



The President's Final Budget

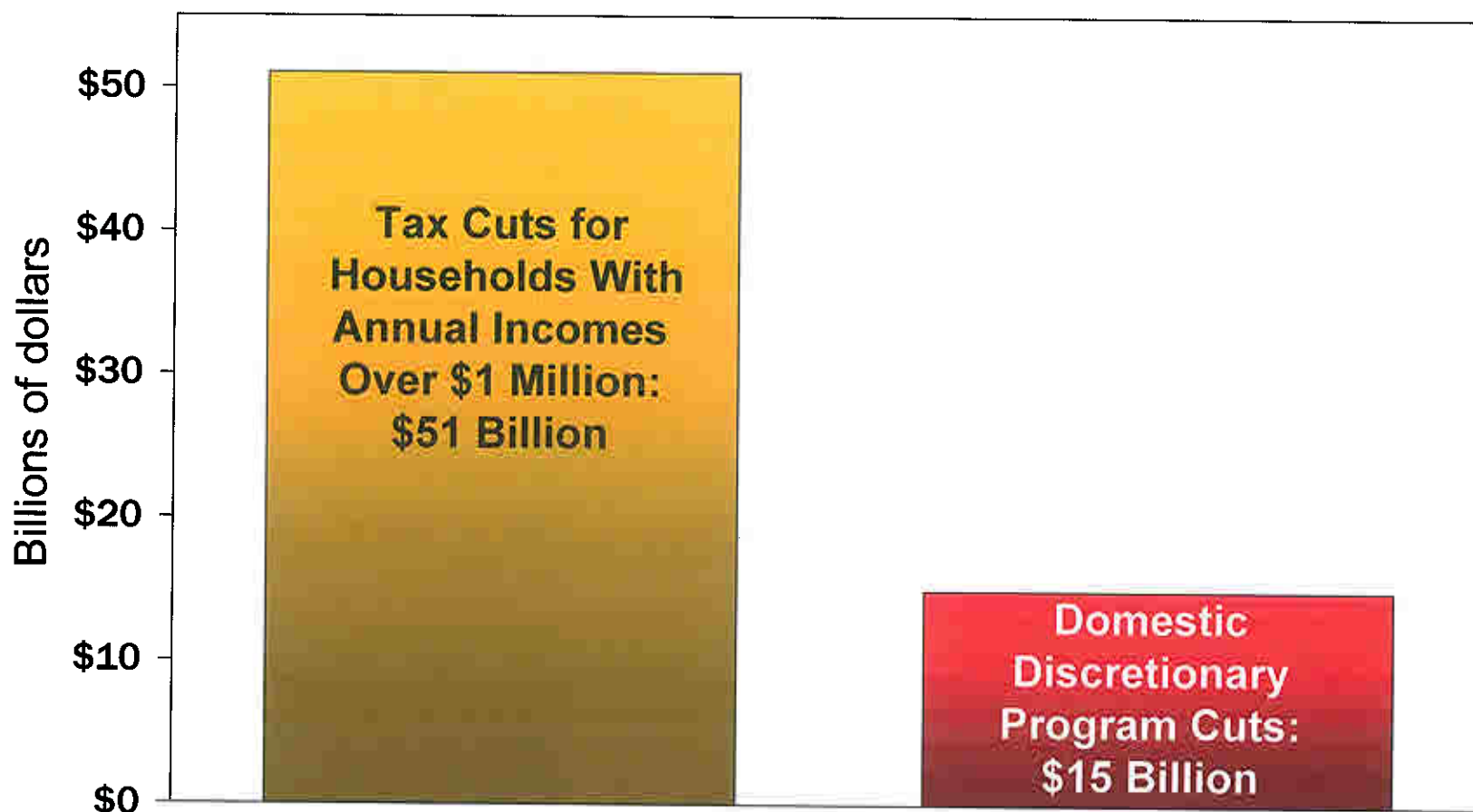
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Bush Budget Proposes Large Cuts in Domestic Discretionary Programs, But Tax Cuts for Millionaires Are Larger

