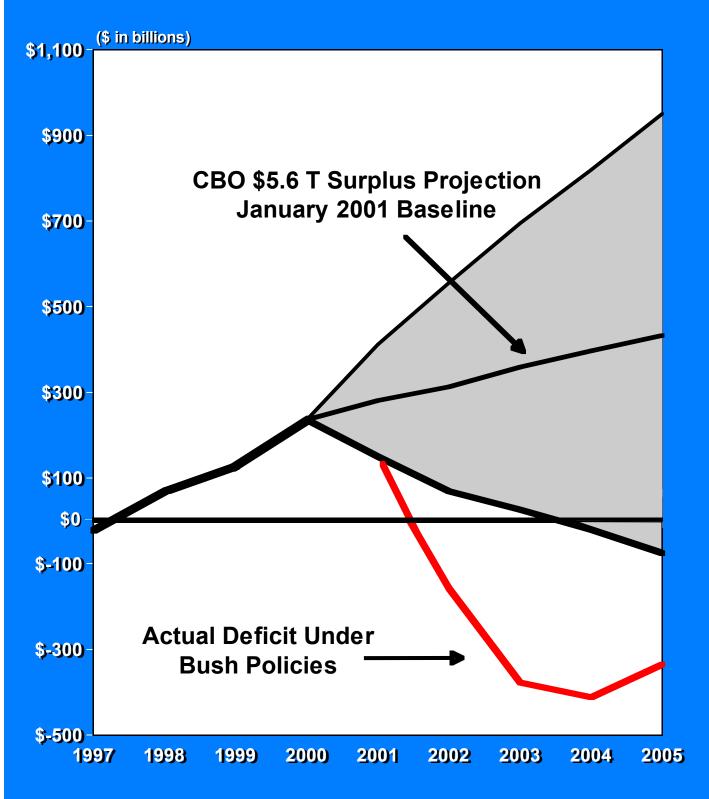
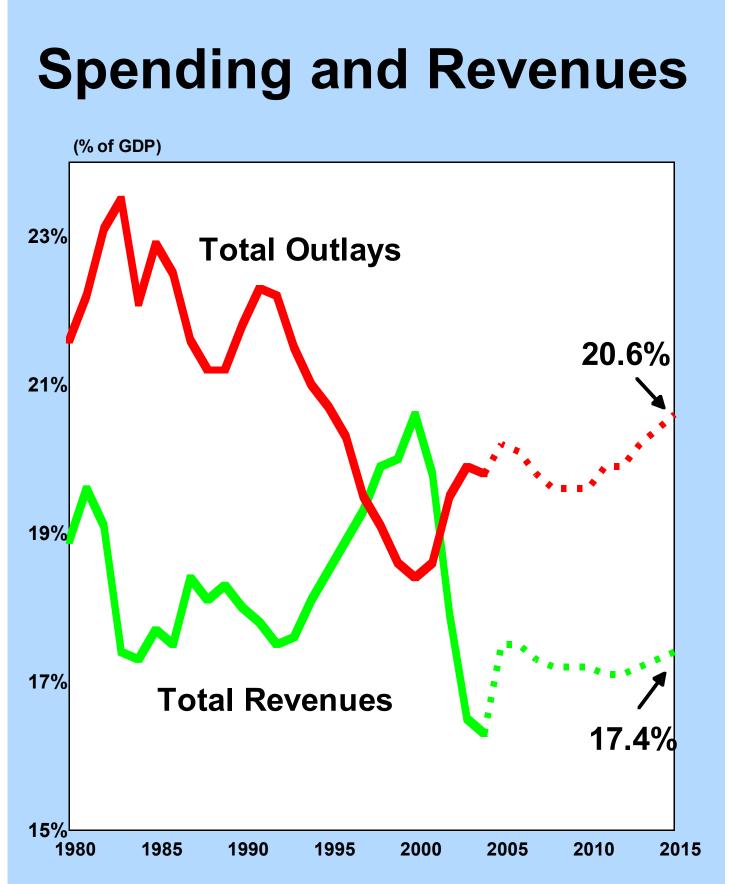
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Source: CBO/OMB

