

CONGRESSMAN ALLEN WEST TOWN HALL MEETING



APRIL 2011

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CALENDAR

112th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

HOUSE CALENDAR

ERIC CANTOR MAJORITY LEADER

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- **Committee on Armed Services**
- **Chairman Buck McKeon of California**
- **Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities**
- **Subcommittee on Military Personnel**

- **Committee on Small Business**
- **Chairman Sam Graves of Missouri**
- **Subcommittee on Investigation, Oversight, and Regulations**
- **Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce**

MAJOR LEGISLATION

- HR 471– DC Opportunity Scholarship Prgm – Mar 30, 2011 – **YES** (passed 225-195).
- HR 1246 – **Congressman Allen West** – Apr 4, 2011 – 10% reduction in DoD Printing & Reproduction. **\$35.7 million** in savings for FY2012, **\$180 million** in savings through FY2016 (passed unanimously 393-0).
- HR 910 – Energy Tax Prevention Act – April 7, 2011 – **YES** (passed 225-172).
- HR 1217 – Repeals Mandatory Spending under Obamacare – April 13, 2011 – **YES** (passed 236-183).
- HR 1473 – Continuing Resolution for FY2011 – April 14, 2011 – **NO** (passed 260-167).
- H Con Res 34 – FY2012 Budget – April 15, 2011 – **YES** (passed 235-193).

COSPONSOR OF LEGISLATION

- HR 1006 Jerusalem Embassy and Recognition Act
 - Sponsor: Rep. Burton (R-IN)
- HR 1501 Legislation to Stop UN Bias Against Israel
 - Sponsor: Rep. Joe Walsh
- HR 1340 End Unnecessary Cost Caused by Report Mailing
 - Sponsor: Rep. Bill Young
- HR 1425 Creating Jobs Through Small Business Innovation
 - Sponsor: Renee Ellmers (R-NC)
- HR 1286 Eliminates Automatic Funding in Obamacare
 - Sponsor: Rep. Bachmann
- HR 1285 Military Health Care Affordability Act
 - Sponsor: Rep. Michelle Bachmann

COSPONSOR OF LEGISLATION

- HR 1297 Ensuring Pay for Our Military Act
 - Sponsor: Rep. Gohmert
- HR 1121 Student Visa Security Improvement Act
 - Sponsor: Rep. Bilirakis
- HR __ Stolen Valor Act
 - Sponsor: Rep. Heck
- HR 1255 Government Shutdown Prevention Act
 - Sponsor: Rep. Womack
- H Res 25 Supporting Interest Tax Deduction for Mortgages
 - Sponsor: Rep. Miller
- HR 1040 Freedom Flat Tax Act
 - Sponsor: Rep. Burgess

SPONSOR OF LEGISLATION

Small Business Encouragement Act

This legislation will amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily provide the work opportunity tax credit for small businesses hiring unemployed individuals. Small business employers whose gross receipts in the preceding taxable year that did not exceed \$20 million, or did not employ more than 100 full time employees, will receive the work opportunity tax credit for hiring unemployed individuals as full-time employees during 2012 and 2013.

This legislation would also double the rate of such credit for employers who hire individuals from counties with high unemployment rates.

Cosponsors:

Rep. Walsh, Joe (R-IL)

Rep. Richardson, Laura (D-CA)

Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)

