



**Title:** The Fountain of Truth: Paul Ryan and Ayn Rand

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**Abstract:**

The philosophies of Ayn Rand, an author and philosopher, and Paul Ryan, the former Republican Speaker of the House, have often been compared and conflated. While many of Ryan's policies seem influenced by Rand's Objectivist theories, his core beliefs are incompatible with her philosophy as a whole. Paul Ryan's relationship with Ayn Rand's work offers a chance to understand the limitations of Objectivist thought in the greater conservative landscape.