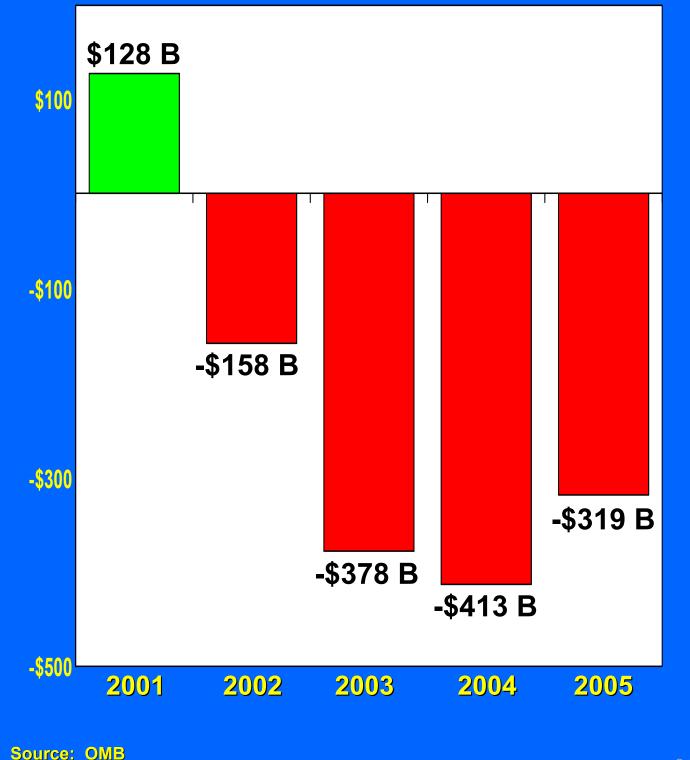


#### Source: CBO, OMB, and SBC Democratic staff

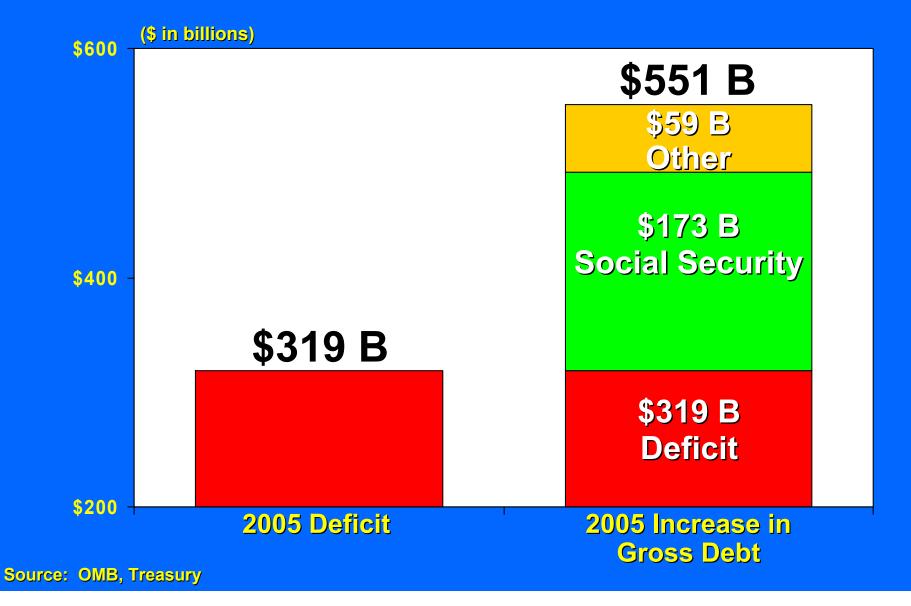
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#### Dramatic Deterioration in Budget Picture Over Last Five Years

