

# Budget Proposals vs. Americans' Priorities

*Learn how the major budget proposals  
stack up to what Americans want*

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# Budget Proposals vs Americans' Priorities:

How do competing budget proposals address what Americans want?



Job  
Creation



SNAP  
(Food Stamps)



Social  
Security



Education



Affordable  
Care Act  
(Obamacare)



Taxes



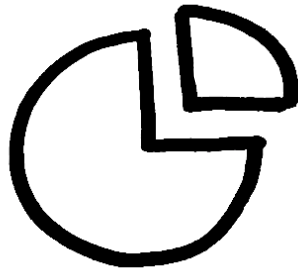
Deficit  
Reduction



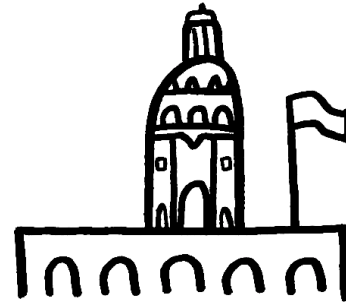
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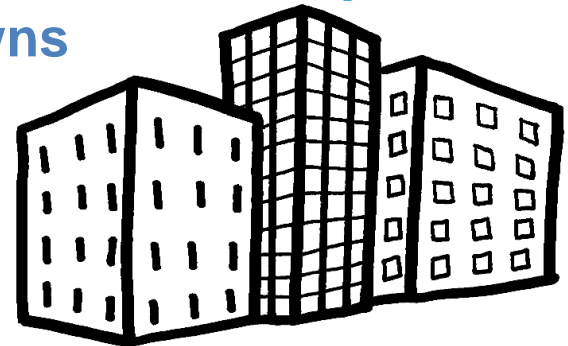
Federal Budget



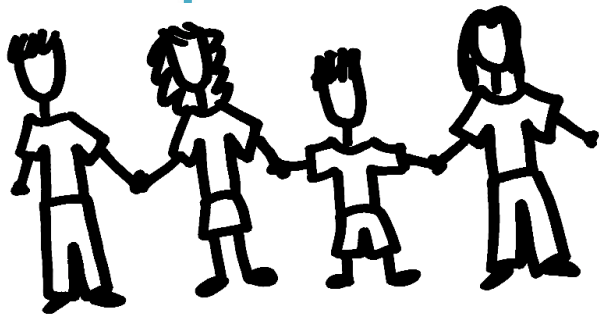
State Budget



Cities &  
Towns



Businesses



You and me

# Where are we in the process?

## The 5 Step Federal Budget Process



1.

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2.

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3.

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4.

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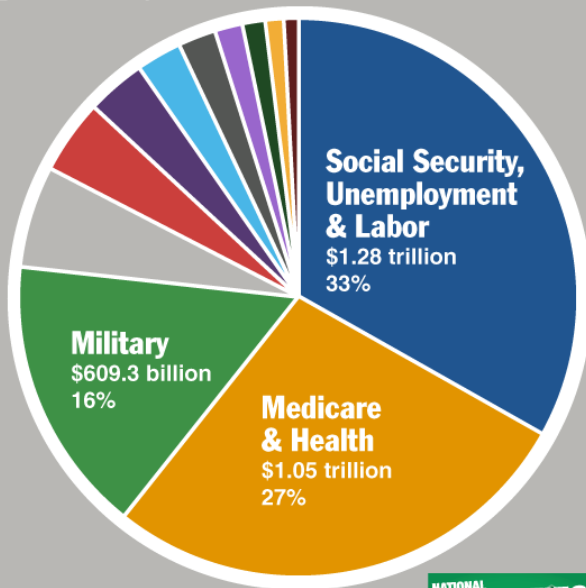
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# Current Federal Spending

## Total Federal Spending 2015: \$3.84 trillion

<b>Interest On Debt</b>
\$229.2 billion / 6%
<b>Veterans Benefits</b>
\$160.6 billion / 4%
<b>Food &amp; Agriculture</b>
\$135.7 billion / 4%
<b>Education</b>
\$102.3 billion / 3%
<b>Transportation</b>
\$85 billion / 2%
<b>Housing &amp; Community</b>
\$61.5 billion / 2%
<b>International Affairs</b>
\$50.2 billion / 1%
<b>Energy &amp; Environment</b>
\$44.8 billion / 1%
<b>Science</b>
\$29.8 billion / 1%

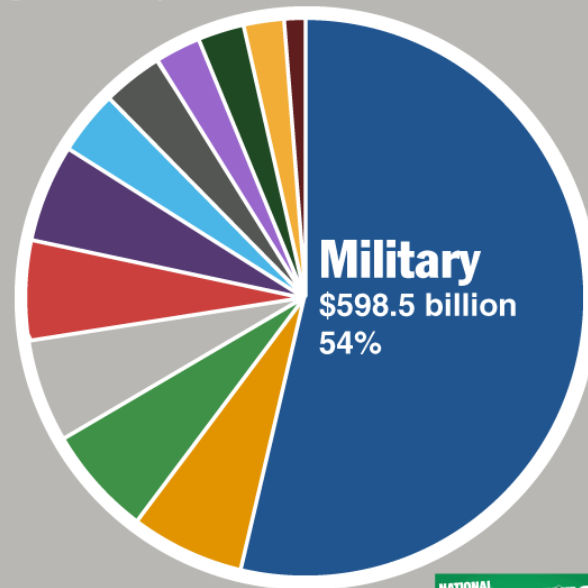


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## Discretionary Spending 2015: \$1.11 trillion

