The Debt is the Threat.

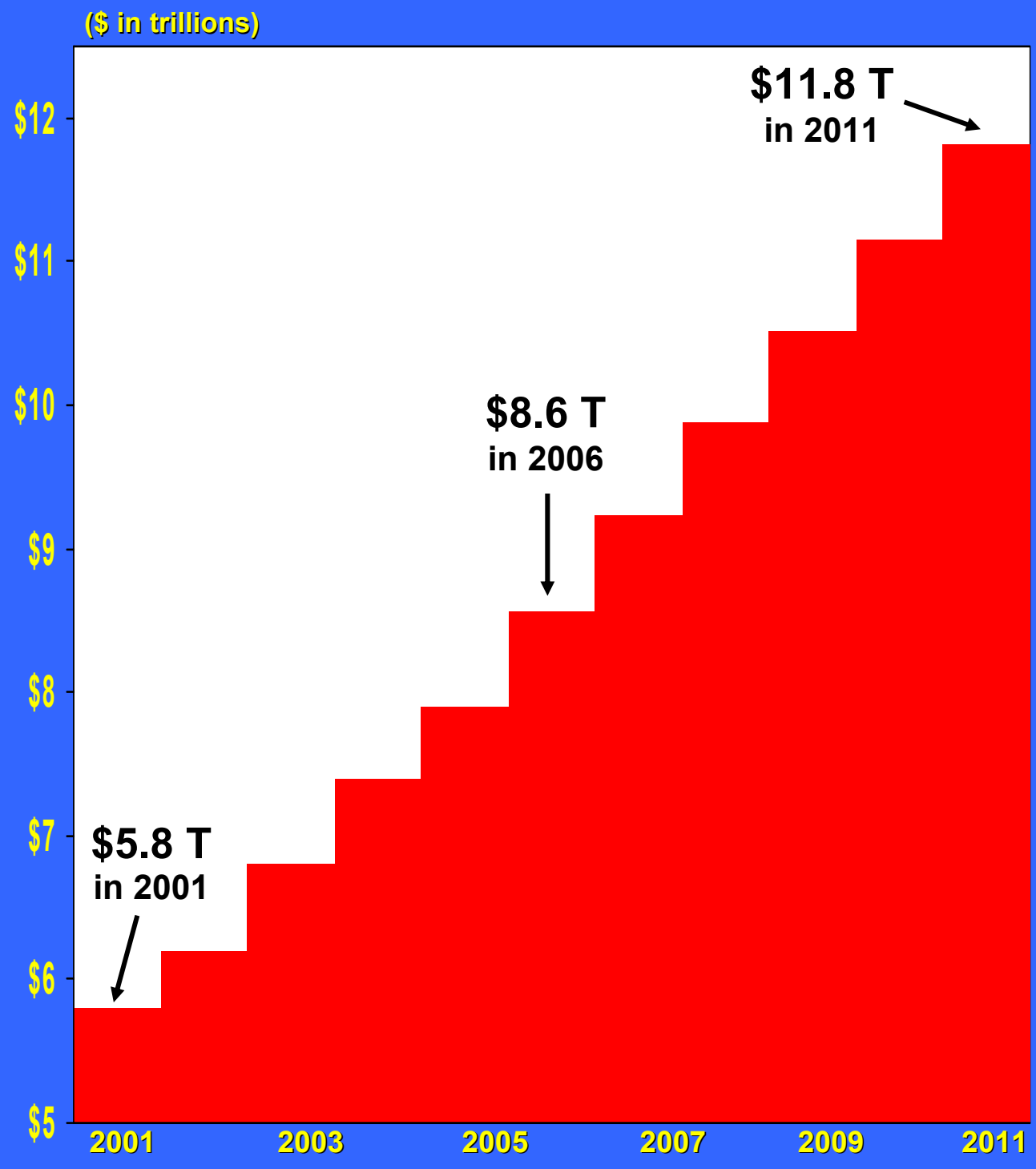
Bush Administration on Importance of Paying Down Debt

"...(M)y budget pays down a record amount of national debt. We will pay off $2 trillion of debt over the next decade. That will be the largest debt reduction of any country, ever. Future generations shouldn't be forced to pay back money that we have borrowed. We owe this kind of responsibility to our children and grandchildren."

