

# America Needs You— To Balance the Budget



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Imagine

I get it

**No excuses**

Simple Truth:

Shared sacrifice

If you  
remember only  
one thing ...

Real time

You decide



**You deserve...**

**...Government that  
works for YOU**

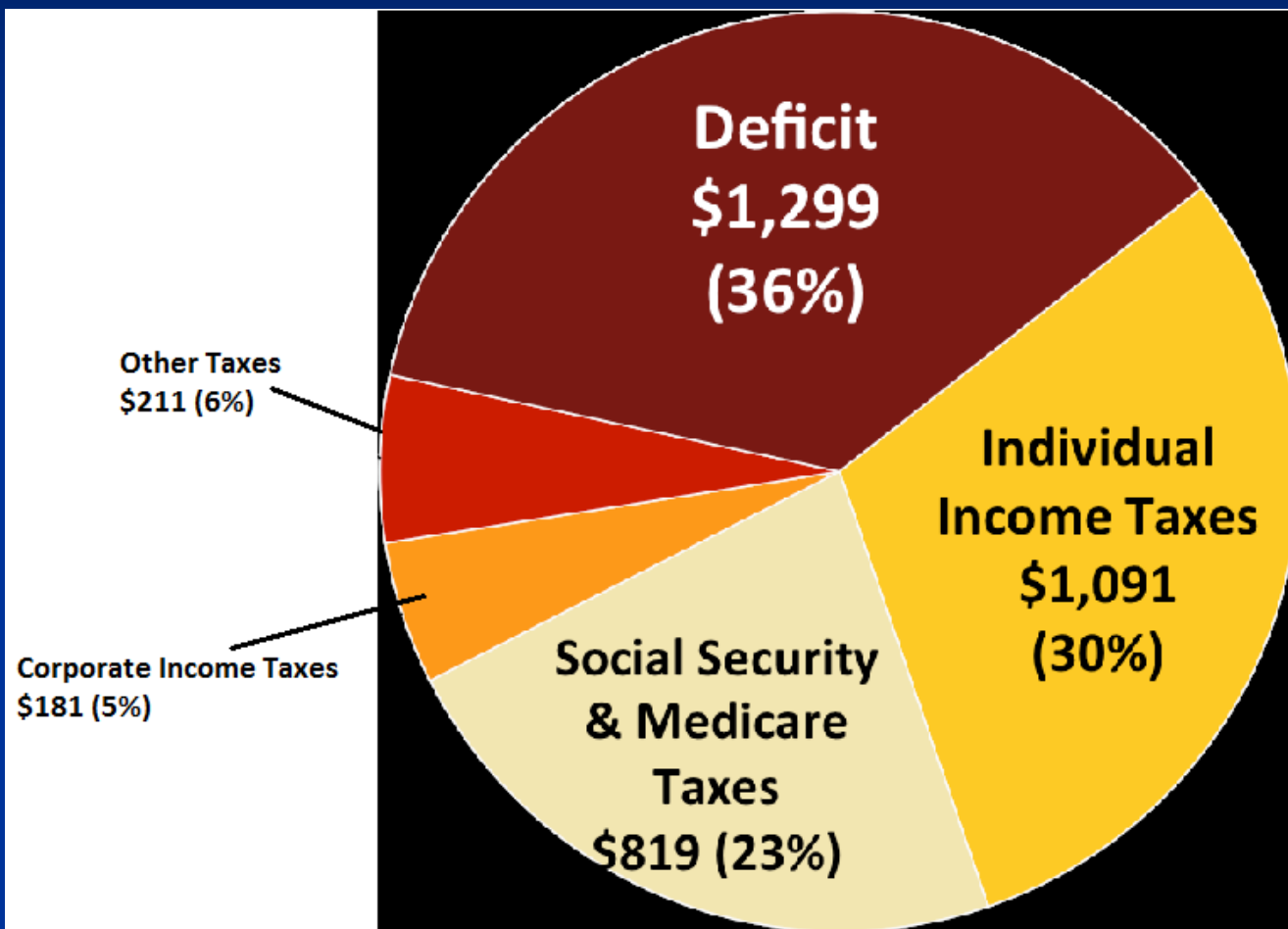
# Why are we here today?