THE BALANCE OF POWER

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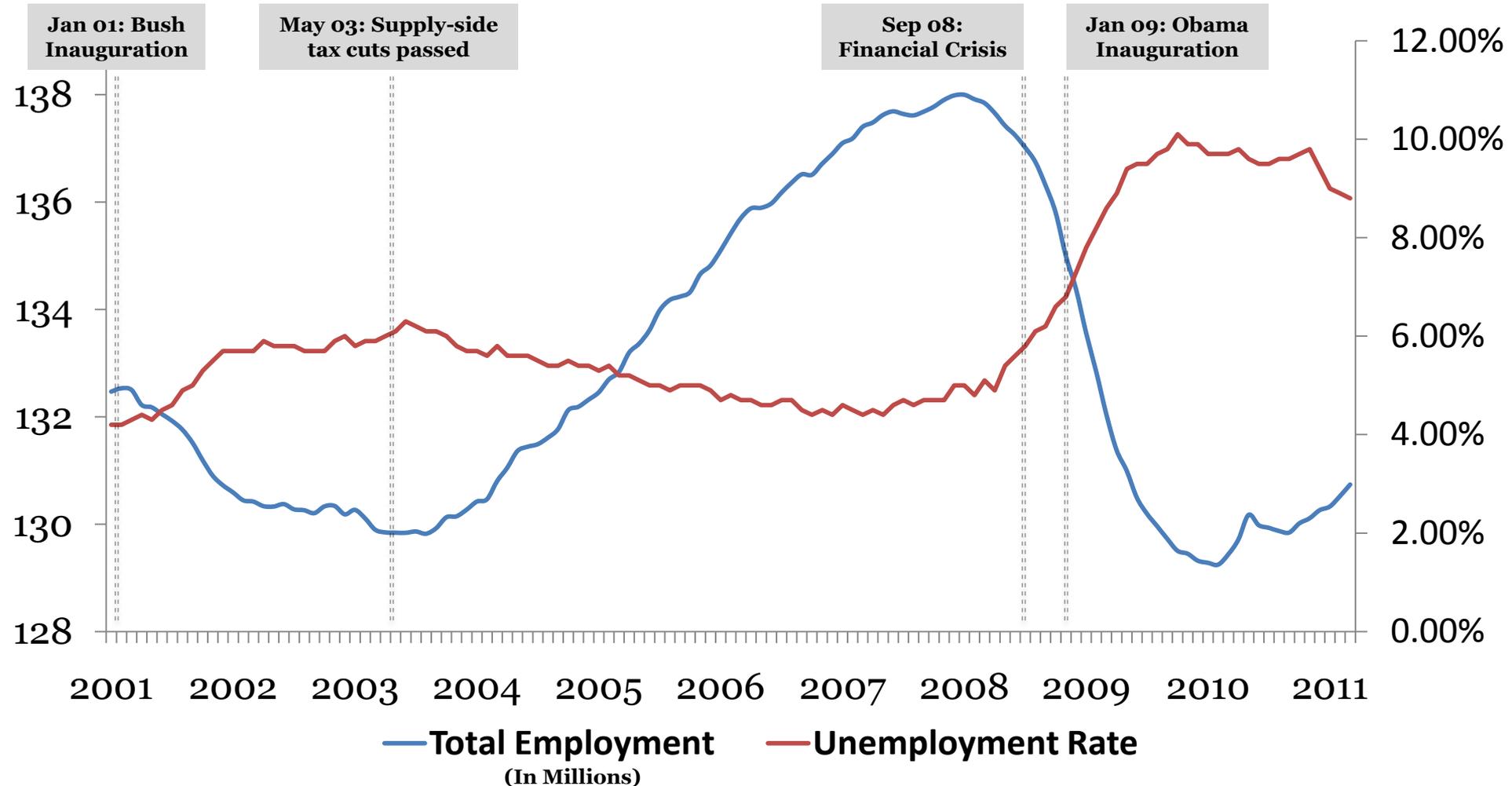
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**Democrats Control the Senate and the Presidency,
Republicans Control the House of Representatives**

