

Is This Worth Celebrating?

Small Improvement in Short-Term Deficit

(Deficit in billions of \$)

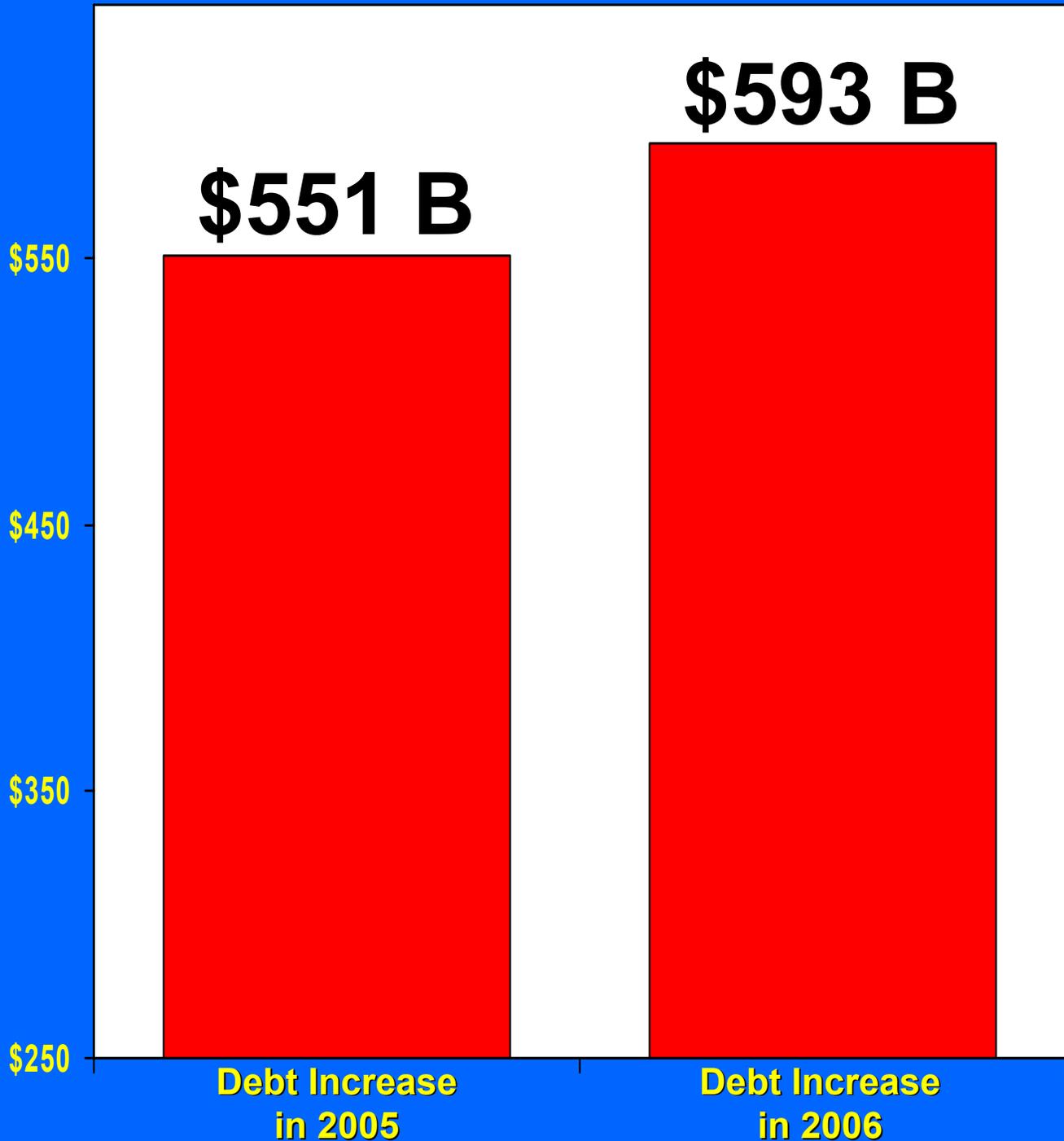


Source: CBO, OMB

Note: 2006 estimate from OMB Mid-Session Review

Is This Worth Celebrating? Debt Increase Gets Worse, Not Better

(Debt increase in billions of \$)