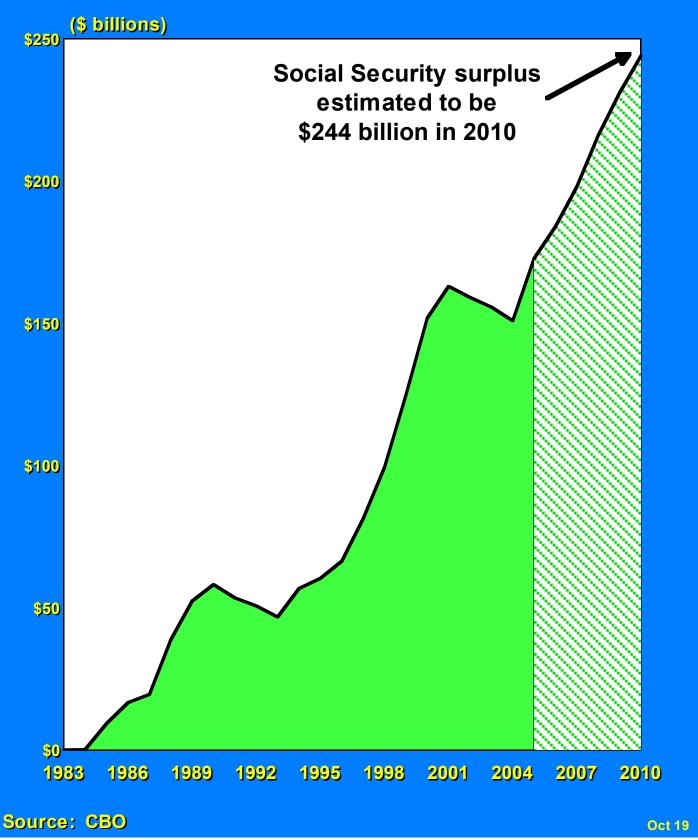
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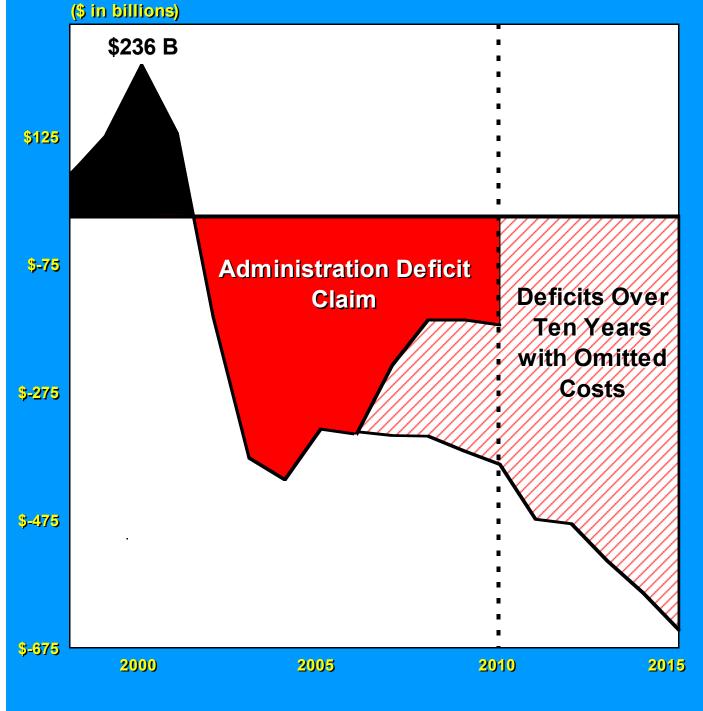
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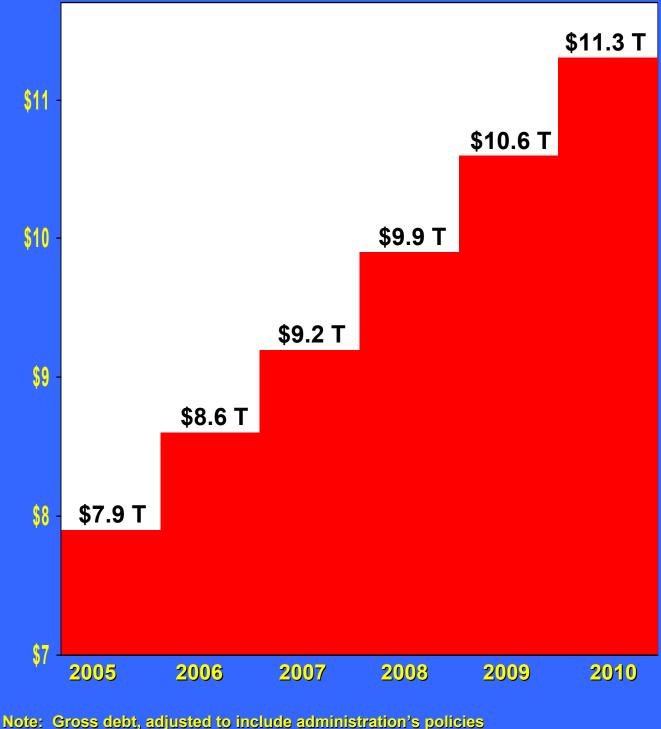
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Long-Term Budget Outlook

## **bd bolle Wall of Debt Soars Gross Federal Debt Soars**

(\$ in trillions)



and omitted costs for AMT reform and ongoing war costs. Source: CBO, OMB, and SBC Democratic staff

#### President Bush Doubles Foreign-Held Debt in 5 Years It Took 42 Presidents 224 Years to

Build Up Same Level of Foreign-Held Debt



Source: U.S. Treasury

# Top Ten Countries Holding Our National Debt

Japan China **United Kingdom** "Caribbean Banking Centers" Taiwan Germany **South Korea OPEC** Hong Kong Canada