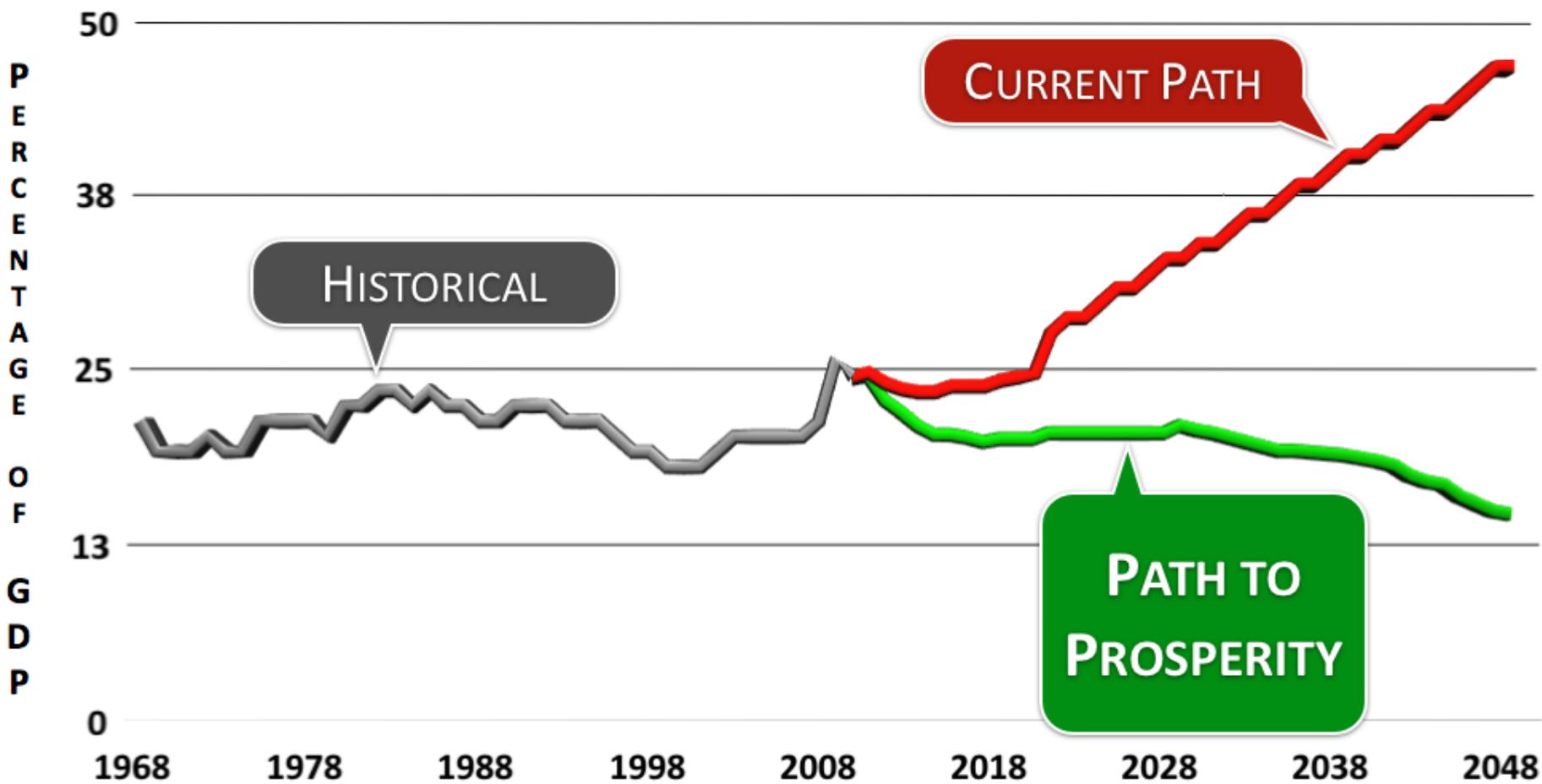
RECORD UNEMPLOYMENT

Picture of Employment (2001-2011)