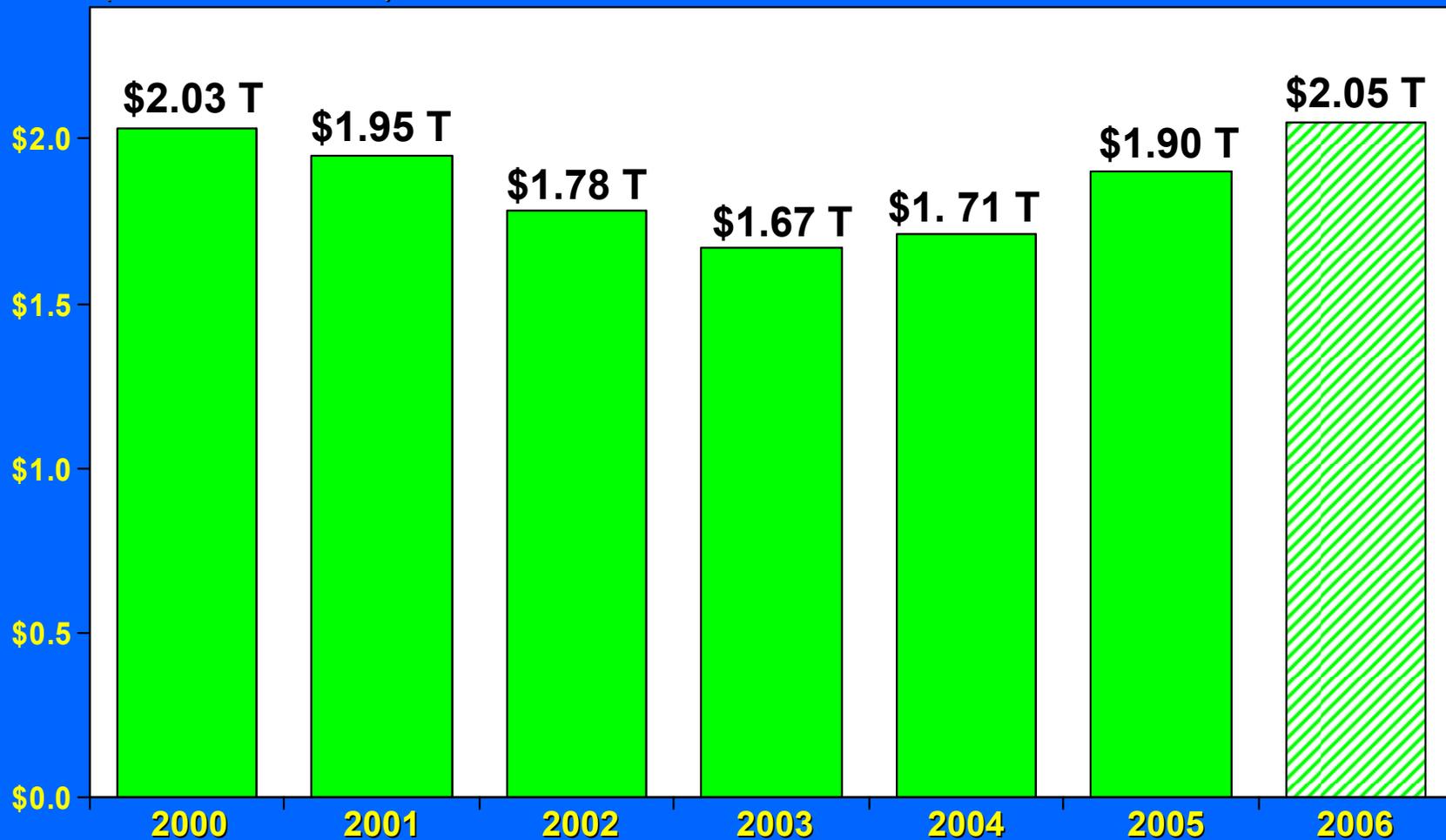


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Real Revenues Have Experienced Virtually No Growth Since 2000

