

Cat Food Commission II

Yes, it's back! The original Cat Food Commission, otherwise referred to as the *Bowles-Simpson Deficit Commission*, has returned in a second iteration and is now referred to as the *Super-Committee*. We had thought, in an excess of optimism, that the *Very Serious People* in Washington DC had heeded the message of *Occupy Wall Street*. But no-o-o-o, very clearly, the message of OWS has gone right over the heads of the VSP.



What is the mandate of Cat Food Commission II? To see to it that all of the people who are not in the top 1% of America's income-earners have their incomes and lifestyles reduced to the point where they'll fight each other over cans of cat food, because they'll be unable to afford anything else. If you've seen the original 1979 version of *Mad Max* and read Charles Dickens' novel *Oliver Twist*, then you're aware of how the very rich conceive of their version of the ideal society. To the very wealthy VSP, they read scenes about the workhouse/orphanage in *Oliver Twist* and see middle-class regular guy Max deal with marauding villains and think to themselves "Ahh (Sigh)! Now *that's* what life should be like for the non-rich!"



Now understand, the VSP don't want to *kill* the non-wealthy, they don't even particularly *hate* us, they just believe that they'll make even more money than they already have by impoverishing the rest of society. This is not an unreasonable belief. The Congressional Budget Office recently (<http://www.cbo.gov/doc.cfm?index=12485>) published a report showing that every income quintile has done *worse* over the past few decades (1979-2007) *with the exception* of the top

quintile (The top fifth of income-earners).

Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA) is a member of Cat Food Commission II and the Progressive Democrats of America will be holding a **Brown Bag Lunch Vigil** at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 17 at Toomey's Philadelphia office at 1628 John F. Kennedy Boulevard.

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