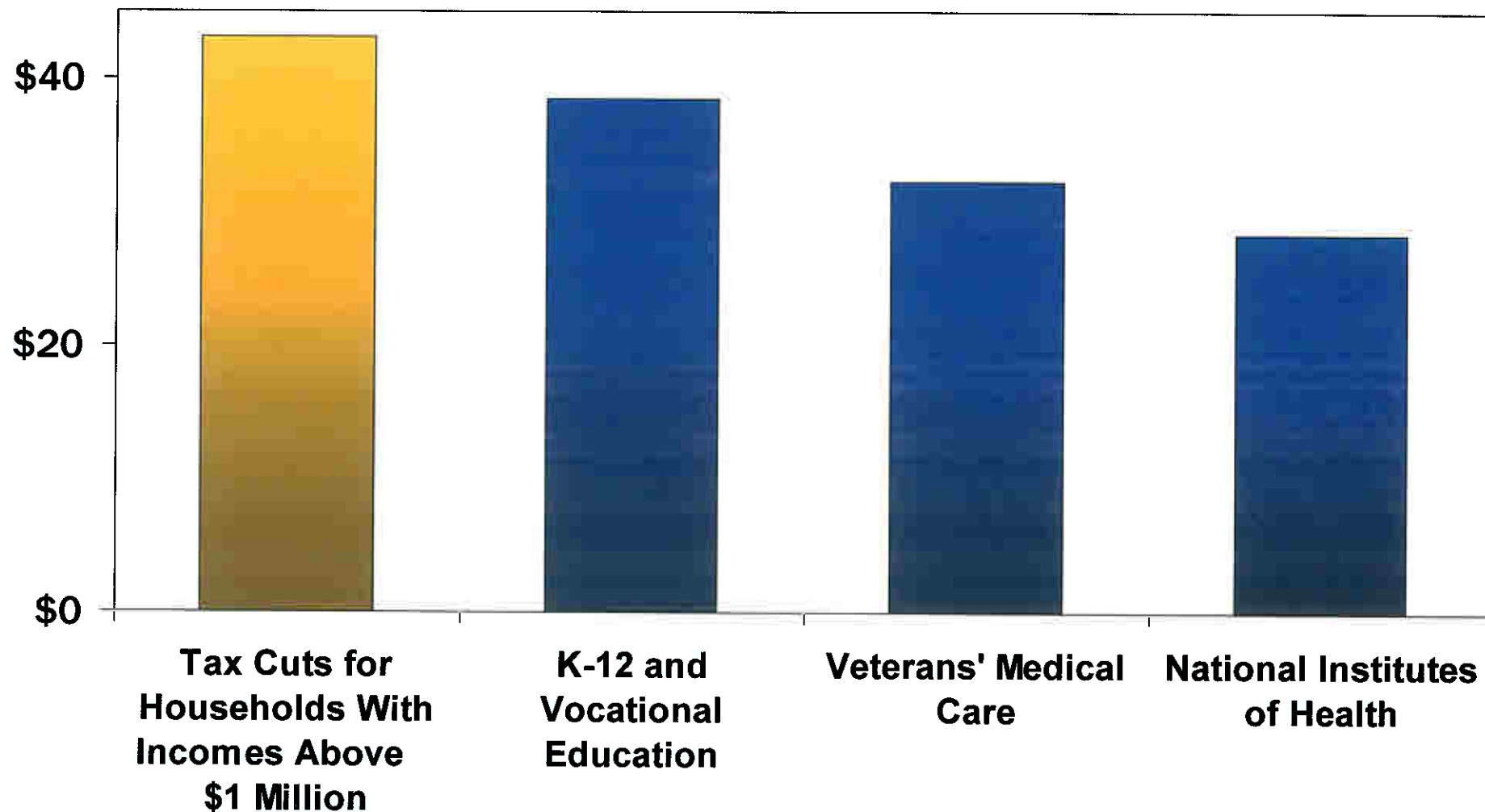
Tax Cuts and Spending Cuts in 2009



Source: CBPP calculations based on Office of Management and Budget, Joint Committee on Taxation, and Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center data.