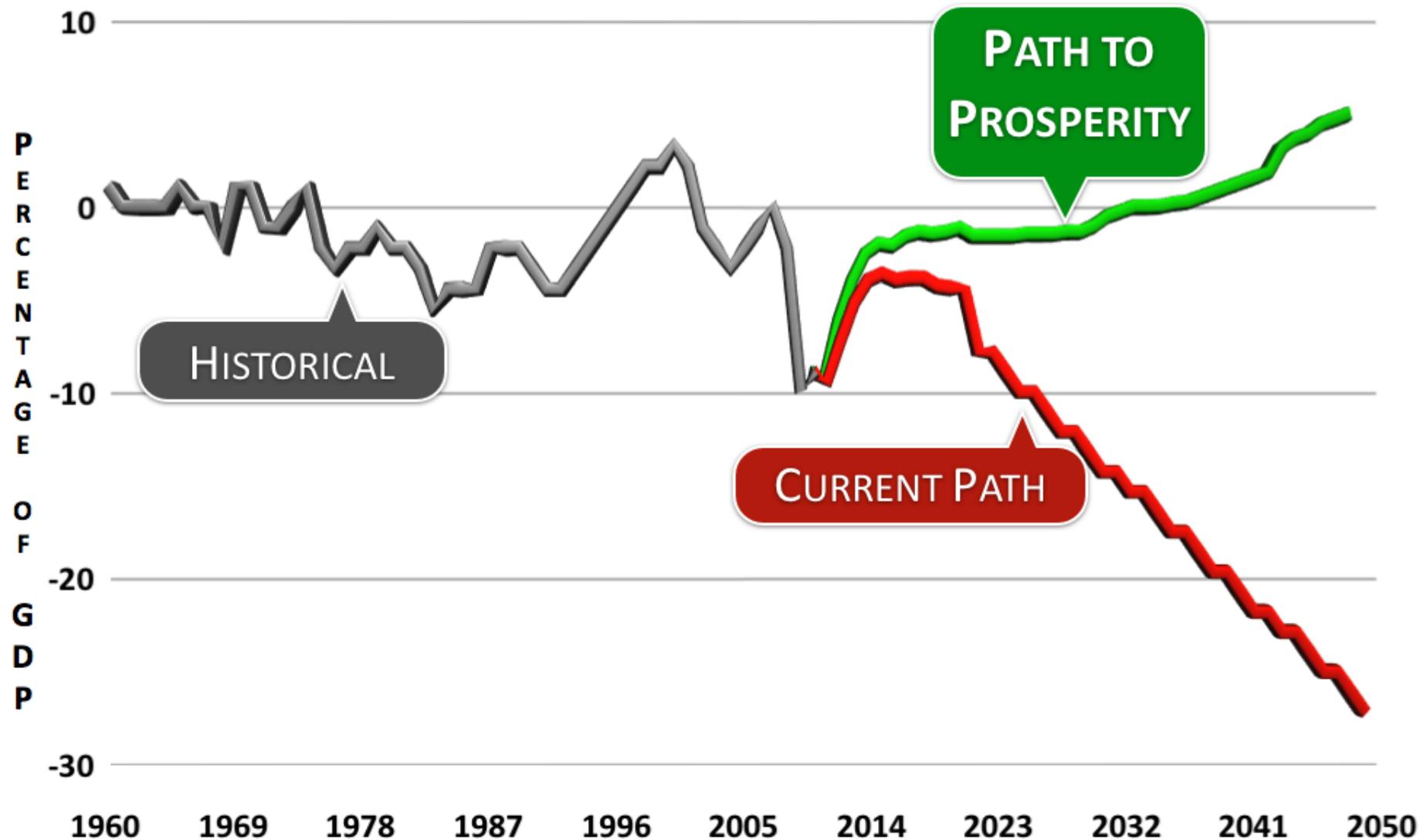
GOVERNMENT SPENDING

(AS PERCENTAGE OF GDP)



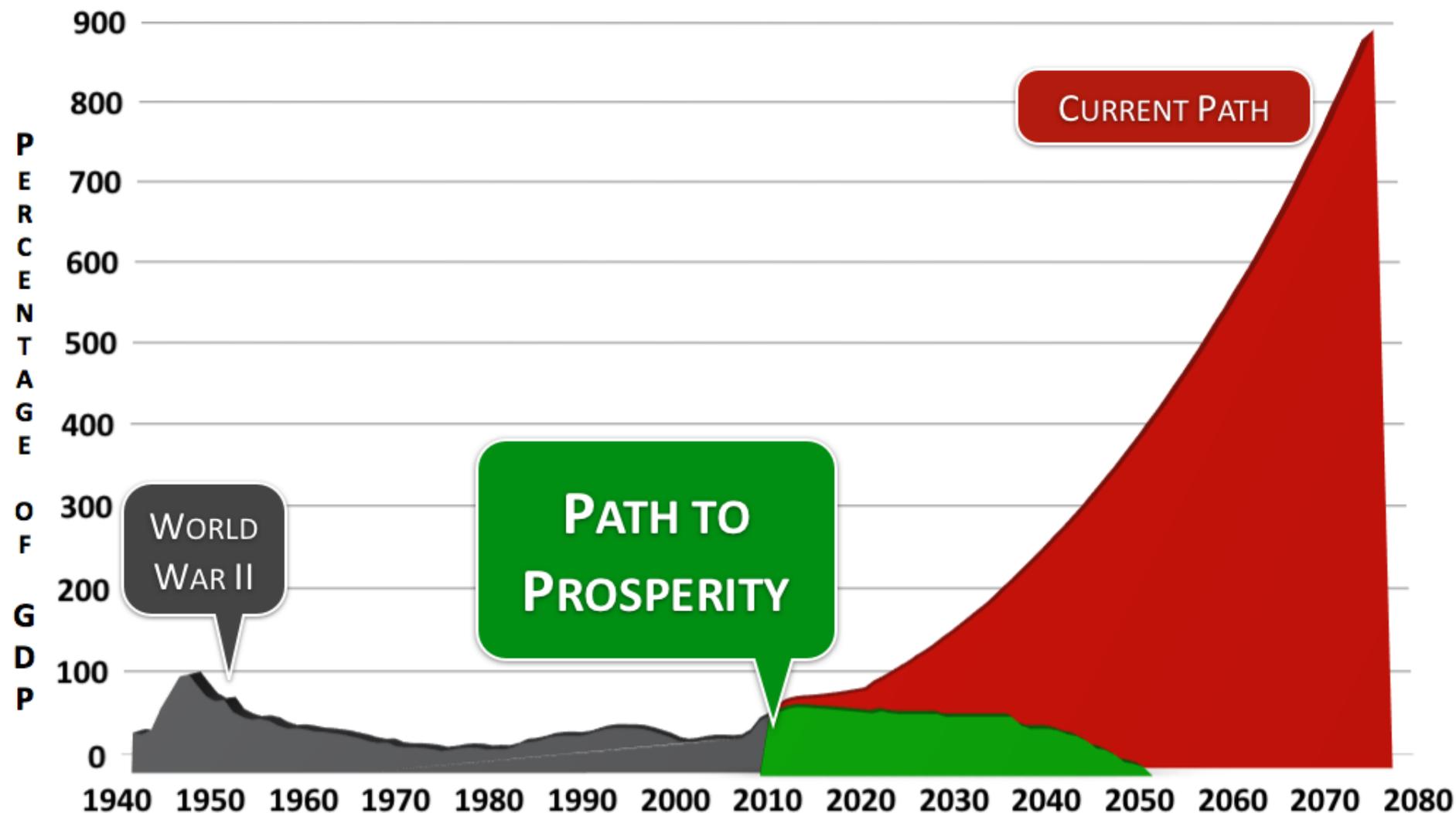
FEDERAL DEFICIT OR SURPLUS

(AS PERCENTAGE OF GDP)