–President George W. Bush
Radio Address
March 3, 2001

Building a Wall of Debt

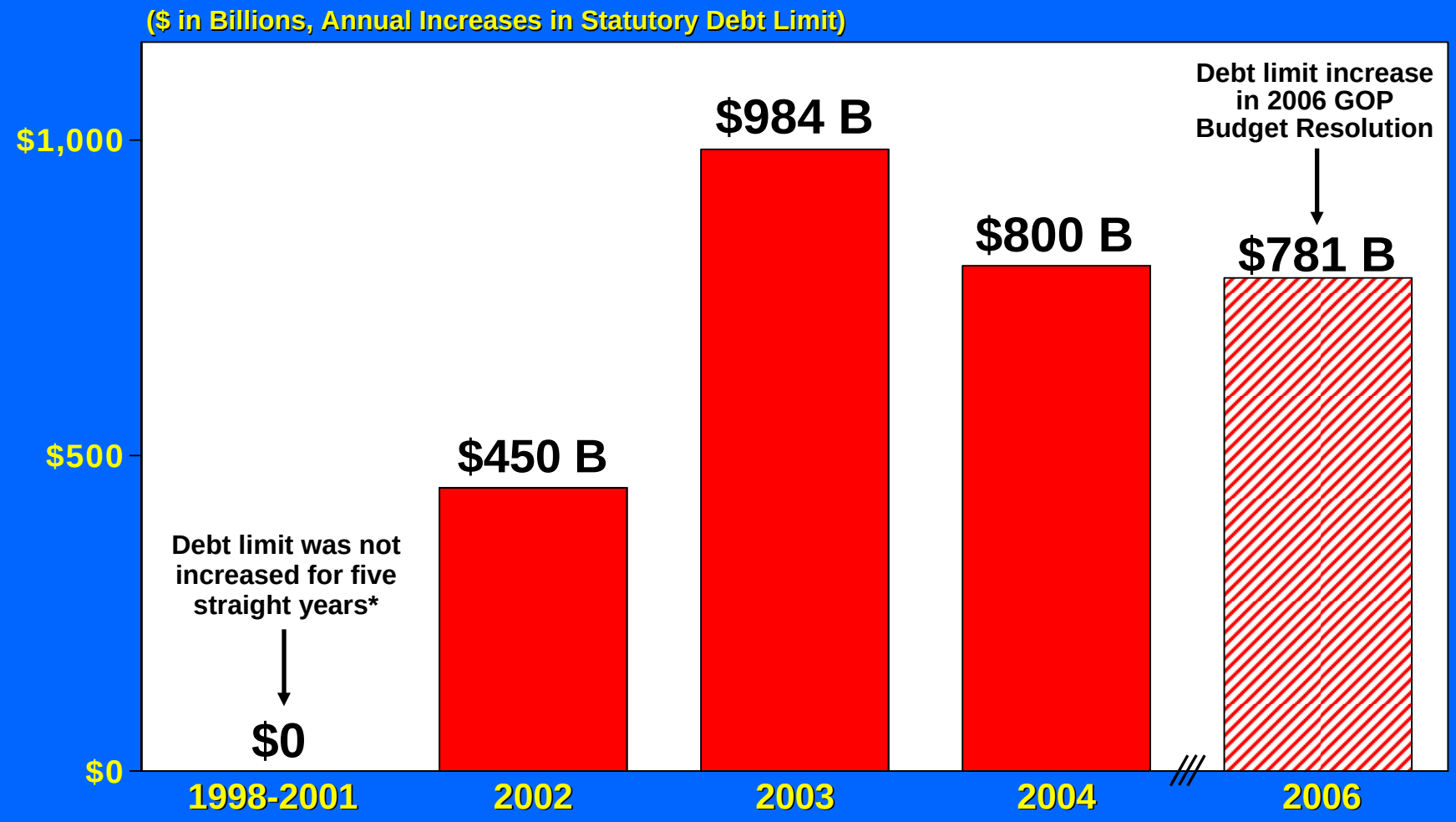
Gross Federal Debt Soars



Source: CBO and SBC Democratic staff

Note: CBO reestimate of President's FY 2007 Budget with AMT reform and ongoing war costs.

Debt Limit Increases $3 Trillion Under President Bush

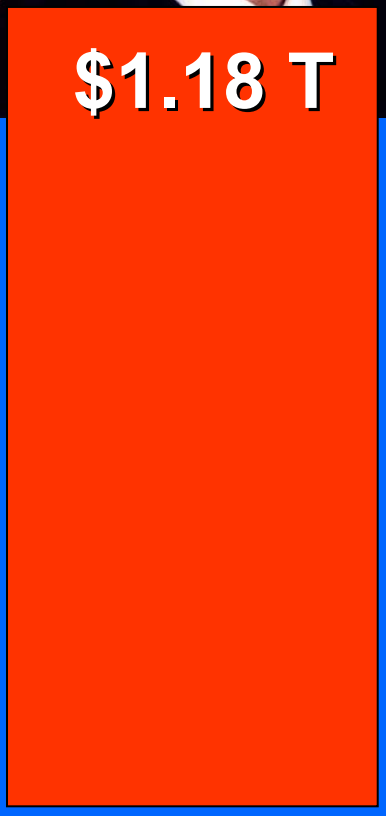


*Debt limit was not increased between August 1997 and June 2002.
Source: OMB and 2006 GOP Budget Resolution