Cost of Tax Cuts for the Households with Incomes Over \$1 Million Exceeds Spending on High-Priority Programs

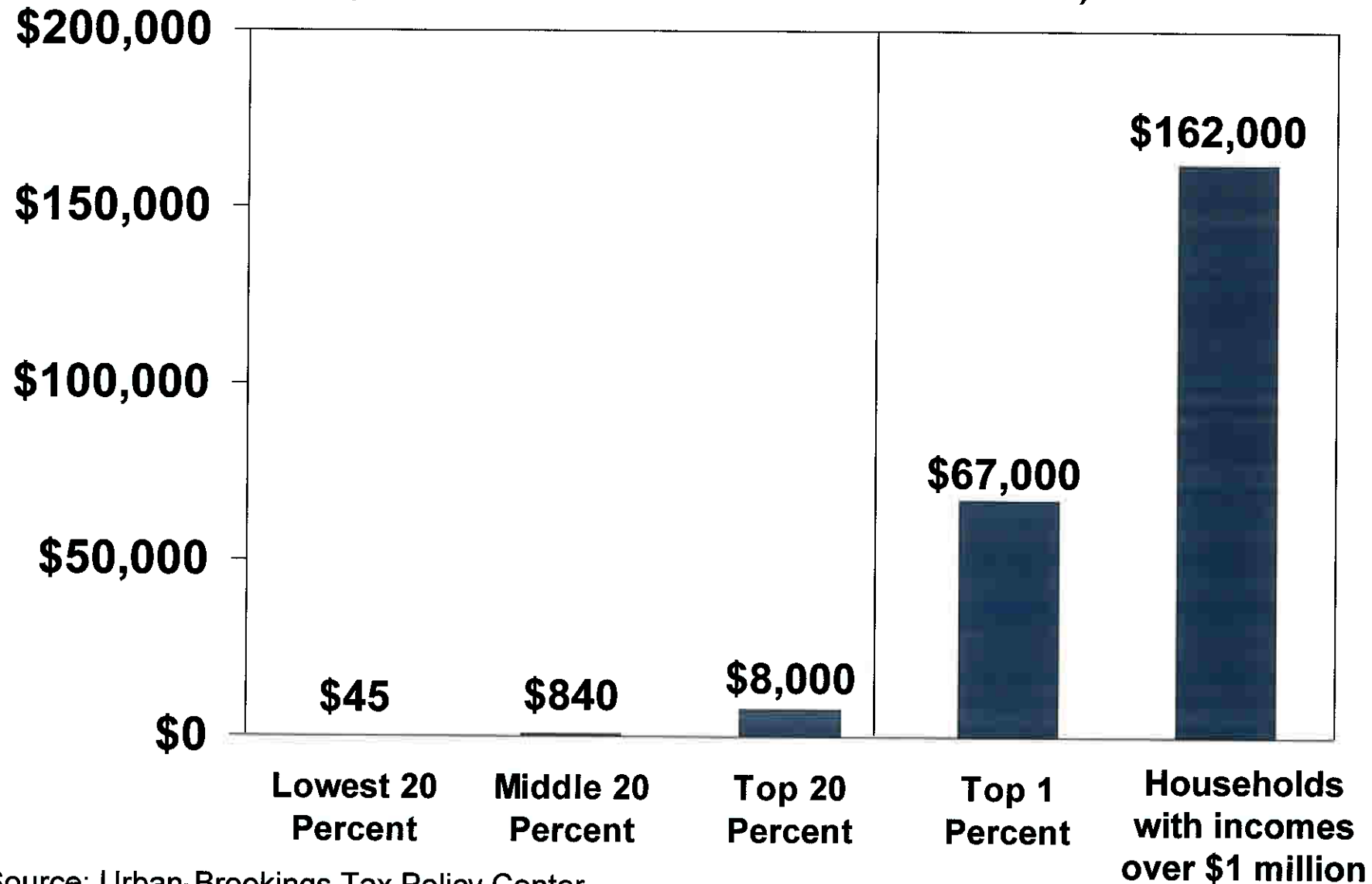
2007 Program Expenditures and Tax Cuts



Source: CBPP calculations based on Tax Policy Center, CBO, & Treasury Department data.