Fred Schwengel Memorial Bridge on I-80

# Federal Government Revenue: FY11

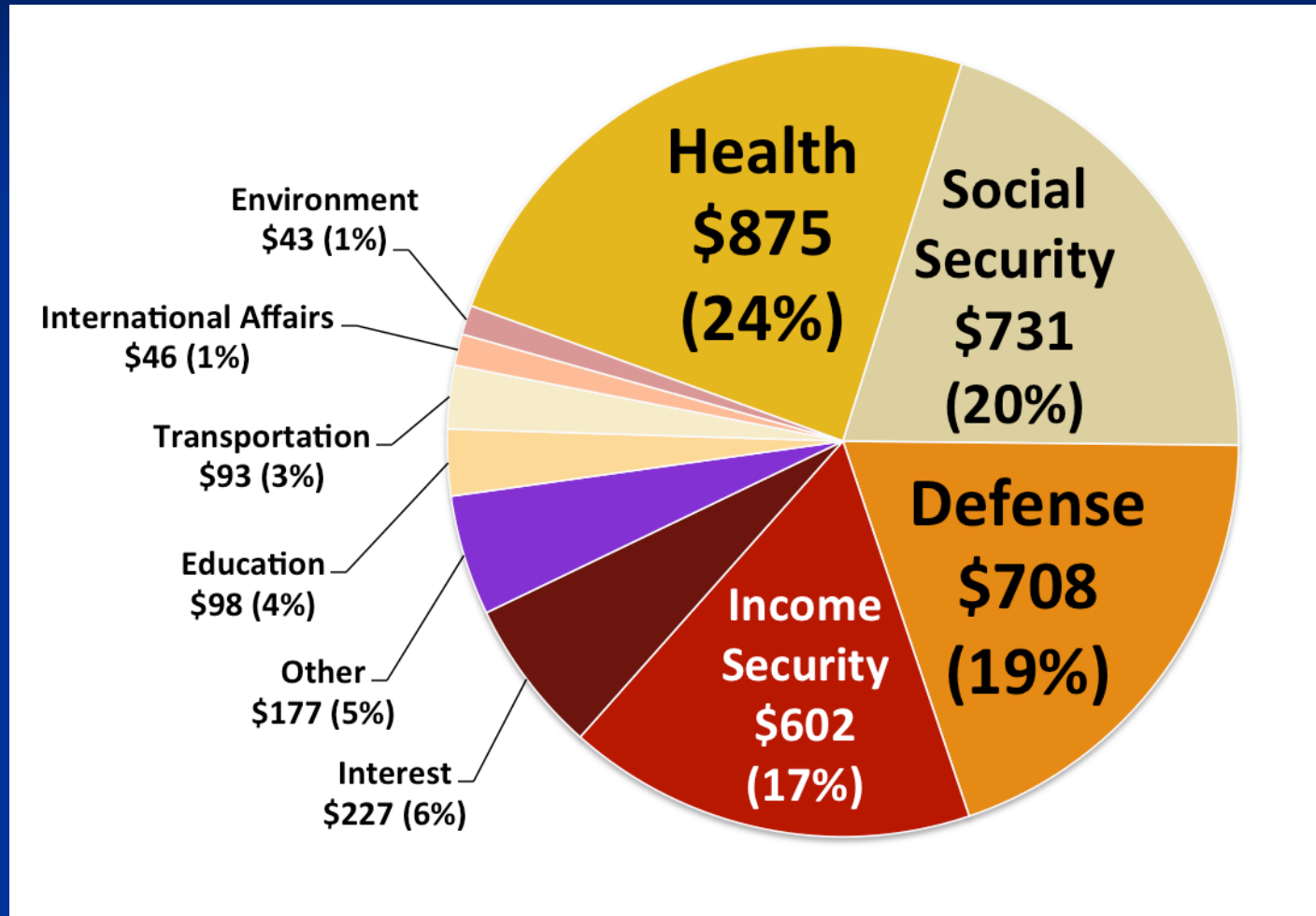
As a share of outlays, in billions:



**Total FY11 Revenue: \$2,302,000,000,000**

# Federal Government Expenses: FY11

In billions:



Total FY11 Expenditures: \$3,601,000,000,000

# The Real Impact – Health, 24%

Medicare, Medicaid, Safety, Veterans Health



Peoples Community Health Clinic, Waterloo



Connolly Residence, Dubuque



Allen Hospital, Waterloo

# The Real Impact – Social Security, 20%



Parkersburg



Manchester



Fayette



Waterloo Social Security Administration Office

# The Real Impact – Defense, 19%



Rockwell Collins,  
Cedar Rapids



Bagram Air Base, Kabul,  
Afghanistan



Rock Island Arsenal



# The Real Impact – Income Security, 17%

## Unemployment, Housing, Food Stamps, Nutrition, Disability Insurance, Other



HEART YouthBuild,  
Dubuque



National Federation of  
the Blind of Iowa,  
Waterloo



Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Waterloo



# The Real Impact – Other, 5%

Homeland Security, Science, Research, Energy, Agriculture, Transportation, Disaster Recovery, Veterans Benefits, Other



Eldridge



Parkersburg



Davenport



Waterloo



Cerro Gordo County

# The Real Impact – Education, 4%



University of Northern Iowa



Grundy Center



Anamosa

# The Real Impact – Environment, 1%



Waterloo



Mississippi River

# The Real Impact – International Affairs, 1%



Japan Earthquake & Tsunami



Haiti Earthquake

# The Problem

**In: \$2,302,000,000,000**

**Out: \$3,601,000,000,000**

**Annual Deficit:**

**\$1,299,000,000,000**

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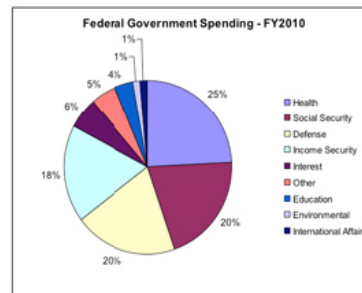
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## Reducing the Deficit

The annual budget deficit has gotten out of control, and I believe we need to find bipartisan solutions to balance the budget.

First, I have called on President Obama to freeze all non-discretionary spending in all federal agencies. Second, I have gone after waste in Medicare, which could save as much as \$700 billion in unnecessary health care costs, due to many unneeded services being provided. Third, I've worked to cut down on excessive defense contracts to firms like Blackwater and Halliburton, which have wasted billions of dollars. Finally, in February 2011, I supported nearly \$450 billion in cuts to federal spending.



I'm working hard in Congress to reduce the deficit, and I know that our current spending is unsustainable. This is also why I'm a big supporter of Pay-As-You-Go, which compels Congress to find savings for the money it spends, which keeps our deficit from increasing. Under the *Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act*, which I've endorsed, Congress is required to find savings to balance any new tax cuts or entitlement spending. We must address our current deficit, and we must also stop the bleeding by requiring Congress to Pay-As-You-Go.

I have worked hard to restore fiscal discipline to the United States government, and reverse the spending that has occurred over the last number of years that sent our nation into debt. I am fully committed to the pay-as-you-go principle, and I will work tooth and nail to balance the budget while also helping rejuvenate our nation's struggling economy.

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