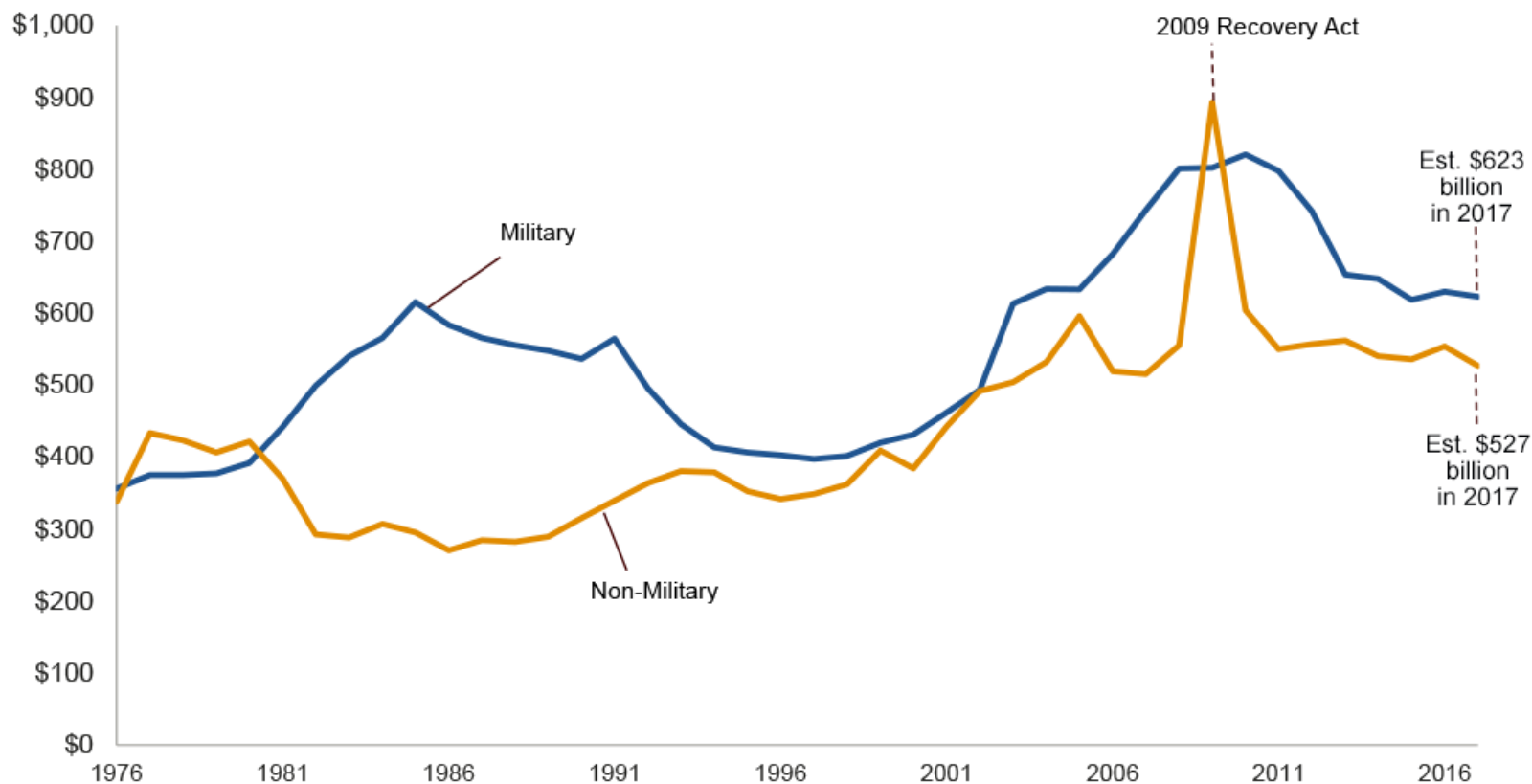
<b>Government</b>
\$72.9 billion / 7%
<b>Education</b>
\$70 billion / 6%
<b>Medicare &amp; Health</b>
\$66 billion / 6%
<b>Veterans Benefits</b>
\$65.3 billion / 6%
<b>Housing &amp; Community</b>
\$63.2 billion / 6%
<b>International Affairs</b>
\$40.9 billion / 4%
<b>Energy &amp; Environment</b>
\$39.1 billion / 4%
<b>Science</b>
\$29.7 billion / 3%
<b>Social Security, Unemployment, &amp; Labor</b>
\$29.1 billion / 3%
<b>Transportation</b>
\$26.3 billion / 2%
<b>Food &amp; Agriculture</b>
\$13.1 billion / 1%



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# Military and Non-Military Discretionary Spending (in billions of 2017 dollars)