AVERAGE VALUE IN 2012 OF TAX CUTS ENACTED SINCE 2001

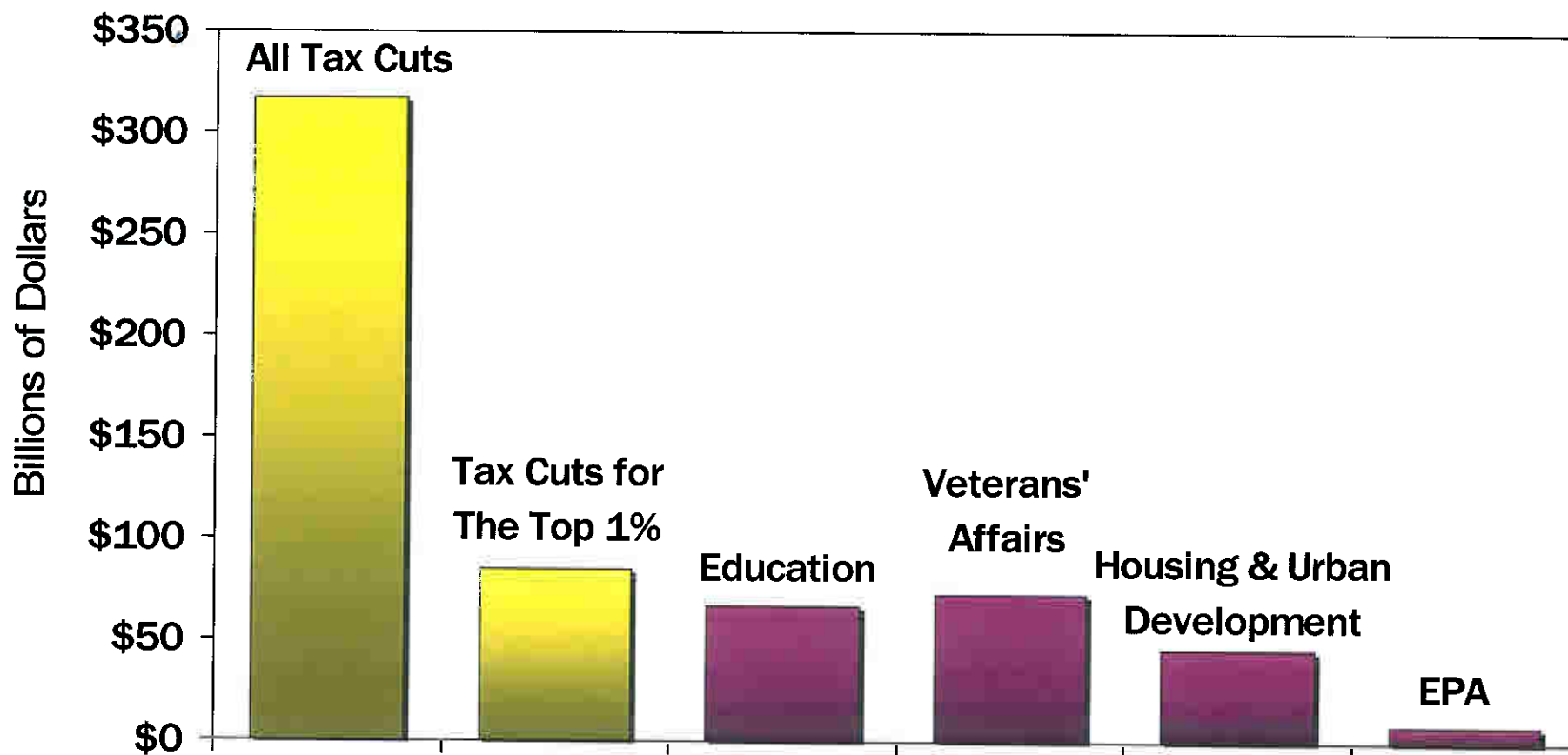
(for households at different income levels)