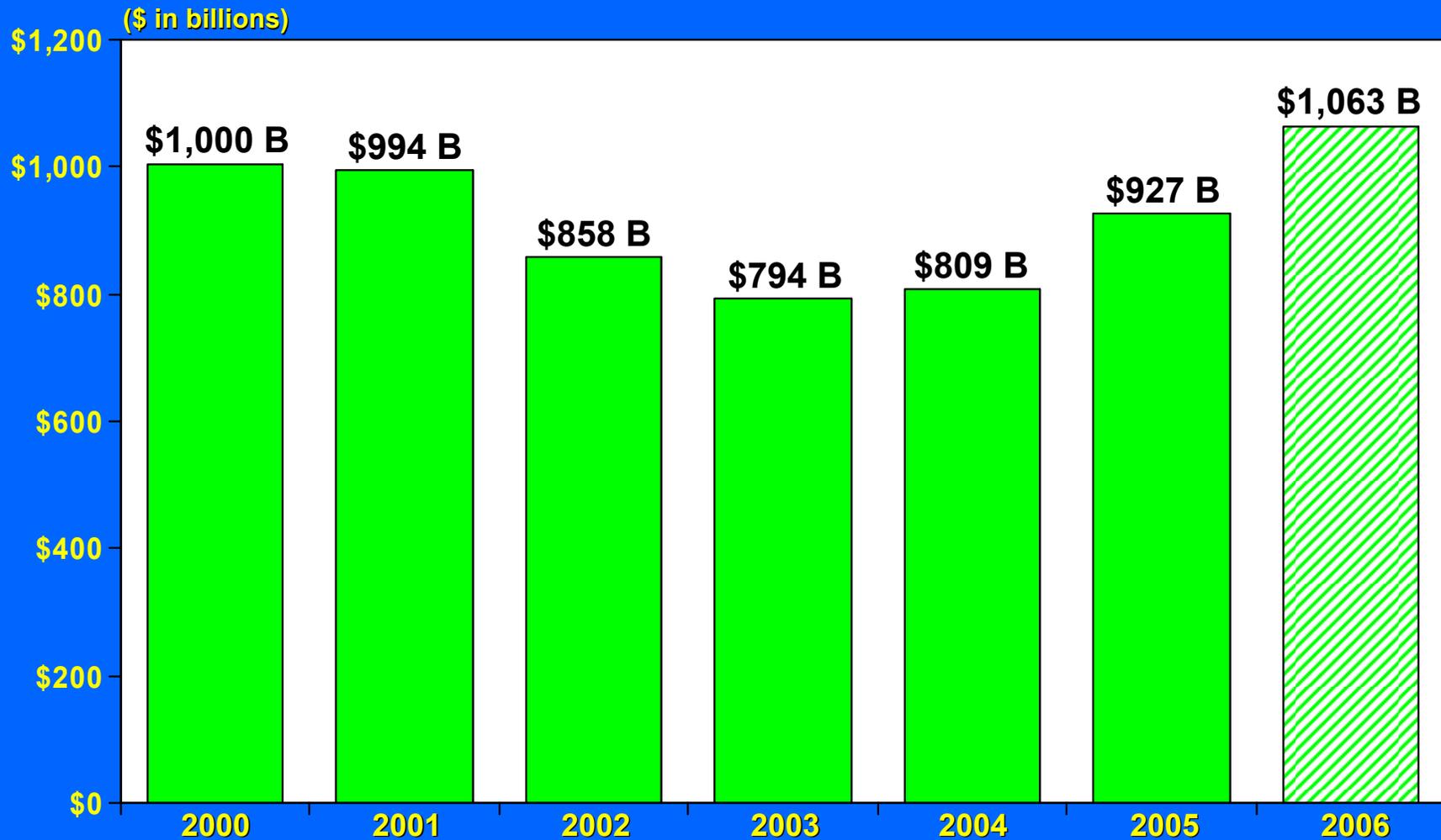
(Chained \$ in trillions)



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Revenues from Individual Income Taxes Have Finally Exceeded Their 2000 Level



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Revenues Are Still Below Historical Norms