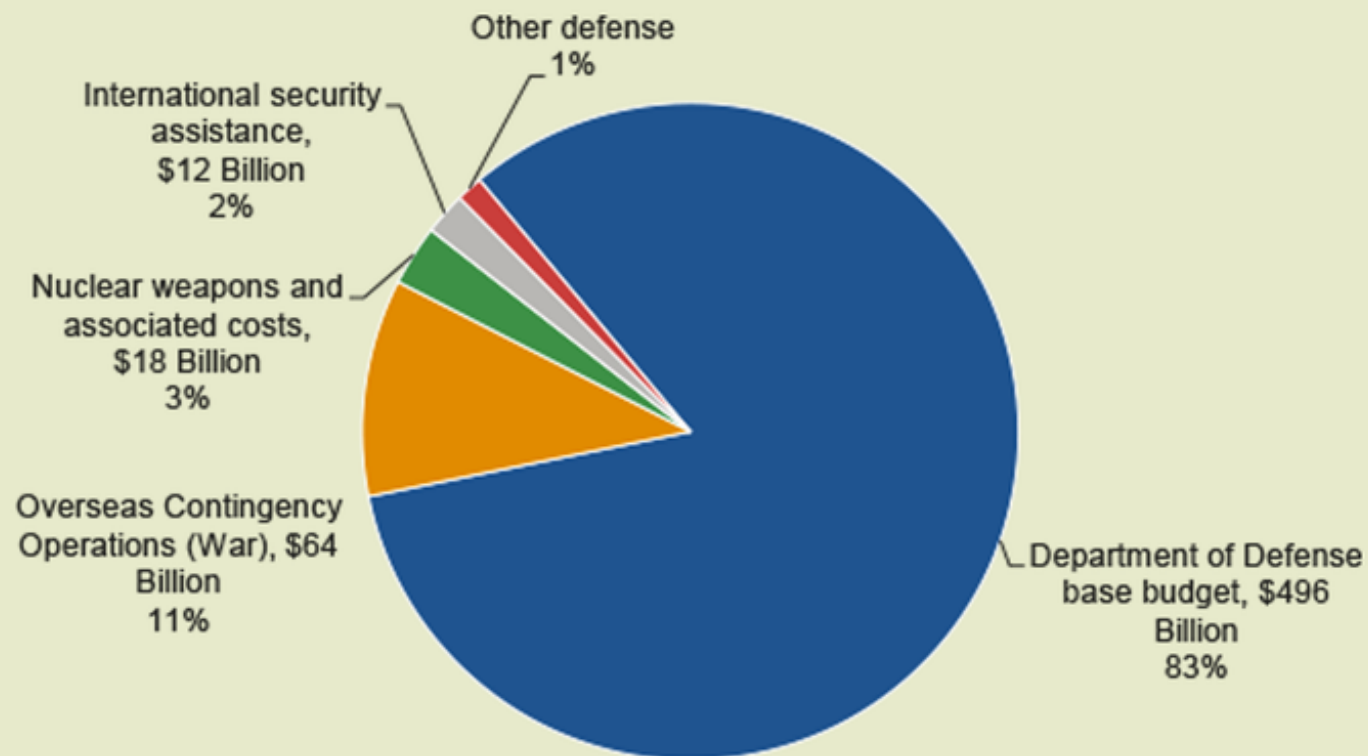
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Source: OMB, National Priorities Project



