

My solution to the U.S. Federal Deficit Circa 2011*

Here is a simple set of measures that can effectively reduce the \$14 trillion U.S. deficit without affecting social programs, social security, welfare, entitlements or raising taxes:

(1) Auction off 25% of all the U.S.'s military hardware (stealth bombers, tanks, aircraft carriers, ICBM's, etc.) to allies and friendly nations. This would probably add \$5 trillion right away to the U.S. Treasury;

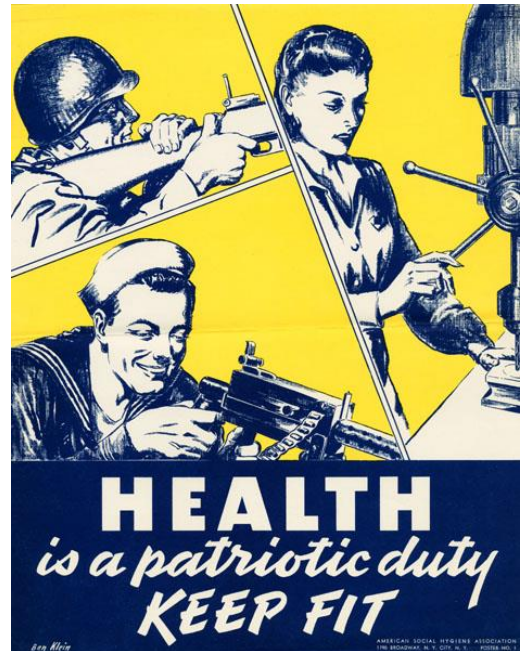
(2) Wrap-up the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and re-assign all military personnel to civil duties back home, like rebuilding cities and towns devastated by tornadoes, floods, etc. (This would reduce... deployment, casualties and veterans' hospitalization costs, while at the same time build up capital equity inside the U.S.) Savings: appx. \$2 trillion;

(3) Turn the Pentagon into a 5-star hotel and entertainment complex. Perhaps lease it to *DisneyCorp* or *Best Western*. Retrain all Pentagon staff in the hospitality industry or as circus clowns, etc;

(4) Pay all U.S. Congressmen and women only on a "piecework" basis, i.e., for every action reducing \$100,000 in federal expenses, the congressman would get one paycheck. No deficit reduction: No money.

(5) Demand that all investment houses, banks and auto-makers repay all bailout money received since 2008.

There! Problem solved!



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