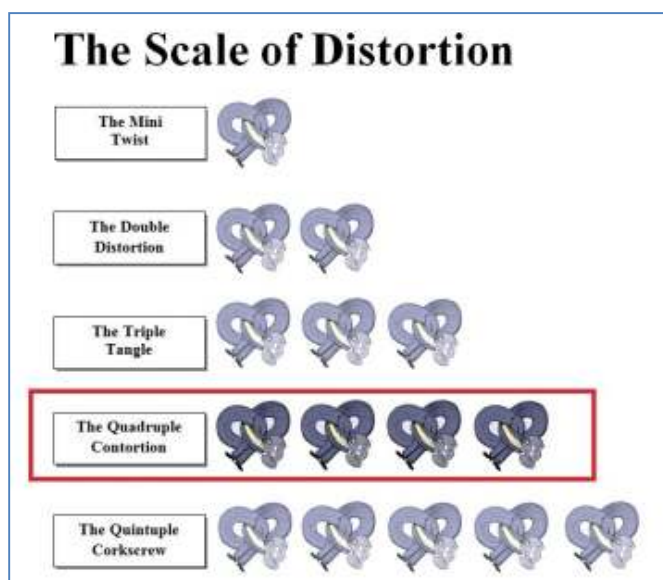




House Republicans today are doubling down on the Ryan Budget – their plan to end the Medicare guarantee – not only by approving it again, but by pretending that the Senate has passed it too!



Of course the Senate did no such thing, but that's not going to stop House Republicans from playing make-believe anyway.

Tucked into today's rule on a **completely unrelated measure** is a provision "deeming" that the Ryan plan has been approved by the Senate.

Speaker Boehner once decried the "deem and pass" procedure as "**one of the most outrageous things I have seen since I have been in Congress.**" – [John Boehner](#), 3/19/2010.

With this "dream and pass" charade in place, House Republicans can begin to move legislation to end the Medicare guarantee and further reduce taxes for the most affluent.

For their use of "dream and pass" and only having convictions when convenient, we give the House GOP **FOUR** "Grand Old Pretzels," or the Quadruple Contortion.

Congratulations House Republicans!

"Grand Old Pretzels" is a ranking system to provide simple insight into complicated tricks. Through a ranking of 1-5, we will rate the level of contortion House Republicans will go through to twist their no-compromise agenda through the House. The more contortions, the more Pretzels they will receive.