

BACK
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A DEFICIT REDUCTION PLAN

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Discretionary & Other Mandatory

General Government Reforms

Congress

Executive Branch

Judiciary Branch

Department of Agriculture

Department of Commerce

Department of Defense

Department of Education

Department of Energy

Department of Health & Human Services

Department of Homeland Security

Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

Department of the Interior

Department of Justice

Department of Labor

Department of State and Foreign Aid

Department of Transportation

Department of Treasury & GSEs

Department of Veteran Affairs

U.S. Army of Corps Engineers

Environmental Protection Agency

NASA

National Science Foundation

Small Business Administration

Other Independent Agencies

SSI & SSDI

Deficit Reduction

\$974.08 billion

\$4.28 billion

\$5.40 billion

\$7.78 billion

\$346.40 billion

\$26.84 billion

\$1.006 trillion

\$409.10 billion

\$101.77 billion

\$106.70 billion

\$23.29 billion

\$88.73 billion

\$26.44 billion

\$34.54 billion

\$268.04 billion

\$192.12 billion

\$192.22 billion

\$39.72 billion

\$13.57 billion

\$5.28 billion

\$33.67 billion

\$51.15 billion

\$14.20 billion

\$3.22 billion

\$48.89 billion

\$17.17 billion

Entitlements

Medicare & Medicaid

Social Security

\$2.64 trillion

75+ Years Solvent

Revenue

Reform Tax Expenditures

Other Government Revenue

\$962.02 billion

\$30.34 billion

Interest

\$1.360 trillion

Total

\$9.032 trillion

General Government

1. **Reduce the Size of the Federal Workforce by 15% or 300,000 (\$229 billion in savings)**
2. **Reduce the Size of the Federal Contractor Workforce by 15% (\$233 billion in savings)**
3. **Reduce and Restrict Government Printing (\$4.9 billion in savings)**
4. **Reduce Travel Budget by 75% for Civilian Agencies (\$43.3 billion in savings)**
5. **Reduce the Number of Limousine's Owned by Federal Agencies (\$115.5 million in savings)**
6. **Reduce Federal Vehicle Fleet Budget by 20% (\$5.6 billion in savings)**
7. **Eliminate Agencies Hollywood Liaison Offices (\$34.4 million in savings)**
8. **Eliminate the use of Non-Competitive and Cost Plus Govt. Contracts (\$2 billion in savings)**
9. **Reduce Agency Advertising Budgets by 50% (\$5.6 billion in savings)**
10. **Reduce Annual Spending on Federal Government Conferences (\$1 billion in savings)**

Discretionary Cuts

- 1. Put the 2020 Census online - \$2 billion**
- 2. Increase paperless transactions at Treasury Dept. - \$1 billion**
- 3. Gradually increase fees for GSE securities (Obama Plan) - \$27 billion**
- 4. Move core functions of Election Assistance Commission to FEC - \$161 million**
- 5. Combine SEC and CFTC to streamline regulation - \$2.8 billion**
- 6. Move SBA disaster loans to FEMA to save admin costs - \$425 million**
- 7. End funding for recreational trails and scenic byways - \$1.5 billion**
- 8. Terminate the National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC) - \$488 million**

Department of Defense

1. **Where Possible, Replace Military Personnel with Civilians - \$53 billion**
2. **Audit the Pentagon - \$25 billion**
3. **Merge Commissaries, PXes - \$9.1 billion**
4. **Close Unneeded Elementary Schools - \$10 billion**
5. **Cut DoD Travel Budget - \$14 billion**
6. **Reduce Wasteful "Other Procurement" - \$52 billion**
7. **Return Army to pre-Iraq "Surge" Size - \$92 billion**
8. **Reduce Personnel in Asia, Europe - \$69.5 billion**
9. **Adjust TRICARE Drug Benefits - \$26 billion**
10. **End Wasteful, Troubled Weapons Systems – \$33.3 billion**
11. **Quit Giving Away Equipment DoD Needs - \$0.5 billion**

Health Care Savings

- Achieves \$2.6 trillion in entitlement health care savings over ten years.
- Put the Medicaid program on a budget by transferring program management to the state level and giving states a defined budget.
- Provide an offset 10-year fix to Medicare's physician reimbursement formula to ensure seniors' access to doctors.
- Require millionaires and other wealthy seniors to pay more for their Medicare.
- Give every senior on basic Medicare a new benefit: an annual out-of-pocket-maximum limit, to protect them from bankruptcy in the event of a major illness.
- Implement common-sense reforms to cut waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicare and Medicaid, saving taxpayers billions of dollars over a decade.
- Reform Medigap insurance to seniors can save money, while being encouraged to spend their Medicare dollars carefully.

Reforming Tax Expenditures & Ending Special Giveaways

- 1. Collect Unpaid Taxes Owed by Federal Employees (\$1 billion)**
- 2. Dog and Pony Show Tax Breaks (\$30 million)**
- 3. IRS Tax Exemption for Bailout Recipients (\$45 billion)**
- 4. Mortgage Tax Break for Vacation Homes (\$8.5 billion)**
- 5. End Ethanol Tax Giveaway (\$2 billion)**
- 6. Federal Property Reform (\$15 billion)**
- 7. Collect Unpaid Federal Fines (billions)**
- 8. Tax Break for Eskimo Whaling Captains (\$4 million)**
- 9. End NASCAR Tax Break (\$400 million)**
- 10. New Markets Tax Credit (\$7 billion)**

Social Security Disability Reform

- **Includes much-needed, comprehensive reform of Social Security disability programs**
- **Refocuses SSA on improving program integrity**
- **Updates the disability application and appellate process to ensure only the truly disabled are accepted into the program**
- **Encourages state involvement in SSI program**

Social Security Reform

Heads Social Security Trustees warn: “The long-run financial challenges facing Social Security and Medicare should be addressed soon... Earlier action will also afford elected officials with a greater opportunity to minimize adverse impacts on vulnerable populations.[1]

- **Places Social Security on a solvent path over the 75-year window**
- **Likely to also achieve “sustainable” solvency**
- **NO tax increases**
- **Modifies the benefit formula, protecting those most in need**
- **The needy receive bump in benefits while higher earners would receive less**
- **Alters the retirement age to reflect life expectancy – increases one month every two years starting in 2022**
- **Includes more accurate inflation calculations**
- **Alters Spousal Benefits to better reflect costs of a two-income household**