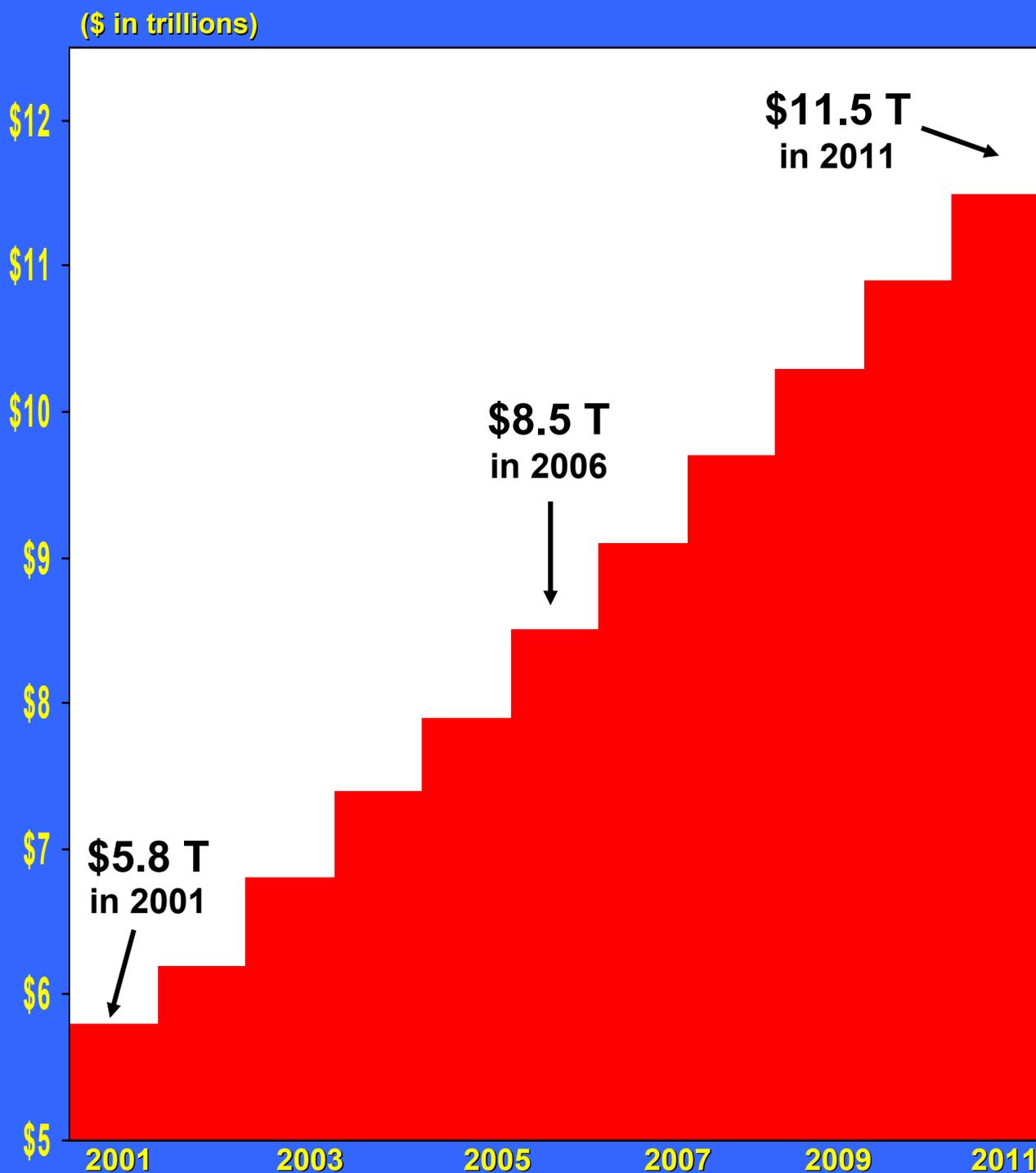
“One reason the run-up in taxes looks good is because the past five years looked so bad. Revenues are up, but they have lagged well behind economic growth. ...

“Compared with the size of the economy, tax revenues are still below historical norms and far below what the administration predicted as recently as 2003.”

