

Congressman Allen West



**Town Hall Meeting
February 2012**

Where we are today

- Operating without a budget, but federal government is funded through September 30
- President Obama has stated he will be focused on campaigning
- Meanwhile Iran mounts global campaign while violence in Egypt and Syria intensifies

112th CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

HOUSE CALENDAR

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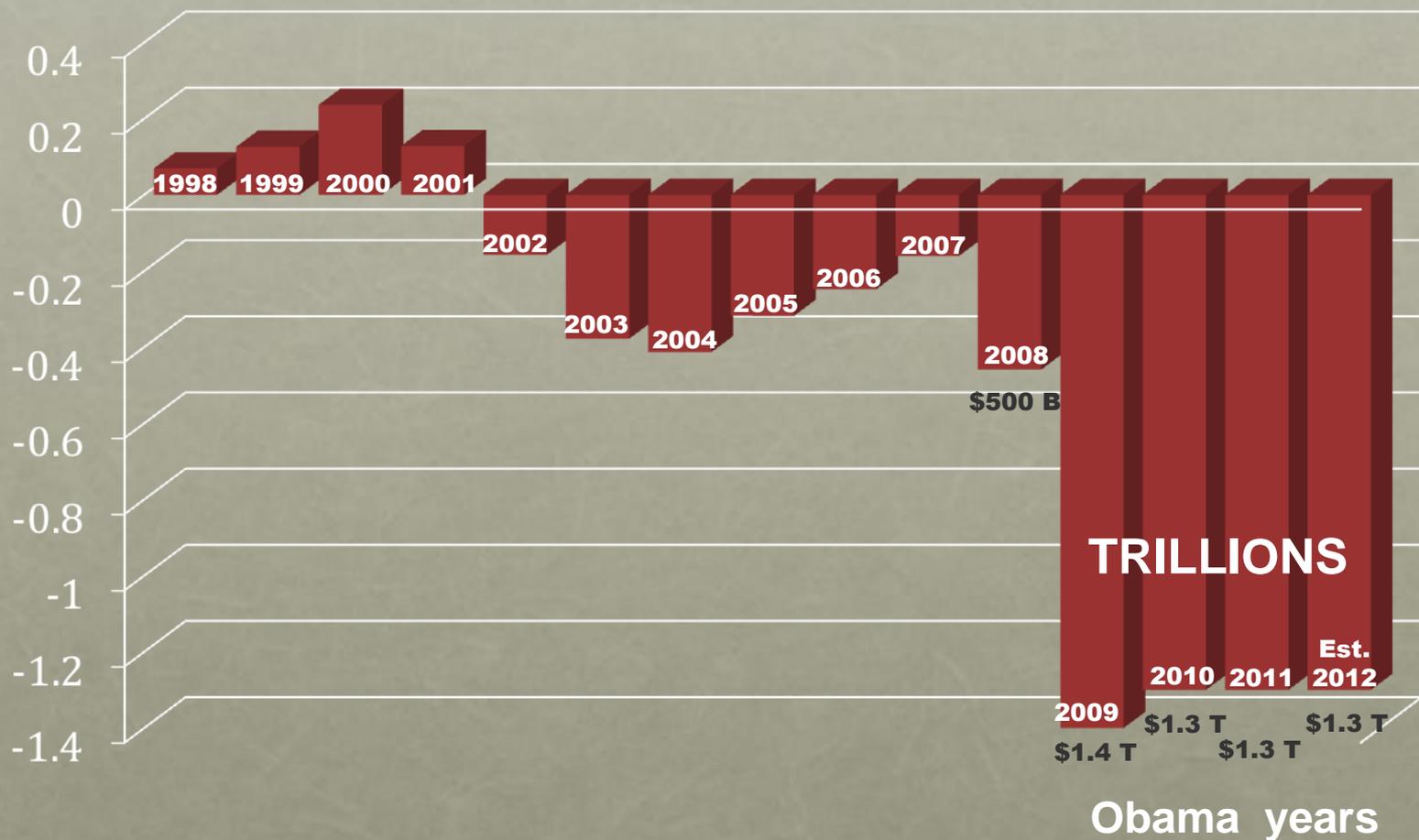
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The Truth About the President's Economic Policies

	"Inherited" January 2009	As of February 7, 2012	Change
Unemployed Americans	12 million	13.1 million	 1.1 million
Unemployment rate	7.8%	8.3%	 9%
Gas per gallon	\$1.84	\$3.39	 83%
Federal debt	\$10.6 trillion	\$15.2 trillion	 43%
Debt per person	\$34,731	\$48,694	 \$13,963
Food stamp recipients	32 million	46 million	 45%
Home values	\$169,700	\$147,800	 13%
Americans in poverty	39.8 million	46.2 million	 6.4 million

