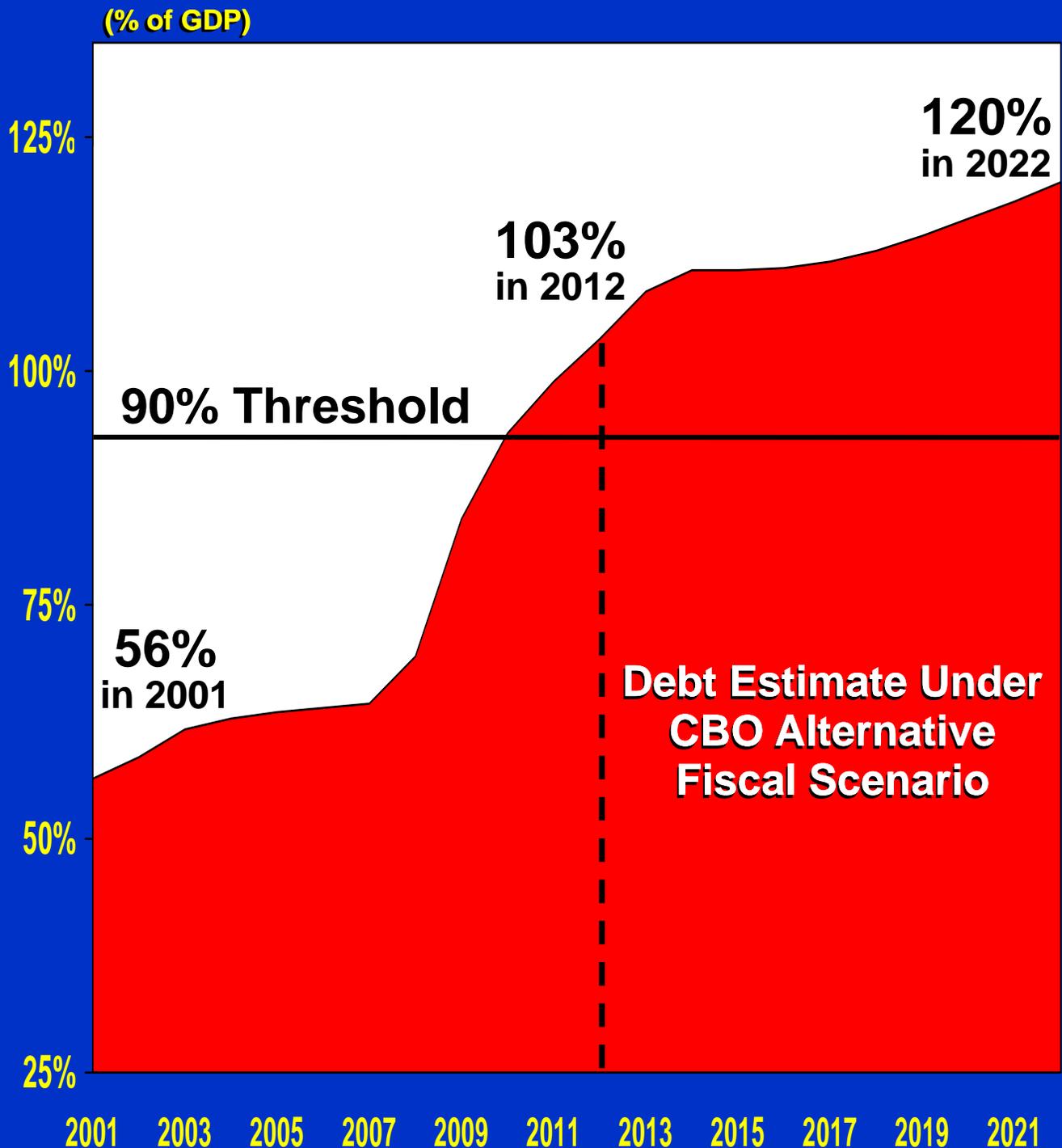


# **Admiral Mullen on Debt Threat**

**“Our national debt is  
our biggest national  
security threat.”**

**–Admiral Mike Mullen, Former  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
“Tribute to the Troops” Breakfast  
June 24, 2010**

