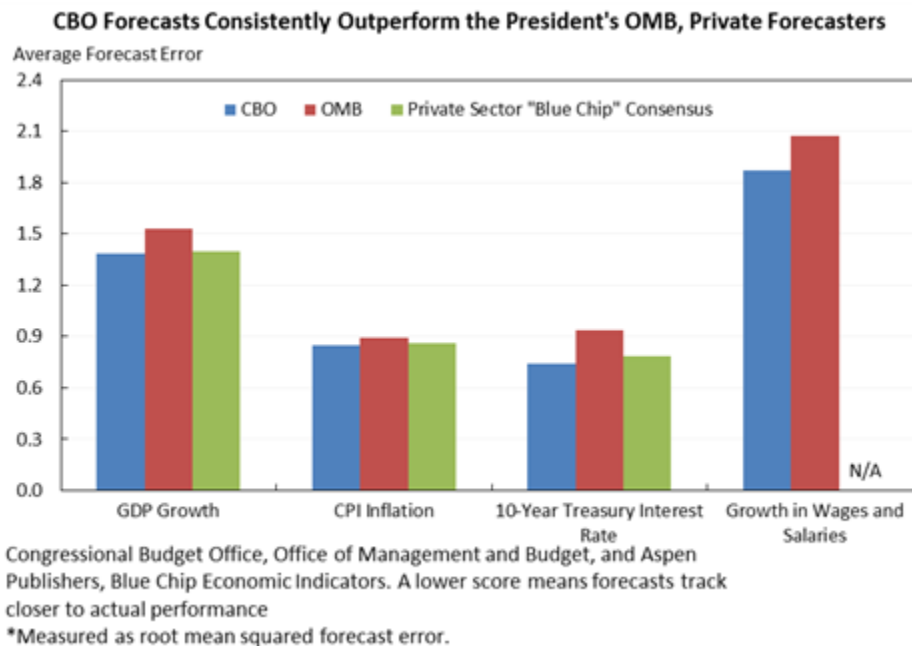




Nonpartisan CBO Should Not Be Politicized

Republicans are once again attacking the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) instead of facing the fact that their TrumpCare bill would take away health insurance from 23 million Americans, cause premiums to go up by 20 percent next year, and destabilize markets. Secretary Tom Price (who picked the current head of the CBO) says that the score is “[wrong](#)” and Representative MacArthur says “[that is somebody’s opinion.](#)”

CBO scoring has received bipartisan support, is reputable and has consistently outperformed other forecasters.



In a [survey](#) of a bipartisan panel of economic experts, 83 percent agreed that the CBO has “historically issued credible forecasts of the effects of both Democratic and Republican legislative proposals.”

Attacking the Congressional Budget Office is not a substitute for making good policy.