## Discretionary Defense Spending, 2015: \$598 Billion

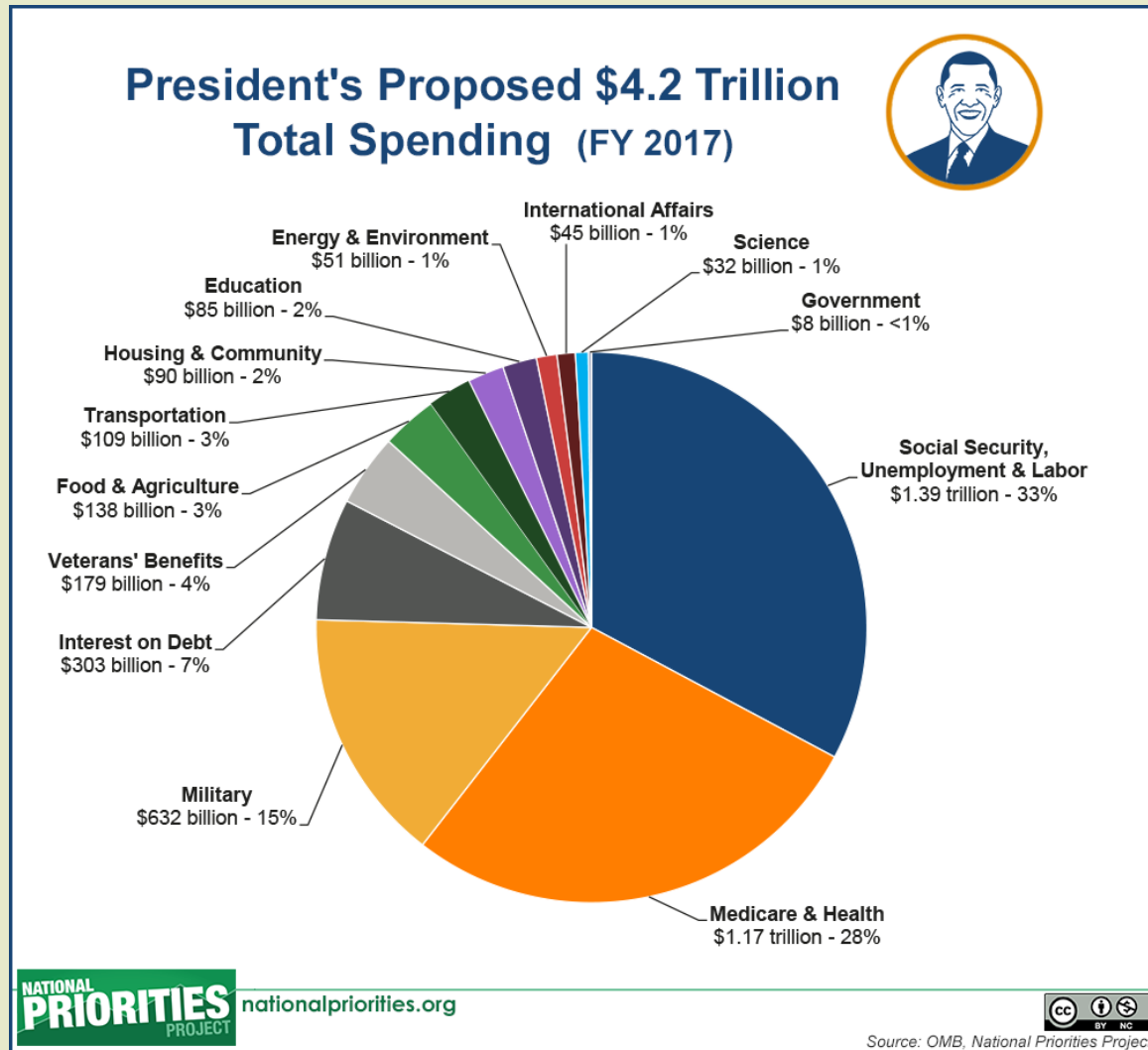


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# President's Budget

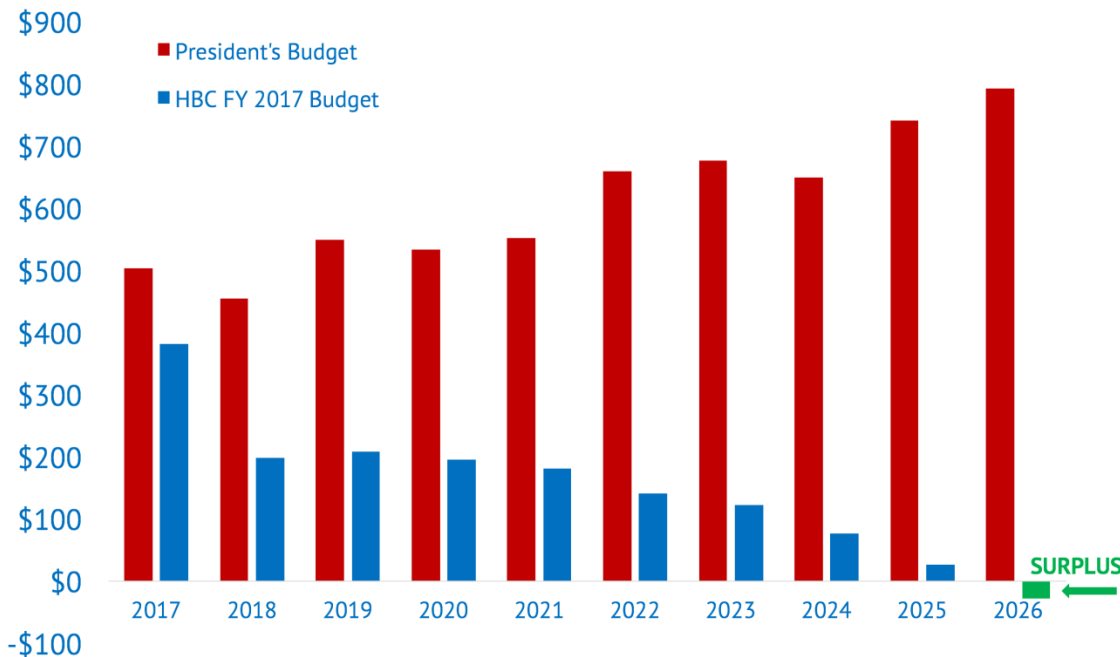
- Keeps to BBA spending caps in 2017 and eliminates caps after
- Invests in domestic initiatives
  - Education
  - Clean transportation package
- Invests in Pentagon spending
- Increases fairness in tax system & raises new revenue
- Reduces deficits by \$2.9 trillion over 10 years



# House Budget Committee

## A BALANCED BUDGET

(Annual Deficits in the Billions)