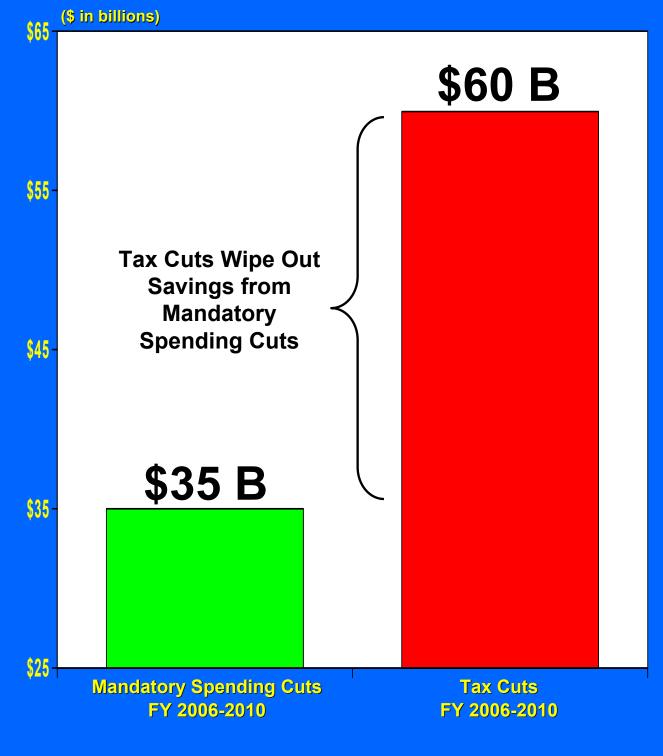
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Source: Department of Treasury Note: As of September 2005 Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan Opposes Deficit-Financed Tax Cuts

"...[W]e should not be cutting taxes by borrowing."

 Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan Testimony before Joint Economic Committee November 3, 2005

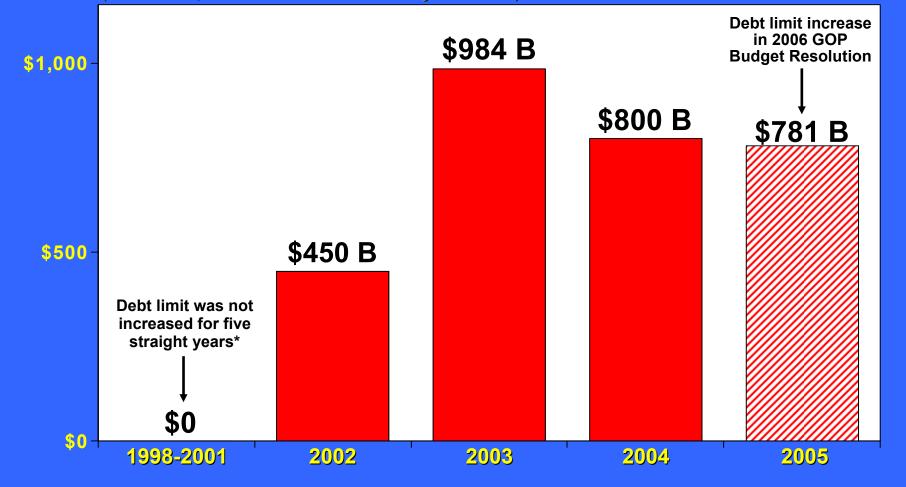
#### GOP Budget Reconciliation Increases Deficit by \$25 Billion



Source: CBO, JCT

#### Debt Limit Increases \$3 Trillion Under President Bush

(\$ in Billions, Annual Increases in Statutory Debt Limit)



\*Debt limit was not increased between August 1997 and June 2002. Source: OMB and 2006 GOP Budget Resolution

#### Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan on Restoring PAYGO

"All I'm saying is that my general view is I like to see the tax burden as low as possible. And in that context, I would like to see tax cuts continued. But, as I indicated earlier, that has got to be, in my judgment, in the context of a PAYGO resolution."

> Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan Testimony before House Budget Committee March 2, 2005

## Democratic Alternative Tax Reconciliation Package

Hurricane disaster relief – identical to Chairman Grassley's

**One-year extension of:** 

- AMT relief (protects 600,000 more taxpayers than Grassley)
- R&D tax credit
- State sales tax deduction
- College tuition deduction
- Welfare-to-work and work opportunity tax credits
- Teacher classroom expenses deduction
- Leasehold improvement and restaurant depreciation
- All other traditional tax extenders

Package is fully paid for over 10 years

## Tax Cuts in Democratic Alternative Fully Paid For Over 10 Years

#### **Offsets Include:**

- same offsets (except charitable revenue raisers) as Chairman Grassley's package – closing tax gap by shutting down abusive tax shelters and other reforms (\$30 billion)
- ending a loophole for oil companies that lets them avoid taxes on foreign operations (\$10 billion)
- ending tax benefit for leasing foreign subway and sewer systems (\$5 billion)
- require tax withholding on government payments to contractors like Halliburton (\$7 billion)
- renewing superfund tax so that polluting companies pay for cleaning up toxic waste sites (\$7 billion)
- closing other tax loopholes/miscellaneous offsets (\$6 billion)

## Closing Loopholes and Abusive Tax Shelters Are Not Tax Increases

"We've found \$180 billion over the last few years in things that are examples of loophole closings and abusive tax shelters. And that's what they are, people...that are avoiding taxes now that ought to pay taxes, without changing the rate of taxation."

> Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley (R-IA) Remarks During Markup of Tax Reconciliation Bill November 15, 2005