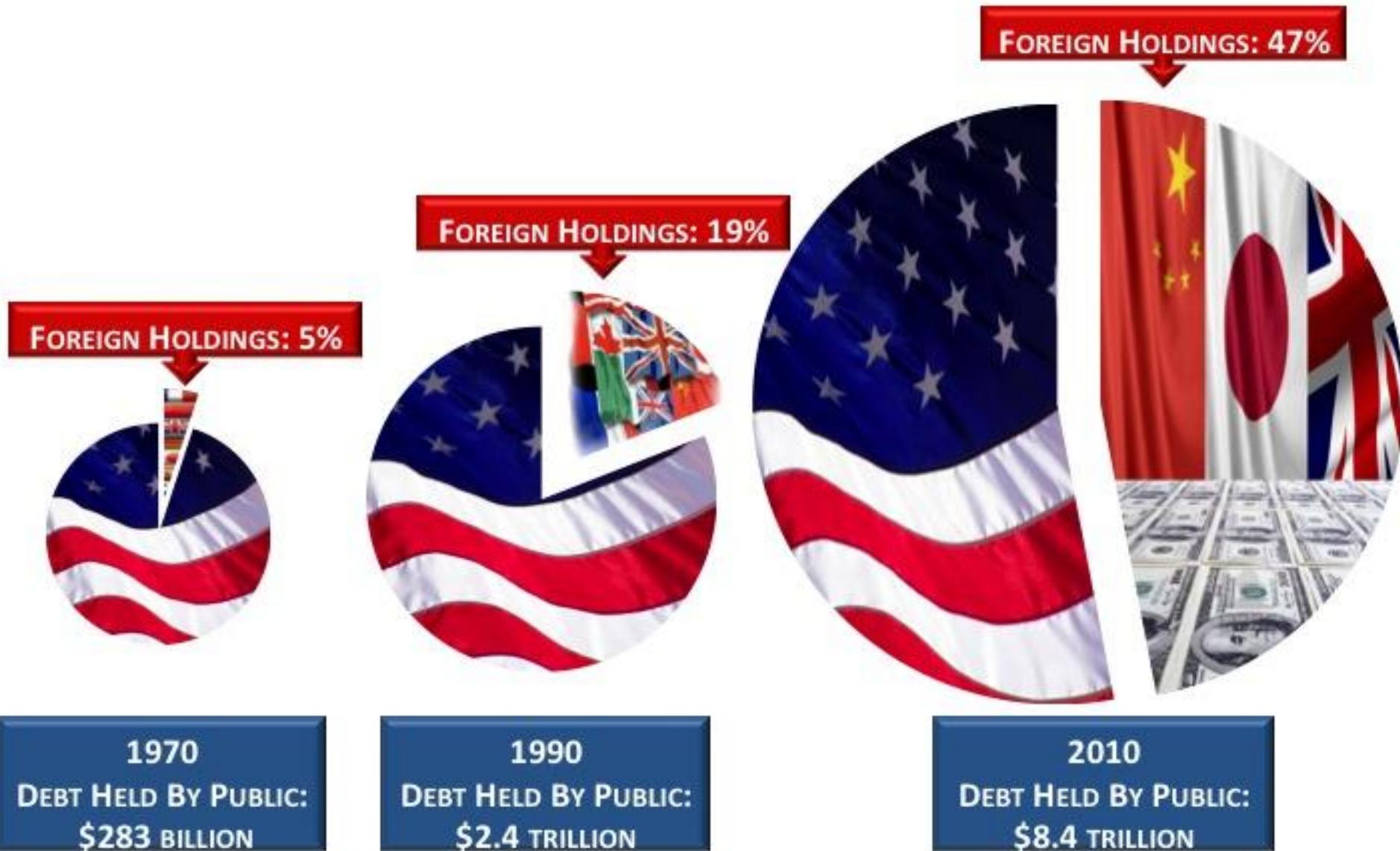
A CHOICE OF TWO FUTURES

(DEBT AS A SHARE OF THE ECONOMY)

