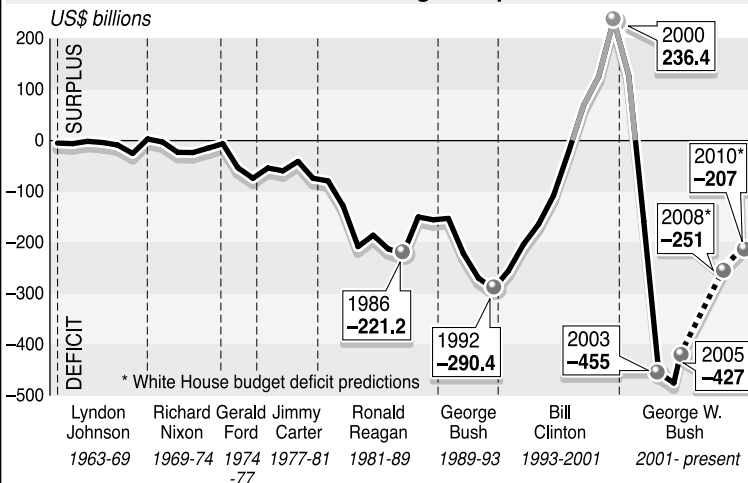


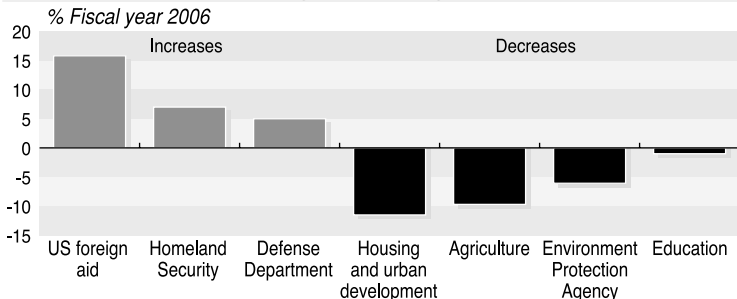
# U.S. BUDGET

President George W. Bush in February proposed a \$2.57 trillion budget for fiscal year 2006 that would cut spending on government programs outside defense and national security by 0.7 percent

## Evolution of the U.S. budget surplus / deficit



## 2006 budget spending proposals



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