***– The New York Times
July 9, 2006***

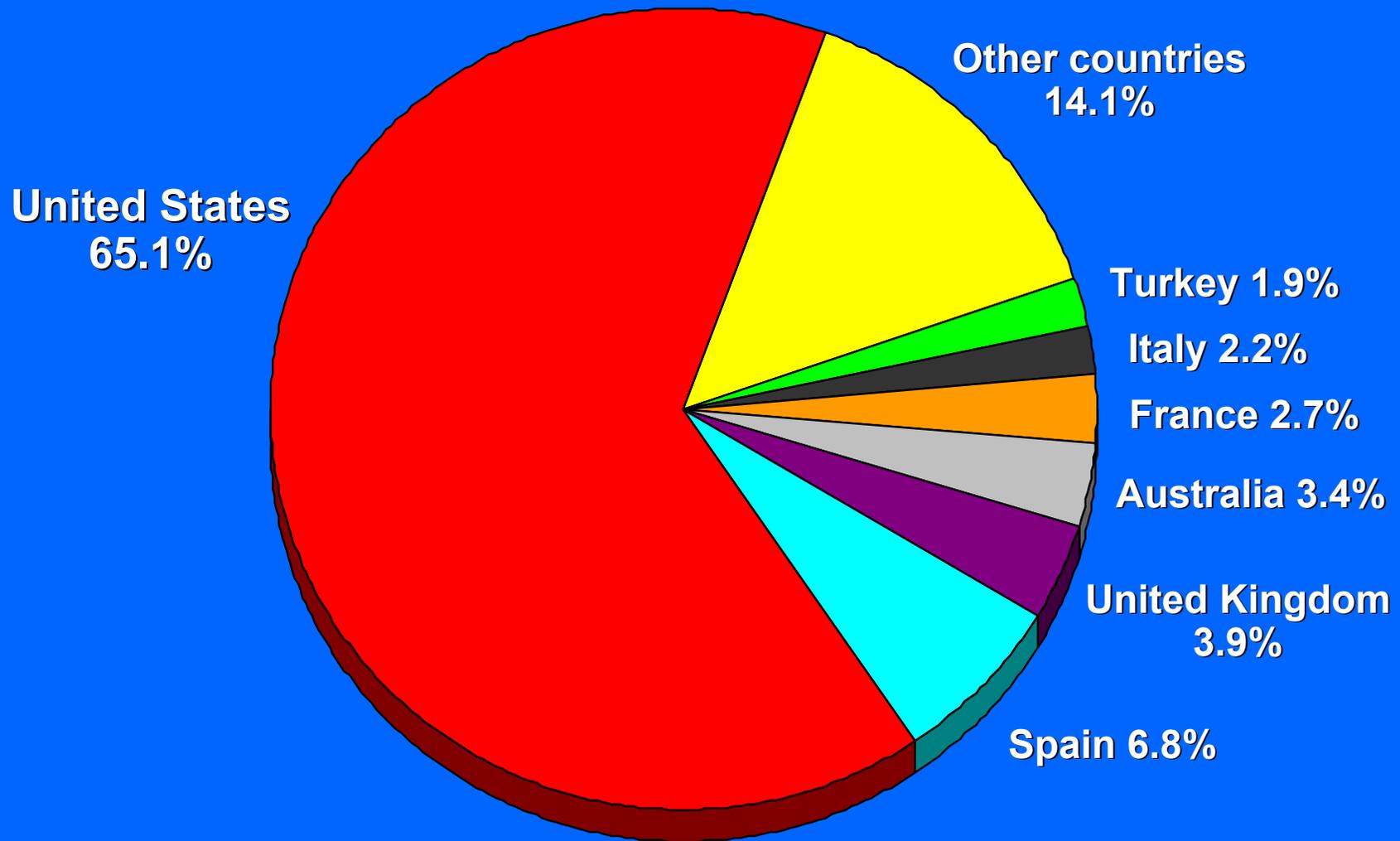
Building a Wall of Debt

Gross Federal Debt Soars



Source: OMB and SBC Democratic staff
Note: 2006-2011 estimates from OMB Mid-Session Review with AMT reform and ongoing war costs

World's Biggest Borrowers



Note: Percent of world borrowing by country.
Source: IMF