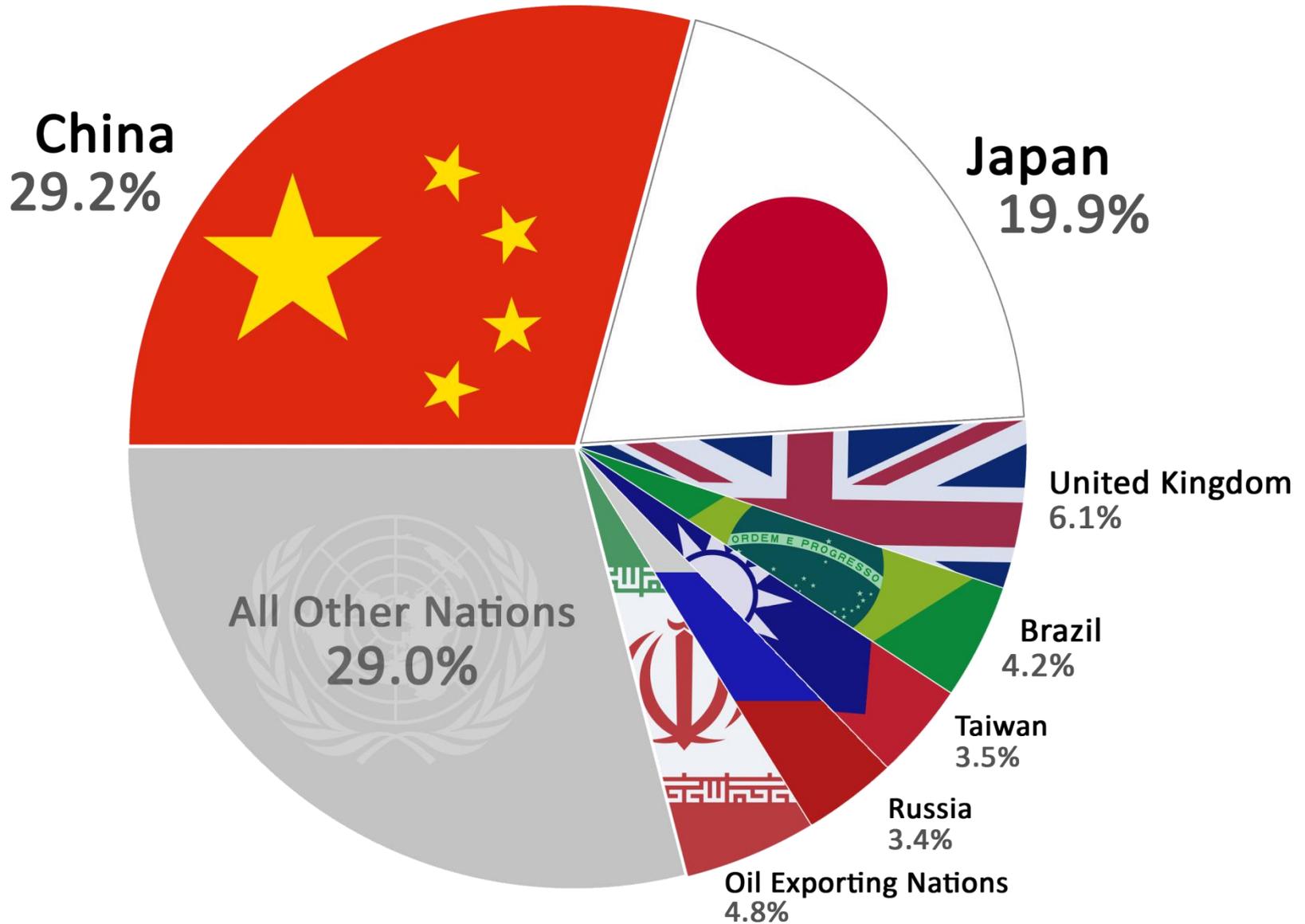


SOURCE: OMB/CBO

WHO OWNS OUR DEBT ?