Irresponsible Plunging Deficits

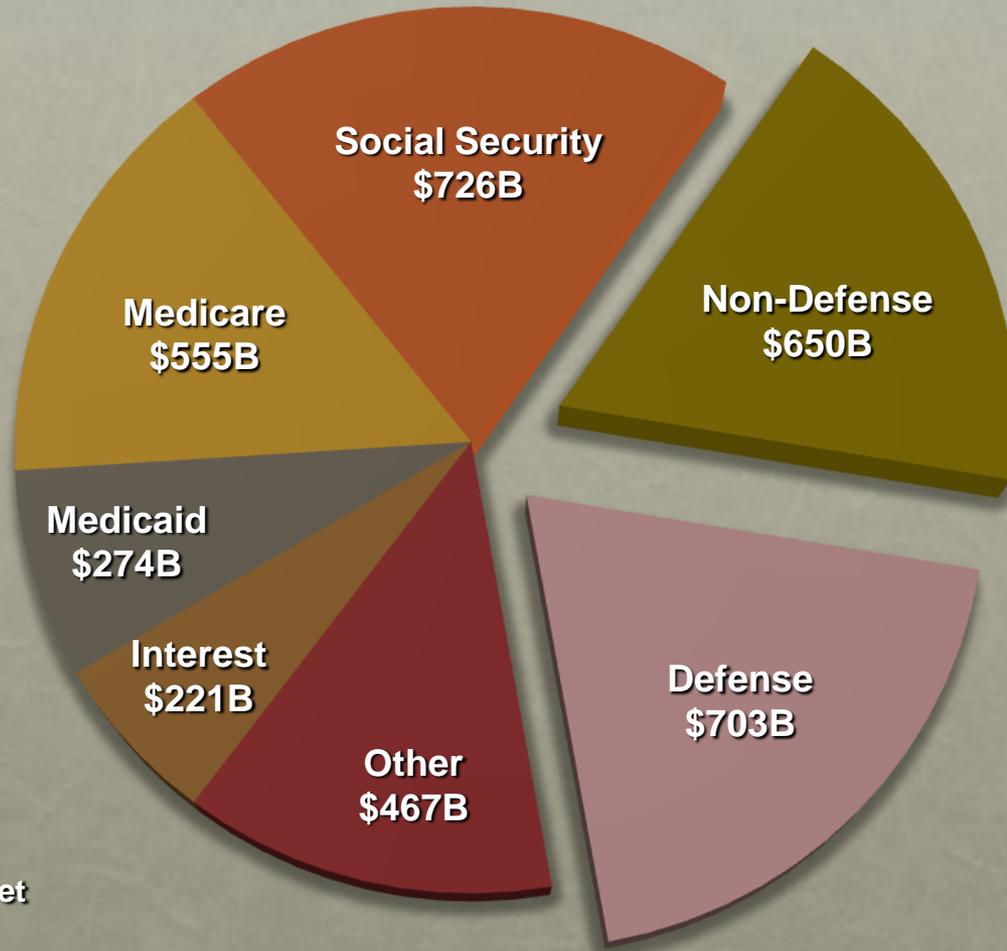


Entitlement spending on autopilot

Fiscal Year 2011 - \$3.6 Trillion

Autopilot Spending

\$2.2 Trillion
62%



Discretionary Spending

\$1.4 Trillion
38%

The growing Nation of Dependence

- **One in five Americans receives federal benefits**
- **Average federal benefits (\$32,748) exceed average disposable personal income (\$32,446)**
- **47% of wage earning households pay no federal income tax**



No Senate Budget: Dereliction of Duty

- 1,119 days since Senate passed a budget
- Congressional Budget Act of 1974, created by Democrats, mandates both chambers submit budget by April
- US Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has no plans to do so. President Obama has “no opinion.”



The Payroll Tax Dirty Secret

- **Two month payroll tax cut extension “paid for” with hidden mortgage fees for next TEN YEARS**
- **1/10th of 1% rate increase on ALL new Freddie/Fannie loans for the LIFE OF THE LOAN**
- **+ \$9500 for \$200k loan**
- **Funds go to general treasury NOT Social Security fund**



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The President's \$3.8 Trillion FY2013 Budget Disaster

- Projected deficit of \$1.33 trillion
- Largest tax increase in US history
- Absurd to tax the “rich” an additional \$1.5T over 10 years to solve additional \$6.7T in deficits
- Allows Medicare to sink towards bankruptcy and increases power of IPAB
- Increases size of federal government by 53% over 10 years



The rise of Mount Debtmore

- President Obama has accumulated twice the debt of President Bush in half the time
- More debt than every president from Washington to Clinton combined
- According to the FY 2013 Budget Proposal, debt will exceed 100% of GDP every year for the next 10 years
- The National Debt will grow from \$16 trillion in 2012 to \$26 trillion in 2022



The Constitution Under Siege

- “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof”
- By what authority can the President force a company to provide goods or services free of charge OR mandate individuals to purchase certain private sector goods or services?
- Where will it end?



The stark reality of defense cuts

- **125,000 active duty and reservists forced (fired) from service**
- **9 Navy ships retired, 16 removed from new construction**
- **Air Force to eliminate 7 fighter squadrons**
- **Army to cut at least 8 brigade combat teams**
- **Israeli cooperative missile defense spending cut 60%**
- **No funding specifically for Iran**
- **Egypt - currently holds 43 people, including 19 Americans hostage**
- **Muslim Brotherhood – warns treaty with Israel could be affected if US aid is cut**
- **Iran – carrying out attacks worldwide, threatening to blockade Strait of Hormuz, enriching uranium**
- **Syria – UN estimates the Assad regime has killed more than 5,000**
- **South America – Hezbollah training camps**
- **Syria – Iranian Revolutionary Guards**

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