

# DEBT & DEFICIT

## United by America's Priorities

- Democrats' reckless spending agenda has sent inflation soaring, raised interest rates; all while ballooning the debt and undermining Americans' economic well-being and financial security.
- Republicans want to get the debt under control and the economy back on track.

## The Crisis Democrats Created: Ballooning Debt & Deficit

**Democrats' reckless tax-and-spending agenda has cumulatively added more than \$5 trillion to government spending in just two years.**

- For the first time ever, the U.S. national debt has topped \$31 trillion and now exceeds 100% of U.S. GDP.
- **Why it matters:** Ballooning debt jeopardizes the strength of the U.S. economy, the ability to fund government programs (defense, agencies, Social Security) and sets up future generations for crisis.
- **What it means for the near-future:** As the Federal Reserve raises interest rates: higher rates could add an additional \$1 trillion to what the federal government spends on interest payments this decade.
  - » That's on top of the record \$8.1 trillion in debt costs that CBO projected in May.
  - » In practical terms: Expenditures on interest payments on the federal debt could exceed what the U.S. spends on national defense by 2029.

## Here's a timeline of the debt crisis and how Joe Biden and Democrats have made it worse:

- From 1957 to 2008: The publicly held debt never exceeded 48% of GDP.
- During the Great Recession, in 2010: The debt jumped to 60% of GDP (up from 35% in 2007).
- During the Pandemic: The debt jumped another 20 points to over 100% of GDP.
- Now: CBO estimates that the debt will grow to 185% of GDP over the next 30 years.
  - » A \$1.9 Trillion Reckless Spending Spree: Biden kicked off this spending binge with one of the most expensive bills in the last 50 years when Democrats passed their \$1.9 trillion package.
  - » Biden Has Enacted the Most Expensive Regulatory Agenda of Any President in Modern History: Putting in place more than 563 new (final) rules that will cost American taxpayers an additional \$359 billion to comply with and implement.
  - » Democrats Kept Spending. In August, they passed another \$740 billion spending bill. CBO found this legislation: would not reduce inflation; and will add to the debt in the near-term.
  - » Then, Biden Announced He Would Spend Another \$1 Trillion to Cancel Student Debt: Adding [\\$1 trillion to the deficit](#).

## Spending is the problem driving America's ballooning deficit higher.

- » The gap between spending and taxes is growing, even as both rise above historic averages.

## **Americans want Congress to adopt fiscally-responsible policy.**

- » Over half of voters (56%) say Biden has pushed too much spending in the last 2 years, and that his spending has been reckless (58%). (Harvard-Harris CAPS Poll, 1/20)
- » Two-thirds (63%) of Americans want Congress to make raising the debt ceiling conditional on establishing restraints on future spending (Harvard-Harris, 1/20)

## Republicans want to end the runaway spending and get the debt and deficit under control.

- That starts with:
  1. Stopping the runaway spending;
  2. Banning budget gimmicks;
  3. Ending government shut downs; and
  4. Supporting a pro-growth economic environment.

# Republicans have a record of putting forward legislative solutions to get the **debt and deficit** under control.

1. [S.1990 - Federal Debt Emergency Control Act of 2021](#)
2. [S.1651 - Honest Budget Act](#)
3. [S.2760 - End Government Shutdowns Act](#)
4. [S.2727 - Prevent Government Shutdowns Act of 2021](#)
5. [S.68 - Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2021](#)
6. [S. 3996 - Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act](#)
7. [S. 2339 - Unnecessary Agency Regulations Reduction Act of 2021](#)
8. [S.4596 - Transparency and Honesty in Energy Regulations Act of 2022](#)