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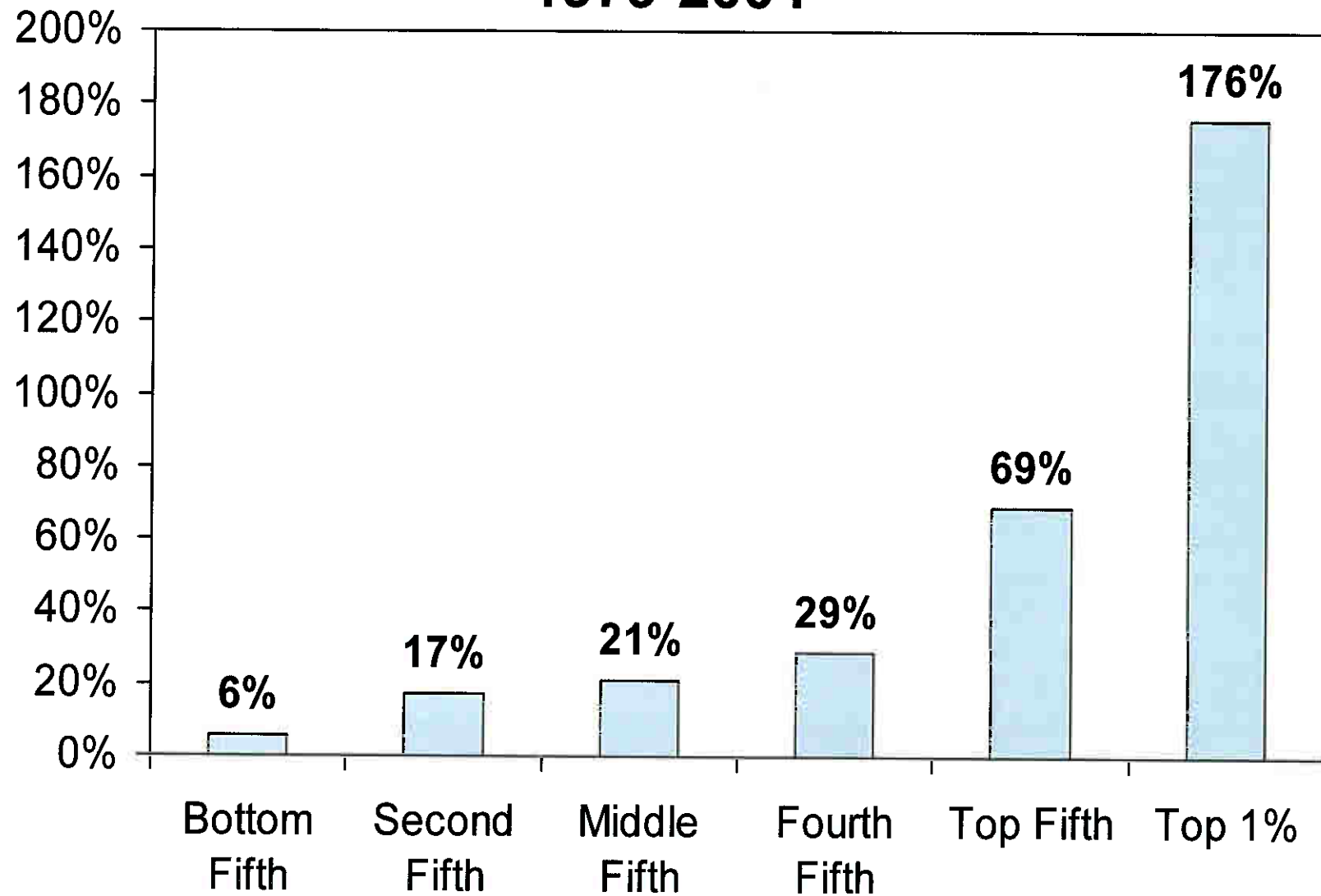
Tax Cuts Cost More Than Most Agency Budgets