FOREIGN OWNERS OF OUR DEBT



Source: U.S. Department of Treasury

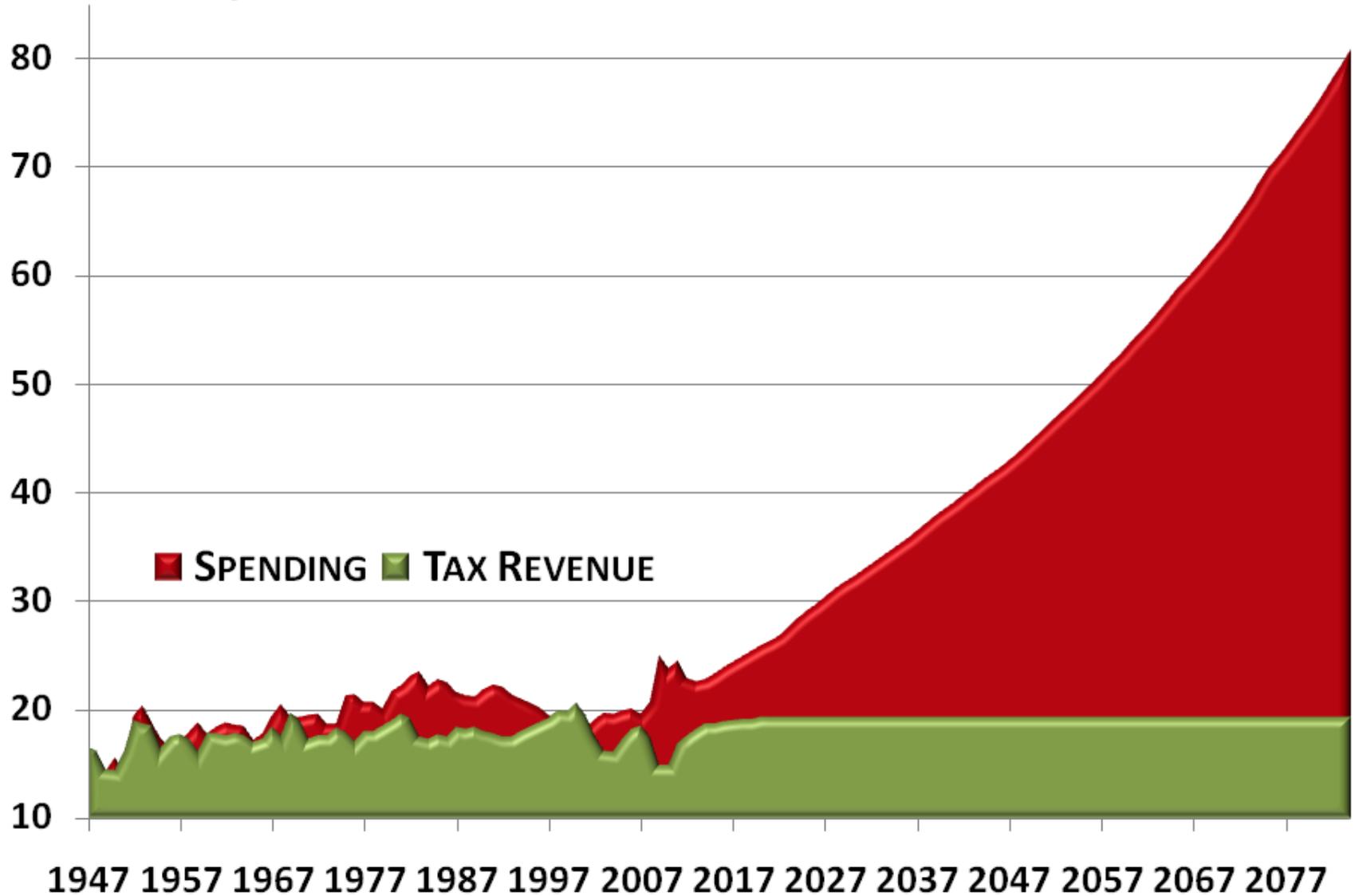
With the interest we pay to China on our debt,
China can afford to buy **3 new Joint Strike Fighters**
every week – with \$50 million/week left over.