Authorized by Chairman Tom Price, M.D., House Budget Committee

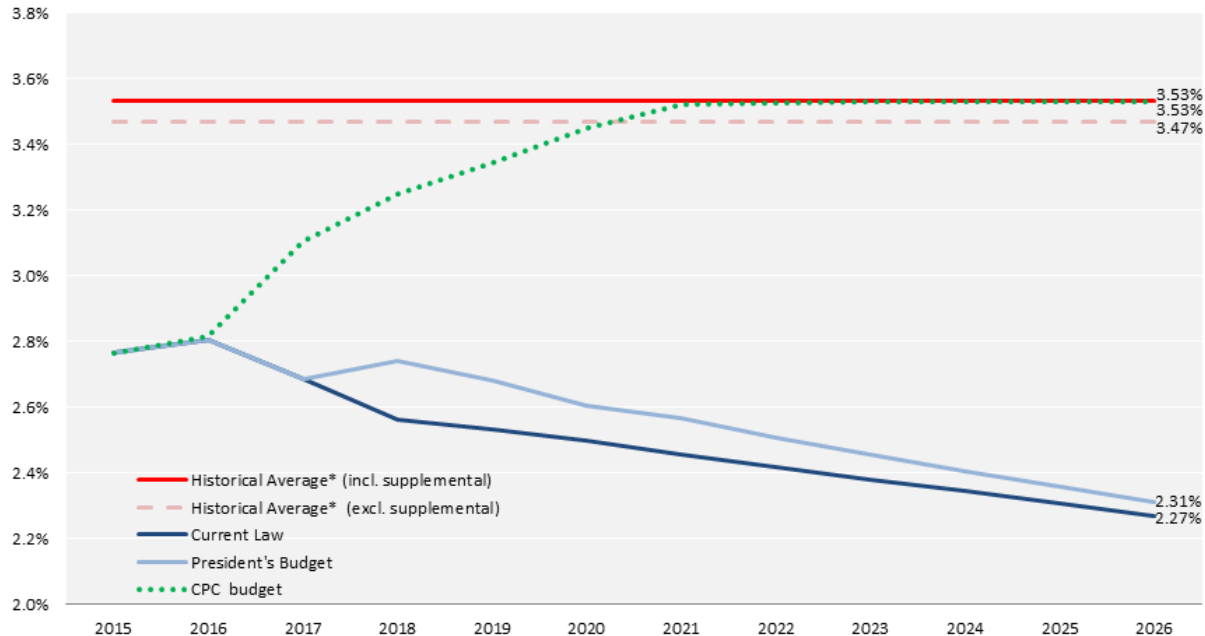
Source: CBO/OMB/HBC

- **Prioritizes deficit reduction**
- Cuts domestic spending by \$887 billion below BCA caps over 10 years
- Repeals the Affordable Care Act
- Converts Medicaid and food stamps to block grants administered at the state level
- Reduces tax rates for wealthy and corporations
- Invests in Pentagon spending

# Congressional Progressive Caucus

FIGURE 3

## Projected nondefense discretionary budget authority, excluding supplemental spending, FY2015-FY2026



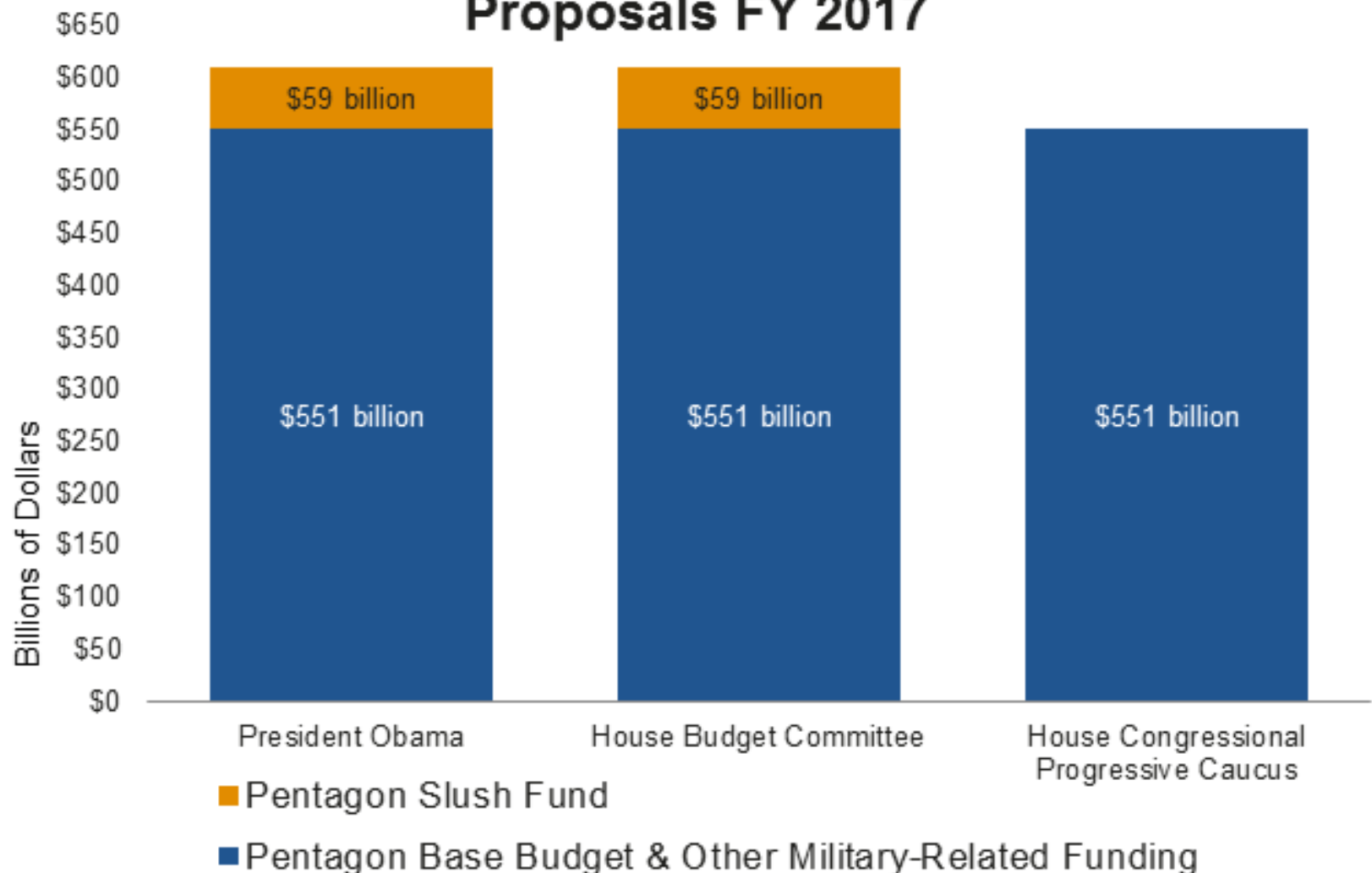
\* Historical average reflects the average nondefense discretionary budget authority as a share of GDP between FY1980 and FY2007 (the last year before the onset of the Great Recession).

