



The Public is Not Informed, It is Deliberately Misinformed... And the Media is Complicit (3/3/23)

The President describes in his budget that he is reducing the **debt** by nearly \$3 trillion over the next 10 years. This is neither likely nor possible. Yet that is what you are being told and what you read. You should get angry, but you're not because you believe your sources. The long-term spending has been around 21% of GDP, while revenues have been about 19%. Look it up, you can go to the CBO forecast for the U.S. budget over the next 10 years.

Covid temporarily upped spending to near 25%, but that was an aberration and spending as a share of GDP should be coming down. Yet in this budget, spending stays close to 25% of GDP with revenues around 21%. In what universe does this growing gap between spending and revenues lead to a **\$3 trillion reduction**. Our deficit over the next 10 years will average \$2 trillion per year and our debt will grow from \$25.7 trillion in 2023 to \$45 trillion by 2033. The 19 trillion increase will likely prove conservative.

History tells us that when you raise tax rates, all things don't stay equal. The numerous increases in taxes proposed will encourage some high wage earners to choose leisure over work. Others will shift some of their income to lower tax instruments like government exempt bonds. Spending will likely grow faster since things like defense, which the Administration singled out as a 3% increase, is actually a reduction since inflation is running about 5%. Net interest on the debt will **balloon** from about \$640 billion this year to at least \$1.4 trillion in 2033.



It would be nice if the Administration (and Congress) shot that balloon down. We have been waiting for some time for some brave soul to step up, but it's like waiting for Godot.