# Gross Debt as Percent of GDP

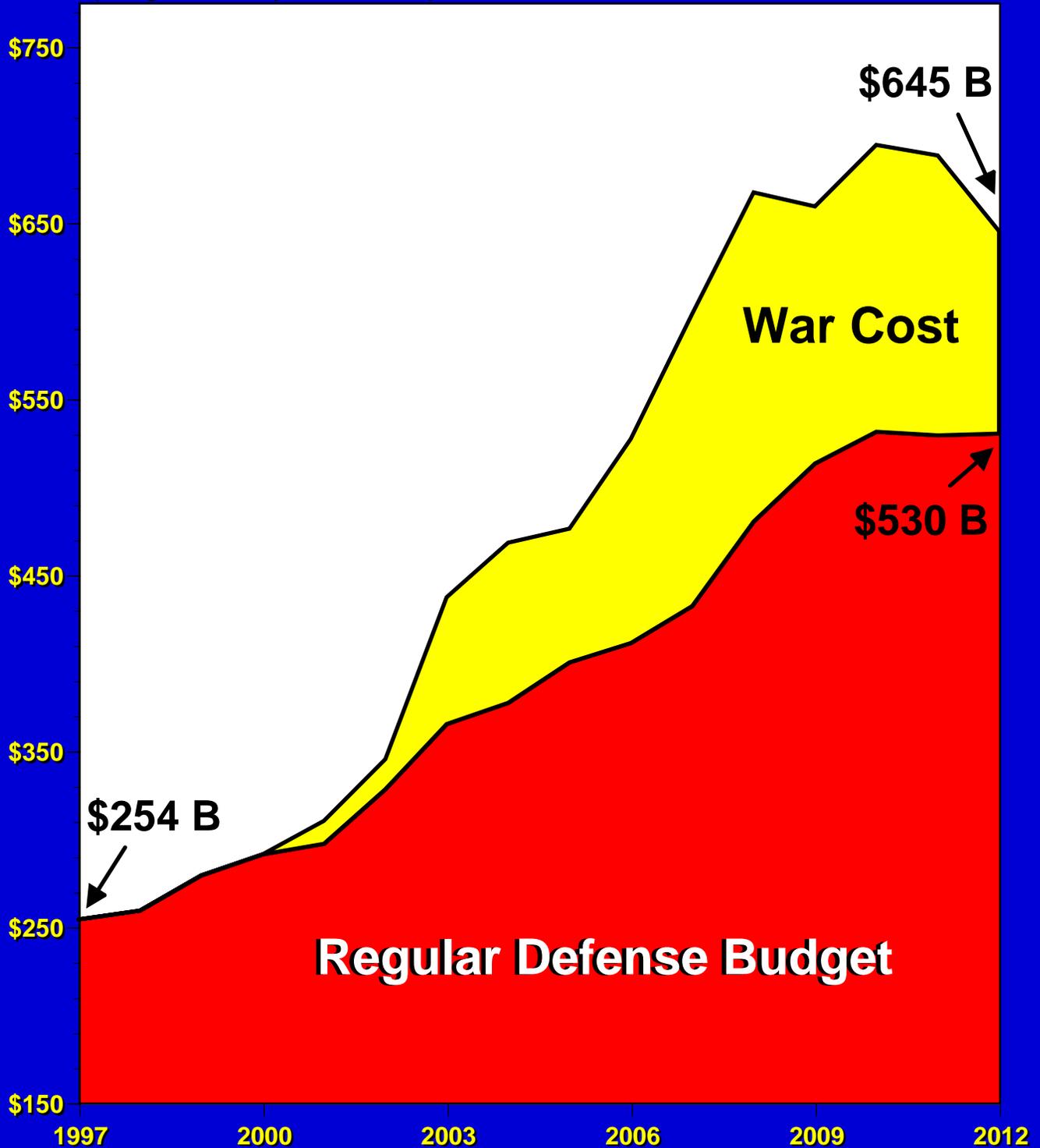


Sources: CBO and SBC

Note: CBO's January 2012 baseline, adjusted to reflect its alternative fiscal scenario: extension of 2001 and 2003 tax cuts, tax extenders, AMT reform, SGR reform, and reversal of automatic spending reductions required by Budget Control Act.

