Comparison of Bush, Democratic, and Senate Passed Budgets (Fiscal Years 2002 through 2011)

	Bush Budget	Democratic Alternative	Senate Passed
Projected Surplus	5.6 T	5.6 T	5.6 T
 Social Security Trust Fund (for debt paydown) * 	2.0 T	2.5 T	2.5 T
Medicare Trust Fund (for debt paydown) *	0	<u>0.4 T</u>	0.4 T**
Projected Available Surplus	3.6 T	2.7 T	2.7 T
Tax Cuts	1.6 T	745 B	1.2 T
High Priority Needs	212 B	744 B	849 B
• Education	13 B	139 B	308 B
Prescription Drugs	153 B	311 B	300 B
Defense	62 B	100 B	69 B
Agriculture	- 1 B	88 B	58 B
Health Coverage	0	80 B	36 B
• Environment	- 48 B	18 B	- 41 B
• Other	33 B	8 B	119 B
Strengthen Social Security			
Using Social Security Trust Fund Surplus	600 B	0	0
Using non-Social Security, non-Medicare Surplus	0	750B	0
Interest	461 B	490 B	572 B
Unallocated	845 B ***	0	129 B

^{*} Because these trust funds are not needed in short term to pay benefits, these amounts are used to pay down publicly-held debt

^{**} Senate passed GOP resolution raids Medicare Trust Fund in 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007

^{***} Includes \$526 B from Medicare Trust Fund (OMB scoring)