**Note:** Supplemental spending includes war, disaster, emergency, and program integrity. For the president's budget, this figure uses CBO's projections of GDP and undoes reclassifications. Data for 2015 represent actual spending. Data for 2016 exclude CHIMPs.

**Source:** EPI Policy Center analysis of Congressional Budget Office and Office of Management and Budget data

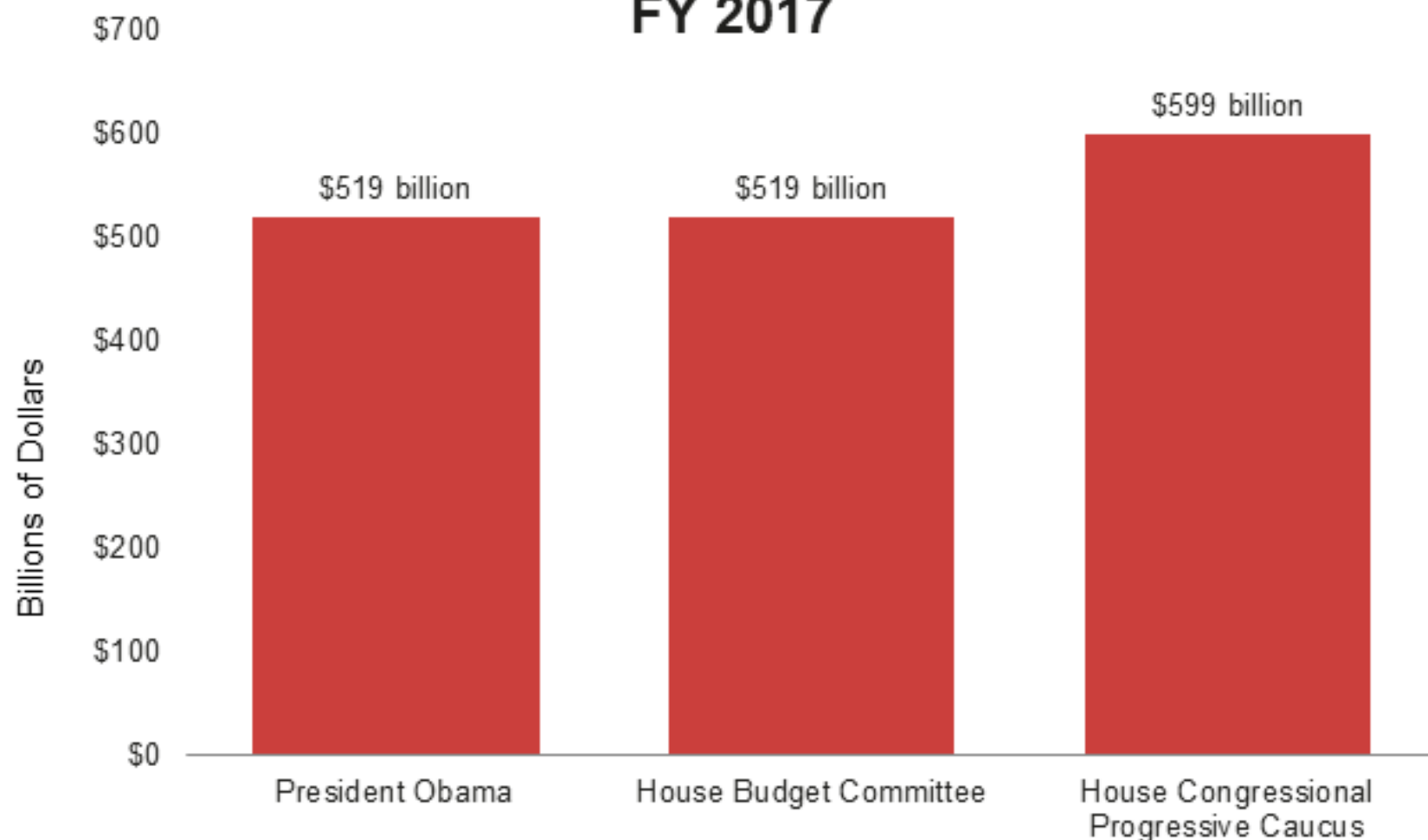
- Repeals sequestration for non-defense discretionary spending
- **Invests in domestic initiatives**
  - Major job creation proposal
  - Education proposals
- Eliminates Pentagon slush fund
- Raises new tax revenue

