

**Table 1: Extension of Current Fiscal Policy**  
(percentage of gross domestic product)

	2009 <sup>a</sup>	2020	2035	2050	2080
Primary Spending					
Social Security	4.8	5.3	6.0	5.7	6.2
Medicare <sup>b</sup>	3.5	4.3	7.2	9.5	14.3
Medicaid	1.8	2.1	2.8	3.2	3.7
Other Non-Interest Spending	16.0	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.3
Subtotal: Primary Spending	26.2	22.1	26.4	28.7	34.4
Interest	1.2	3.9	7.5	13.5	30.3
Total Spending	27.4	26.0	33.9	42.2	64.7
Revenue	15.5	18.6	19.2	19.9	21.9
Deficit (-) or Surplus					
Primary Deficit or Surplus	-10.7	-3.5	-7.2	-8.8	-12.5
Total Deficit	-11.9	-7.4	-14.6	-22.2	-42.8
Debt Held by the Public	55	87	181	321	716

Source: Congressional Budget Office. CBO terms this its “alternative fiscal scenario,” because it differs from the baseline assumptions normally used. In describing this projection, however, CBO says it “represents one interpretation of what it would mean to continue today’s underlying fiscal policy,” and that it reflects “policy changes that are widely expected to occur and that policymakers have regularly made in the past.”

<sup>a</sup> Data for 2009 are on a fiscal year basis; all other data are on a calendar year basis.

<sup>b</sup> Spending for Medicare is net of premiums and amounts paid by States from savings on Medicaid prescription drug costs.

Figures may not add due to rounding.