

Competing Visions: How Budget Proposals Stack Up to Your Priorities

	What Americans Want	President Obama	House Budget Committee	People's Budget (Congressional Progressive Caucus)
Domestic Spending	Americans want to pay for domestic investment.	Increases domestic spending by \$194 billion over 10 years.	Cuts \$887 billion from domestic spending over 10 years.	Increases domestic spending by \$2.4 trillion over 10 years.
Jobs & Economy	75% say the economy is a top priority.	Invests \$320 billion over 10 years in a transportation package to create jobs.	No new funding for job creation.	Invests \$1 trillion over 11 years in infrastructure to create jobs.
Education	66% say education is a top priority.	Invests in Preschool for All, community college for all, & more.	Makes substantial cuts to domestic spending, including education.	Invests in Preschool for All, community college for all, & more.
Affordable Care Act (ACA)	54% want to keep the ACA as is or with some changes.	Maintains the Affordable Care Act with small tweaks.	Repeals the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion.	Maintains the Affordable Care Act with small tweaks.
Social Security	62% say Social Security is a top priority.	Raises \$10 billion per year for Social Security by closing loopholes for some wealthy earners.	Calls for \$140 billion in mandatory cuts over 10 years that could affect Social Security.	Raises \$10 billion per year for Social Security by closing loopholes for some wealthy earners.
Medicare & Medicaid	77% say Medicare is important. 63% say Medicaid is important.	Lowers prescription drug costs under Medicare Part D. Keeps Medicaid expansion under ACA.	Raises Medicare premiums for wealthy. Converts Medicaid to a block grant & cuts \$1 trillion over 10 years.	Lowers prescription drug costs under Medicare Part D. Keeps Medicaid expansion under ACA.
Safety Net	54% say dealing with problems of the poor & needy is a top priority.	Provides low-income kids with food benefits in summer.	Converts food stamps program to a block grant. Targets \$799 billion in safety net spending for potential cuts.	Expands food stamp benefits to levels under ARRA. Provides low-income kids with food benefits in summer.
Pentagon & Military	A majority support cutting Pentagon funding.	Increases Pentagon spending by \$285 billion over 10 years.	Increases Pentagon spending by \$267 billion over 10 years.	Increases Pentagon spending by \$82 billion over 10 years and audits the Pentagon.
Pentagon Slush Fund	58% say the campaign against ISIS isn't going well.	Continues slush fund at a reduced level until 2021.	Continues slush fund at a reduced level until 2021.	Funds withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan & ends slush fund starting in 2017.
Corporate Taxes	69% say corporations pay too little in taxes.	Implements a new fee on banks. Requires companies to pay tax on income earned abroad.	Lowers tax rates for corporations. Closes special interest loopholes but does not specify which.	Raises \$1.4 trillion over 10 years by closing corporate tax loopholes. Requires companies to pay tax on income earned abroad.
Individual Taxes	62% say the wealthy pay too little in taxes.	Raises \$955 billion over 10 years by closing loopholes for the wealthy.	Lowers tax rates for individuals. Closes some special interest loopholes but doesn't specify which.	Raises \$1.5 trillion over 10 years by closing certain loopholes for the wealthy.
Deficit Reduction	56% say deficit reduction is a top priority.	Calls for \$2.9 trillion in deficit reduction over 10 years through health, immigration, and tax reforms.	Calls for \$7 trillion in deficit reduction over 10 years through spending cuts.	Calls for \$5.4 trillion in deficit reduction over 10 years through health and tax reforms.