## Pentagon and War Funding in Budget Proposals FY 2017



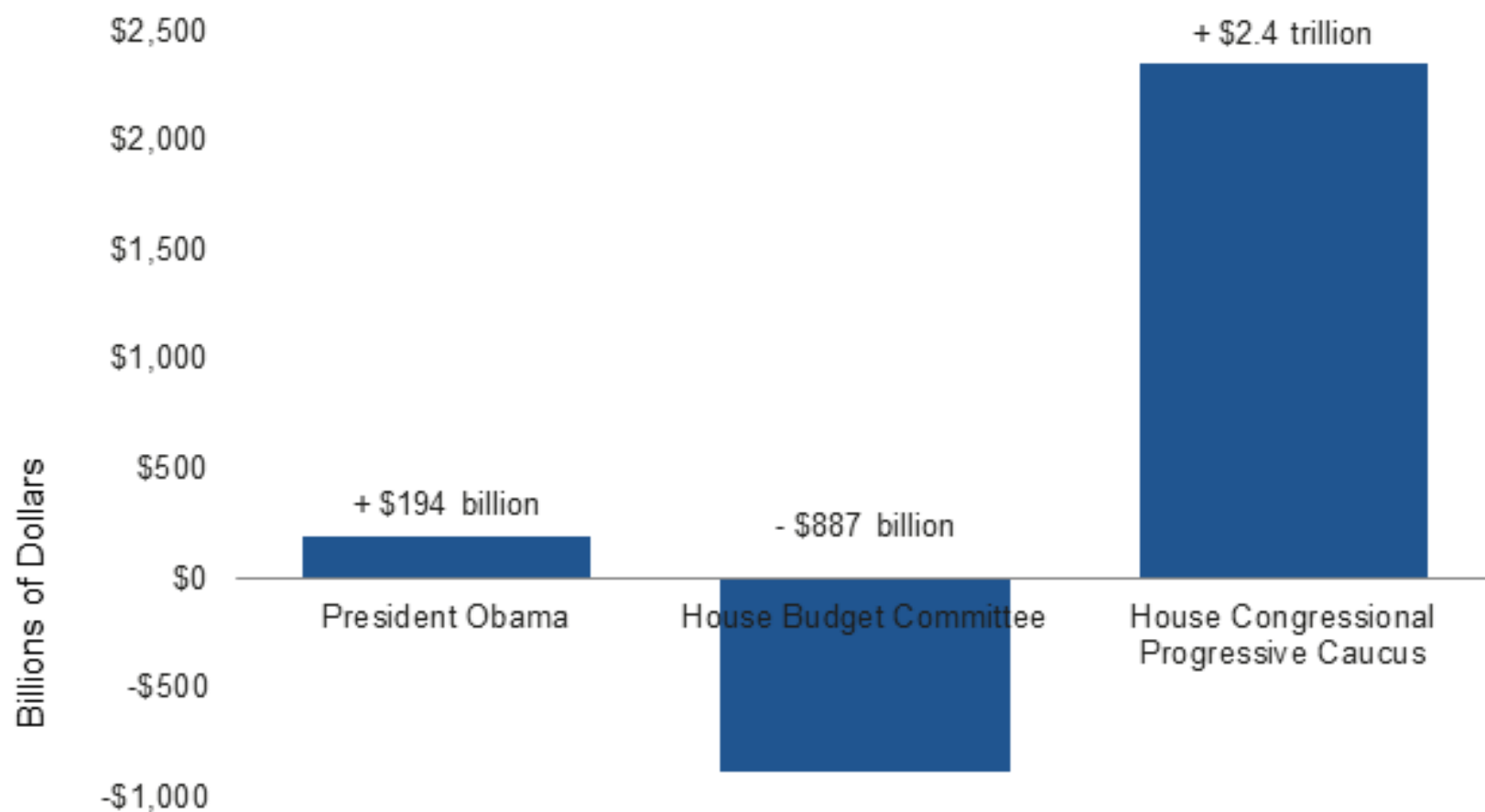
Source: President's budget, House Budget Committee, Congressional Progressive Caucus

# Non-Defense Discretionary Spending in Budget Proposals FY 2017



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## Domestic Discretionary Spending over 10 Years Compared to Current Law



Source: President's Budget, House Budget Committee, Congressional Progressive Caucus