2007 Agency Budgets, Tax Cuts if Fully in Effect in 2007



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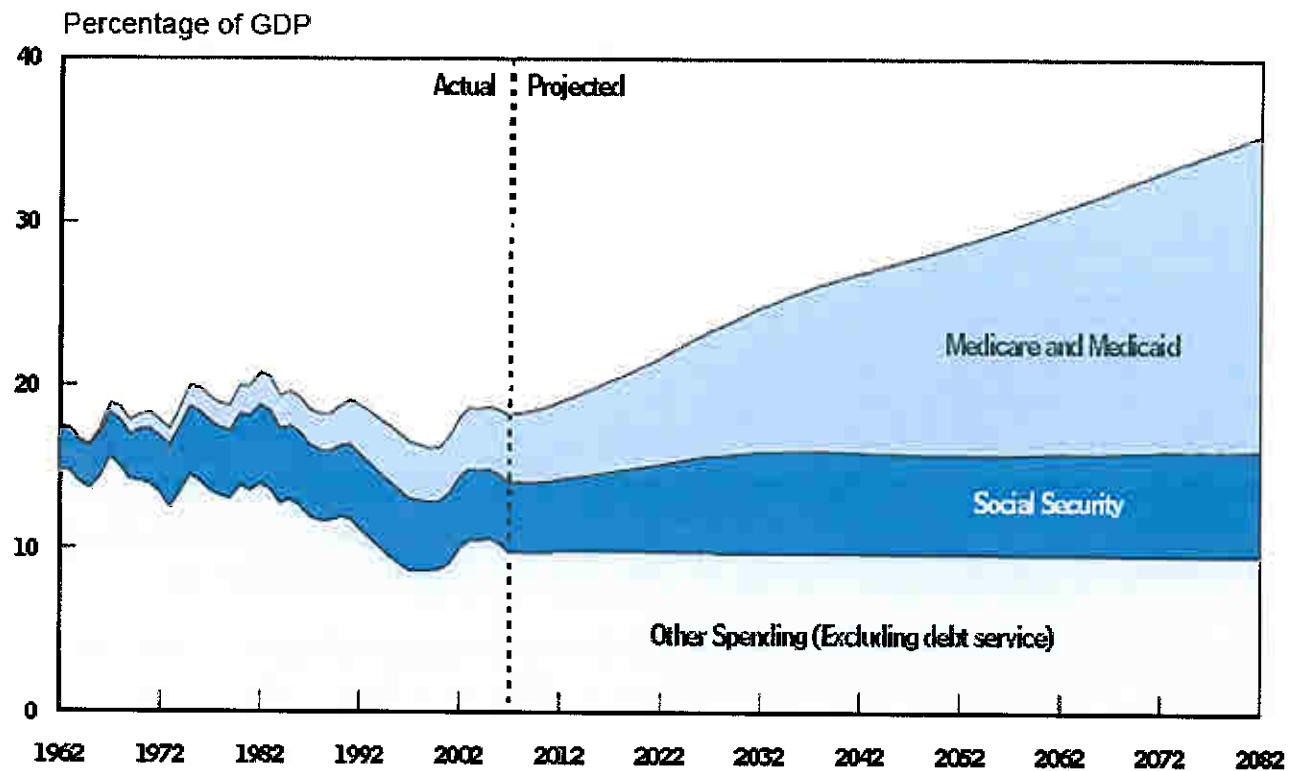
Change in Average Real After-Tax Income: 1979-2004