President Bush Doubles Foreign-Held Debt in 5 Years

It Took 42 Presidents 224 Years to Build Up Same Level of Foreign-Held Debt

224 Years
(1776-2000)



5 Years
(2001-2005)

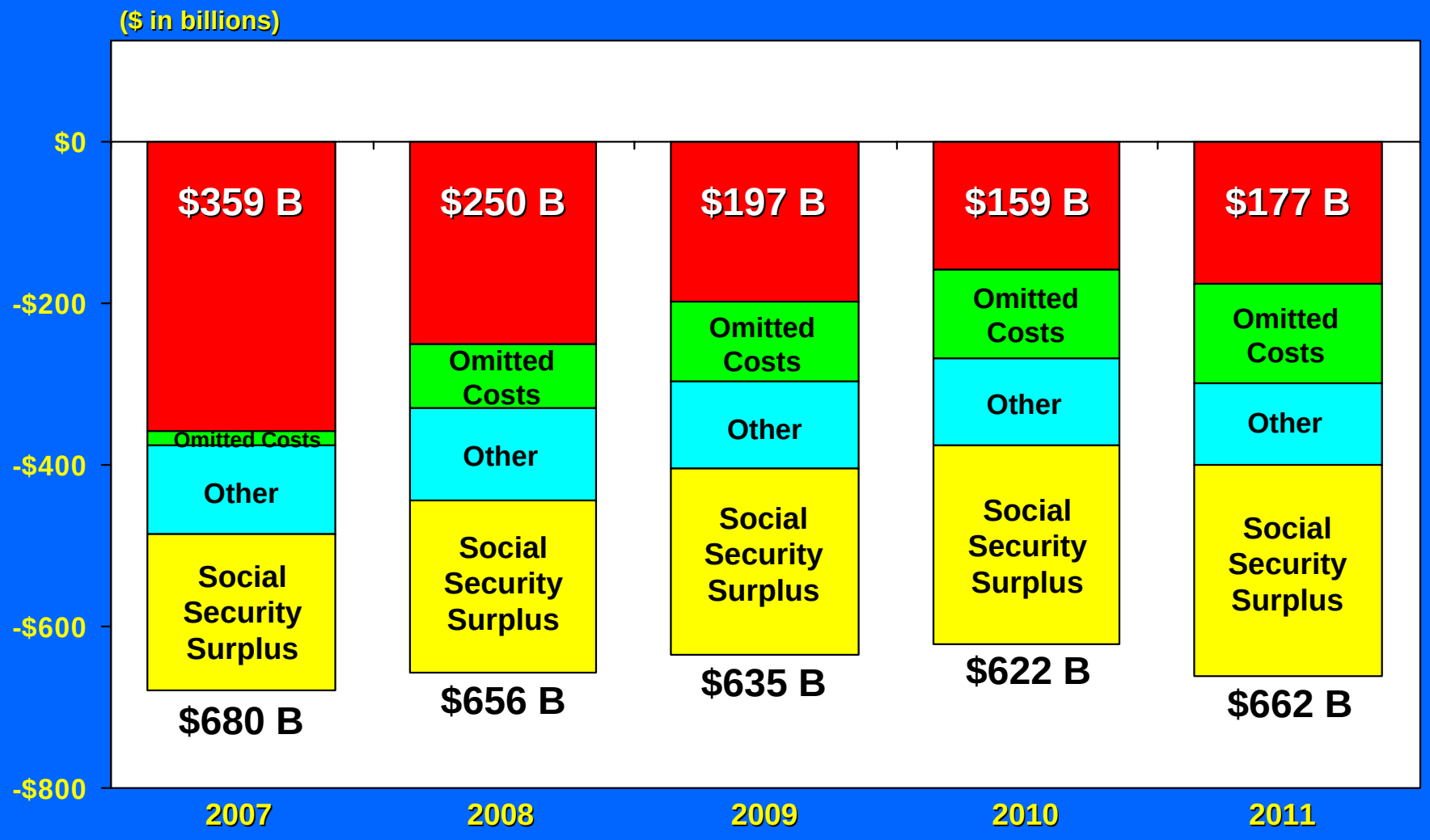
Source: U.S. Treasury

Top Ten Countries Holding Our National Debt

Japan	$668 B
China	$263 B
United Kingdom	$245 B
“Caribbean Banking Centers”	$98 B
OPEC	$78 B
Taiwan	$72 B
South Korea	$68 B
Germany	$65 B
Canada	$55 B
Hong Kong	$48 B

Source: Department of Treasury
Note: As of January 2006

Debt Increase Under Senate GOP Budget Far More than Deficit Level Claimed



Source: Senate GOP Budget Resolution and SBC Democratic staff
Note: Omitted costs include AMT reform and ongoing war costs.

GAO Comptroller General Walker Believes Current Fiscal Path Threatens Our National Security

"Continuing on this unsustainable fiscal path will gradually erode, if not suddenly damage, our economy, our standard of living, and ultimately our national security."

–GAO Comptroller General David M. Walker
Testimony before Senate Budget Committee
February 15, 2006