# Job Creation

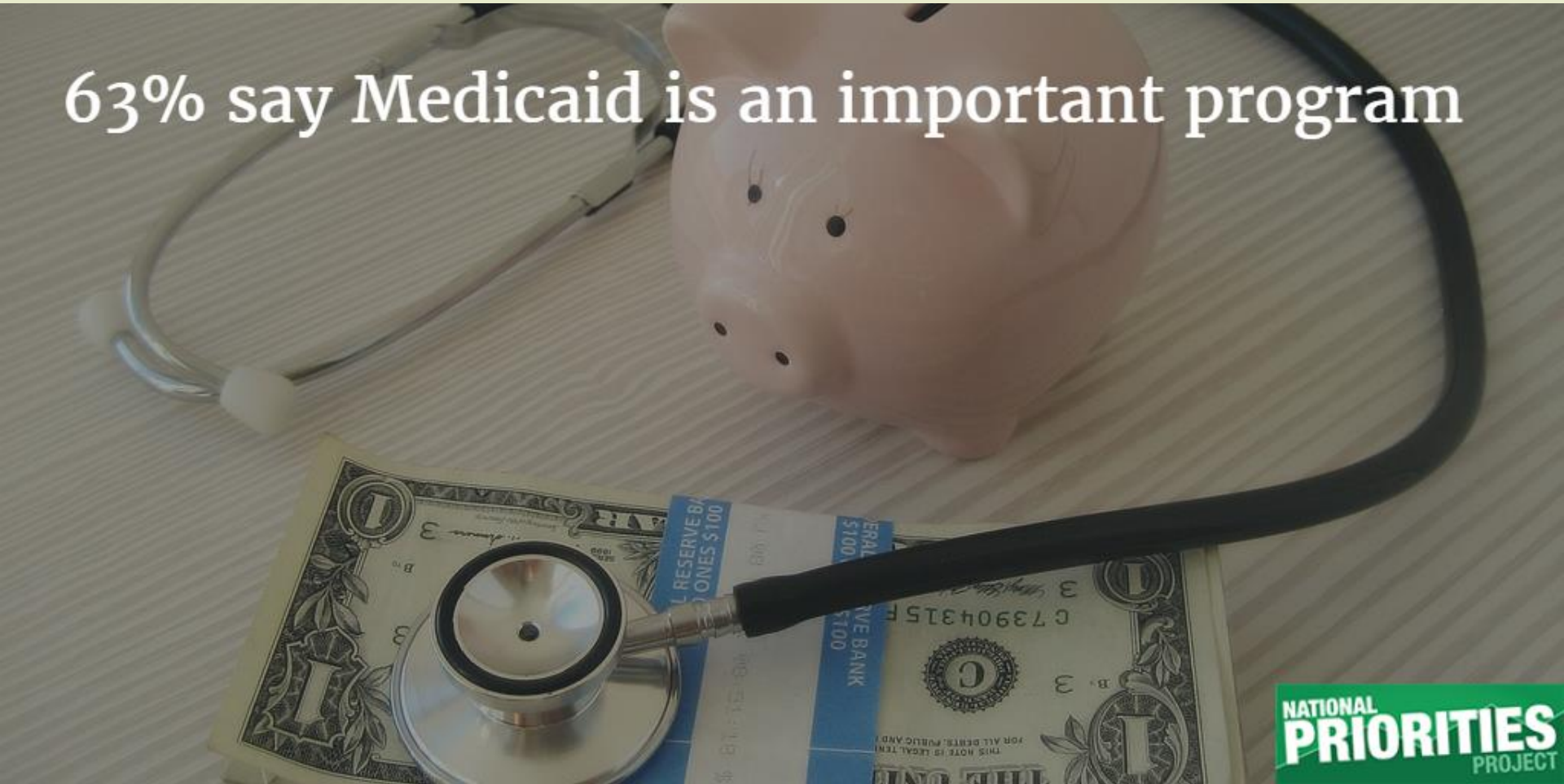
65% of Americans say jobs are a top issue this year.



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# Medicaid

63% say Medicaid is an important program



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**\$6 billion**

Average annual cost of Obama's 'free college' proposal over the next 10 years

**\$139 billion**

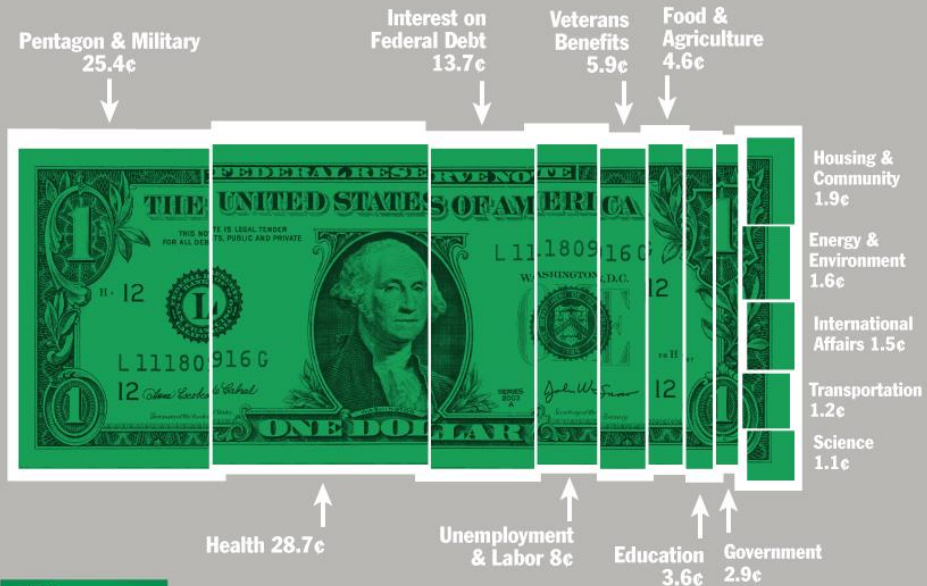
Average annual cost of U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan over the last 10 years



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## Where Your 2015 Tax Dollar Went



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# What Can You Do?



<http://p2a.co/npppbudget>

# Questions?

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