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Your Freedom, Your Family, Your
Future

## Our national debt as of this moment is:



Source: usdebtclock.org 7-12-12 4:23 pm

## Imagine A Company



- ... With NEGATIVE cash flow for the past 9 years and the majority of the last 50 before that
...NEGATIVE Net Worth for as long as anyone can remember
... Needs 20 years of income to pay off its existing debts
- Would You Invest?



# Budget Deficits as a Percentage of 

 GDP, by Administration

## The Federal Government is Borrowing More Than 42 Cents of Every Dollar It Spends



Source: Office of Management and Budget, President's Budget FY 2012

We've borrowed and have held debt in the past.....why is it a problem now???


## US NATIONAL DEBT \$ 15,767,440,813,423

## The federal government used to issue bonds and borrow from our citizens



World War II cost the US $\$ 296$ billion. During the war, 85 million
Americans purchased bonds totaling approximately \$186 billion (funding 62\% of total cost)

## America's Foreign Debt Reality WHO OWNS OUR DEBT?

(DEBT HELD BY PUBLIC, 1970-2011)

Foreign Holdings:


1970
\$283 BILLION
Source: U.S. Department of Treasury

1990
\$2.4 TRILLION


2011
\$9.7 TRILLION AS OF JULY 2011

With the interest we pay to China on our debt, China can afford to buy 3 new Joint Strike Fighters every week - with $\$ 50$ million/week left over.


## If Your Family Spent Like the Federal Government, What Would It Look Like?

Just drop 8 zeroes off the federal budget or divide federal spending by 100 million American households:

- Annual Family Income: $\$ 23,000$
- Annual Family Spending: \$36,000
- New Annual Debt on the Credit Card: \$13,000
- Total Annual Budget Cuts: \$3.52
- Outstanding Credit Card Balance: $\$ 156,150$
- Future Purchases on Credit Card: \$1,000,000!

If your family was DROWNING in debt, would reducing spending by $\$ 3.52$ actually make a difference?

US NATIONAL DEBT

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING (billions of dollars)



## Example of the Problem: Medicare Paid In vs. Paid Out for Average Couple



Couple making combined $\$ 86,000 /$ year on average over a lifetime

Source: The Urban Institute: Medicare Taxes and Benefits Over a Lifetime Jan. 2011

## Tidal Wave of Debt

## U.S. Debt Held by Public as Share of the Economy

## CURRENT PATH

700\%

600\% 500\% 400\%

World
War II

2012

100\%
\%
$\begin{array}{llllllllllllllll}1940 & 1950 & 1960 & 1970 & 1980 & 1990 & 2000 & 2010 & 2020 & 2030 & 2040 & 2050 & 2060 & 2070 & 2080\end{array}$

## FALSE SOLUTION \#1

## The Middle Class Tax Target

The amount of total taxable income (left scale) for all filers by adjusted gross income level for 2008
\$1.4 trillion


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## What if We Just Cut Earmarks \& Foreign Aid?

## FALSE SOLUTION \# 2

## TOTAL SPENDING \$3.5 TRILLION IN 2010

US NATIONAL DEBT)

## What If We Cut All Defense Spending?

## FALSE SOLUTION \# 3

National Defense
\$692 Billion (20\%)
TOTAL SPENDING \$3.5 TRILLION IN 2010
(US NATIONAL DEBT)

## Solution \#1

## Reform Medicare

- Transition from a defined benefit, fee-for-service structure to a defined contribution structure, and require an aggressive means test.

Use Free Market principles to lower
 costs by:

- Choice and Competition
- Increased Patient Control
-NO CHANGES FOR CURRENT
 BENEFICIARIES


## Solution \#2 Reform Medicaid

## The State Health Flexibility Act <br> More Accountable, More Affordable, Better Care

- Doesn't cut a penny from current Medicaid \& CHIP spending.
- Doesn't spend \$1.8 Trillion we don't have on programs that don't work like they should.



## Solution \#3 <br> Reform Social Security



- Index the normal age retirement (NRA) to longevity standards
-Require an aggressive means test.
- This is a commonsense, gradual approach that will eliminate a long term shortfall


## Solution \#4

## Reform the Budget Process

The federal budget process is broken, oversight is inadequate, transparency is lacking and the rules favor more spending.
-1. Make the budget legally binding and automatically cut spending that grows faster than inflation
-2. Eliminate automatic spending increases year-toyear
-3. Move to biennial budgets and require Congress to review long-term budget implications every five years -4. Study the effect of budgets beyond ten years and account for the total liabilities of our nation in the future


## Solution \#5 <br> Grow the Economy

- Tax reform
- Deregulation
- Abundant, affordable energy
- Get government out of the way of free markets and the American people!


## Best Solution

## A Balanced Budget Amendment

- A balanced budget amendment would force us to live within our means and make tough decisions including the entitlement reforms I have discussed.
-As a nation, we would be forced to have a tough conversation about how much to spend, how much to tax and
 what kind of government we want. That way, we can't hand down the cost of our government to our children and grandchildren.


## Additional Slides

## Why Medicare and Medicaid Need Reform



# Most efficient and cost-effective health care flow chart 



## You

## Your

Doctor

## Welfare Spending by Recipient Categories FY2011



Won-elderly, non-cisabled adults without children.
Note: Percentages equal the share of total means-tested spencing received by each group.


## Projected Means-tested Melfare Spending in Obama's FY2013 Budget



## A Choice of Two Futures

(Debt as a Share of Economy)
 Source: OMB/CBO

## "Debt Day"



## All spending after August 25 of this year is borrowed spending.

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## The Cost of WAiting - The Fiscal Gap

Unfunded Promises in Trillions of Dollars



[^0]:    Source: IRS

