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Larger surplus	32 4%	18 5%	14 3%	13 6%	7 3%	7 4%	4 3%	21 3%	10 8%	6 4%	4 2%	14 5%	8 5%	4 2%	14 3%	13 7%
Surplus like we had last year	97 12%	34 9%	63 15%	33 16%	32 13%	20 11%	11 8%	77 12%	20 15%	22 15%	19 9%	43 16%	14 8%	17 9%	53 13%	27 14%
Deficit	616 79%	304 83%	312 75%	147 73%	199 81%	143 81%	122 82%	513 80%	98 74%	113 75%	166 84%	201 75%	136 83%	161 86%	312 79%	142 73%
(DK/NS)	36 5%	10 3%	25 6%	9 5%	8 3%	6 3%	10 7%	30 5%	4 3%	10 7%	8 4%	11 4%	6 4%	5 3%	18 5%	13 6%



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Spending to win the war on terrorism	474	225	249	118	165	100	88	377	91	91	121	169	93	119	233	122
	61%	61%	60%	59%	67%	57%	59%	59%	69%	60%	61%	63%	57%	64%	58%	63%
Spending to improve our military and defense to make our country safer and stronger	355	163	192	101	103	79	70	302	51	69	98	113	74	92	176	87
	45%	44%	46%	50%	42%	45%	47%	47%	38%	46%	50%	42%	45%	49%	44%	45%
A decline in revenue caused by the recession	280	142	138	57	109	71	44	235	43	52	65	95	69	69	139	73
	36%	39%	33%	28%	44%	40%	30%	37%	33%	34%	33%	35%	42%	37%	35%	37%
Accelerating the tax cuts planned for next year in order to jump start the economy	167	79	88	52	44	44	27	132	35	39	34	57	36	35	97	35
	21%	21%	21%	26%	18%	25%	18%	21%	26%	26%	17%	21%	22%	19%	24%	18%
Extending unemployment benefits and providing other assistance to displaced workers	98	41	58	37	28	22	10	76	18	23	22	36	17	30	46	23
	13%	11%	14%	18%	11%	12%	7%	12%	14%	15%	11%	13%	10%	16%	12%	12%
Spending to improve the education of students from kindergarten through college	55	25	30	16	12	13	12	40	13	9	16	21	10	13	28	15
	7%	7%	7%	8%	5%	7%	8%	6%	10%	6%	8%	8%	6%	7%	7%	8%

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A decline in revenue caused by the recession	280 36%	151 36%	129 36%	97 36%	184 36%	69 33%	92 42%	110 36%	84 34%	102 36%	94 38%	42 33%	238 36%
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