Source: Congressional Budget Office

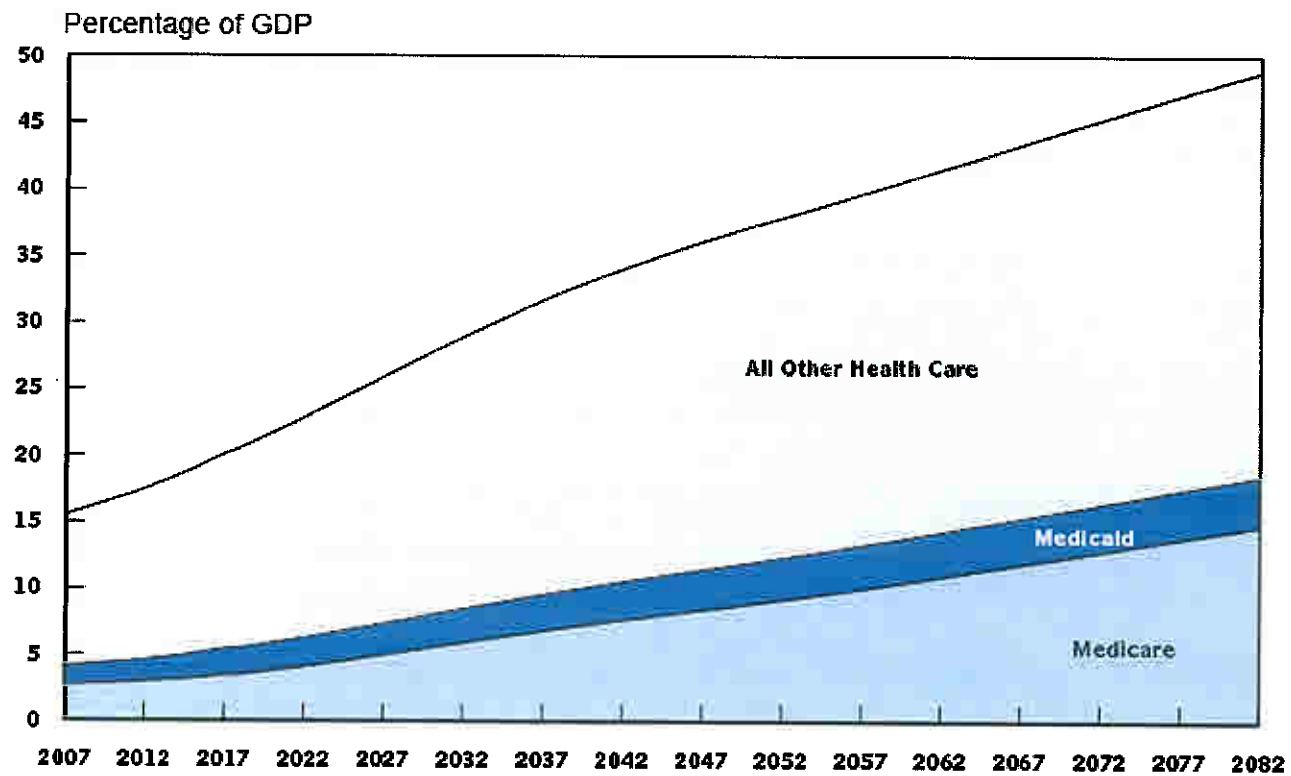


Federal Spending Under CBO's Alternative Fiscal Scenario





Projected Spending on Health Care



The Big Enchilada: The U.S. Health Care System

- The largest factor behind the grim budget forecast is the rising cost of Medicare and Medicaid.
- The rising costs of these programs essentially reflect the rapidly rising costs in the entire U.S. health care system.
- To cut future costs in Medicare and Medicaid sharply *without* restraining costs in the health care system as a whole would necessitate draconian cuts in these programs.
- Thus, the key to addressing the future implosion of the budget is to reform the U.S. health care system

Medicaid Costs Less Than Private Health Insurance