Source: U.S. Department of Treasury,
Government Accountability Office

WE ARE IN A SPENDING-DRIVEN DEBT CRISIS

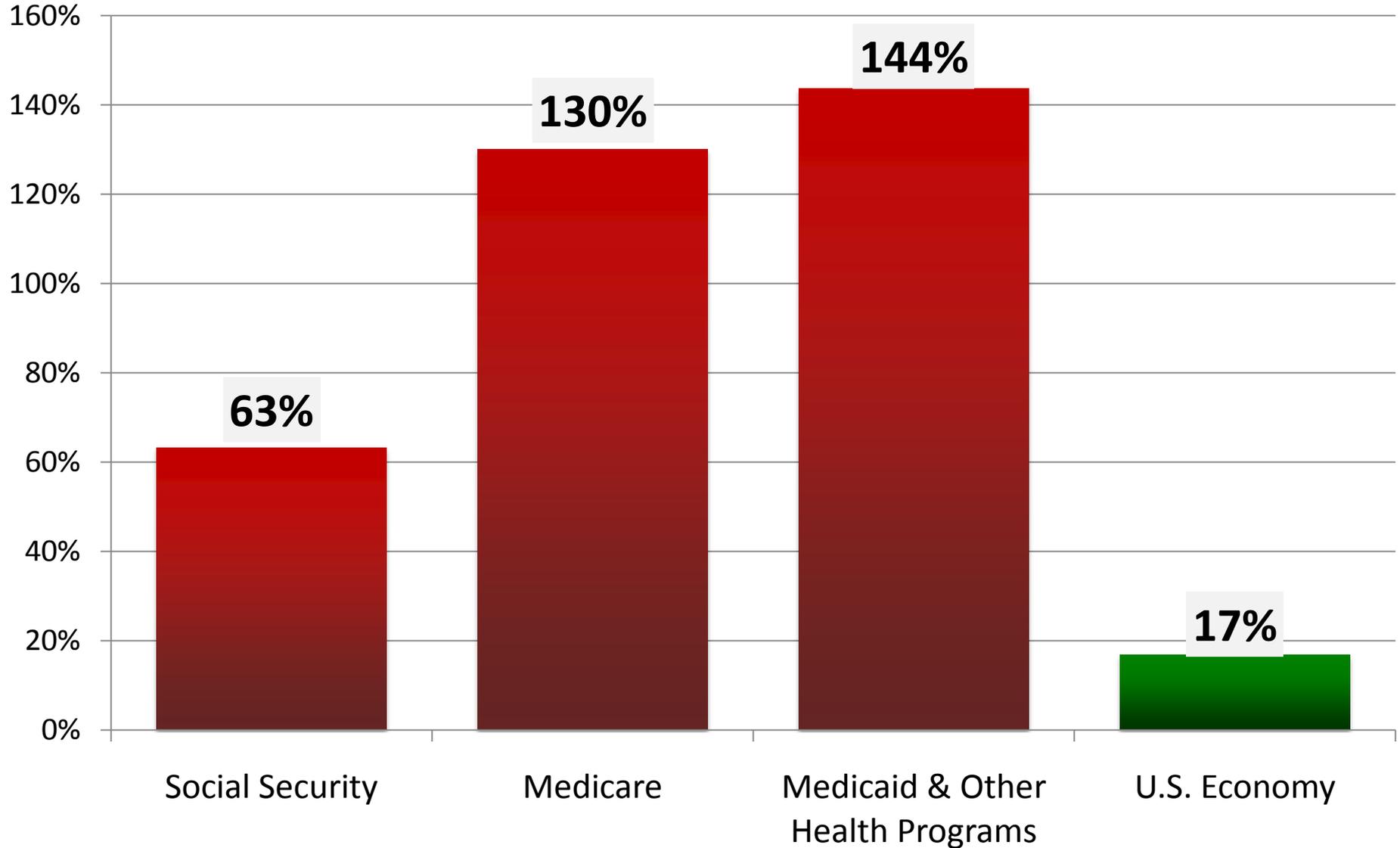
HISTORIC/PROJECTED SPENDING & REVENUE AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE ECONOMY



SOURCE: OMB HISTORIC TABLES AND CBO; PROJECTIONS BASED ON THE CBO'S ALTERNATIVE FISCAL SCENARIO.

AUTOPILOT PROGRAMS GREW FASTER THAN OUR ECONOMY

(CHANGE AS A PERCENTAGE OVER LAST TEN YEARS)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis,
Office of Management and Budget

BOTTOM LINE

“THE SEEDS OF THE NEXT RECESSION HAVE ALREADY BEEN PLANTED. THE DEBT BURDEN ACCUMULATED OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS WILL SINK US.”

Honeywell

David Cote

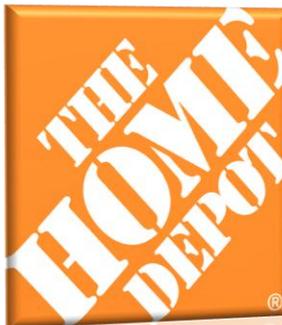
CEO

Honeywell (122,000 employees)

October 20, 2010

BOTTOM LINE

“[I]F WE CONTINUE THIS KIND OF A POLICY, WE’RE DEAD IN THE WATER. BECAUSE THEY DON’T KNOW WHAT’S COMING ... HE SAID, [QUOTING SMALL BUSINESS OWNER] THIS DEBT, THIS BUDGET, THIS DEBT THAT WE HAVE, IN THE TRILLIONS HE SAID, BERNIE, I’M GOING TO HAVE TO PAY FOR THIS SOMEHOW.”



Bernie Marcus

Former Chairman & CEO

Home Depot (255,185 employees)

September 18, 2010

BOTTOM LINE

“[U]NLESS WE AS A NATION MAKE A STRONG COMMITMENT TO FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, IN THE LONGER RUN, WE WILL HAVE NEITHER FINANCIAL STABILITY NOR HEALTHY ECONOMIC GROWTH.”



Ben Bernanke

Chairman of the Federal Reserve

June 9, 2010

BOTTOM LINE

**“THIS [SPENDING] COULD TRIGGER
AN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
DEATH SPIRAL.”**

Robert Samuelson

Economist and Columnist

April 6, 2005



BOTTOM LINE

**“U.S. FISCAL POLICY IS ON AN
UNSUSTAINABLE PATH TO AN EXTENT
THAT IT CANNOT BE SOLVED BY
MINOR TINKERING.”**



Doug Elmendorf

Director, Congressional Budget Office

January 27, 2010