# Defense Budget Growth

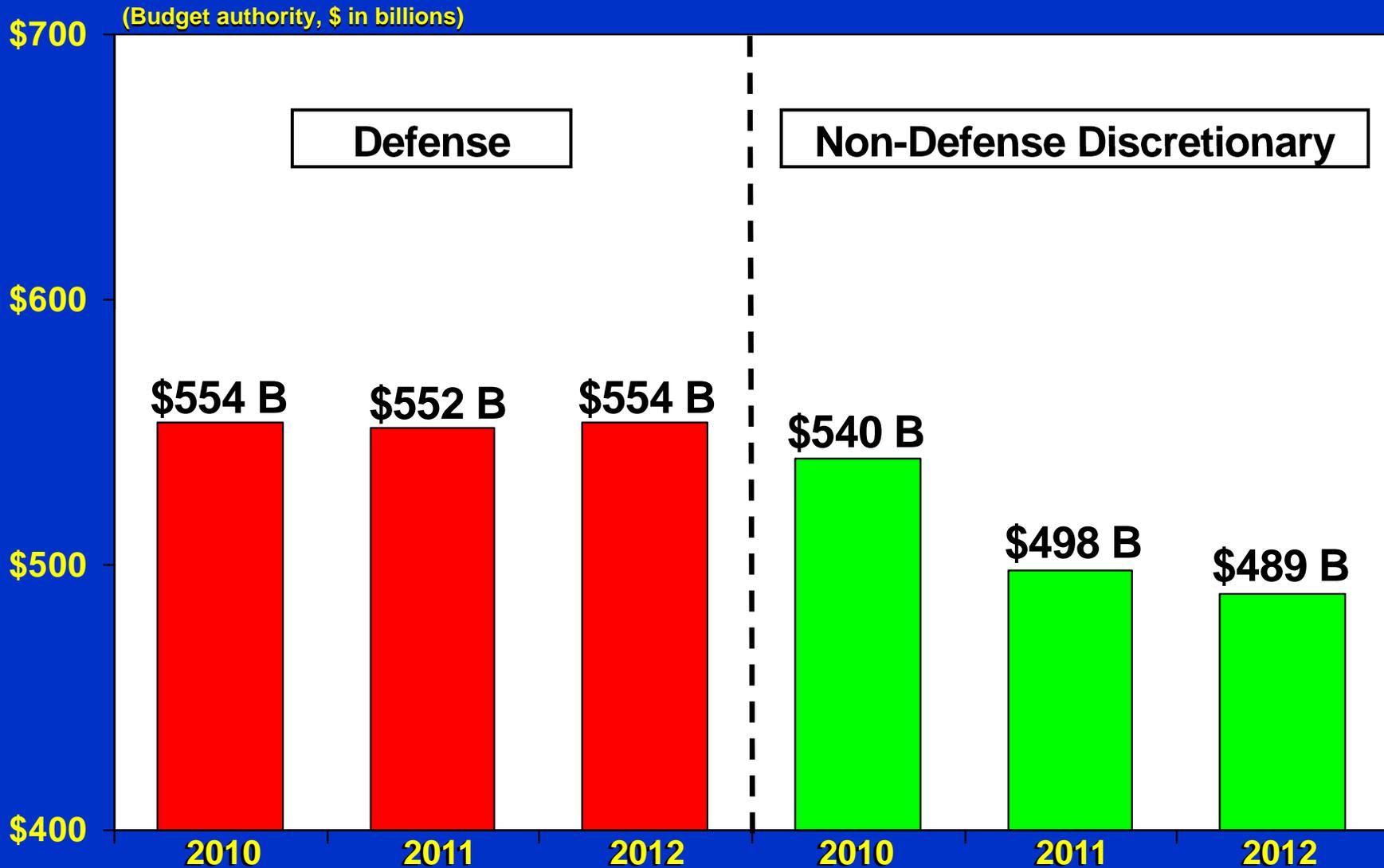
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Source: OMB, CBO

Note: Department of Defense funding.

# Comparing Recent Defense and Non-Defense Discretionary Funding Levels

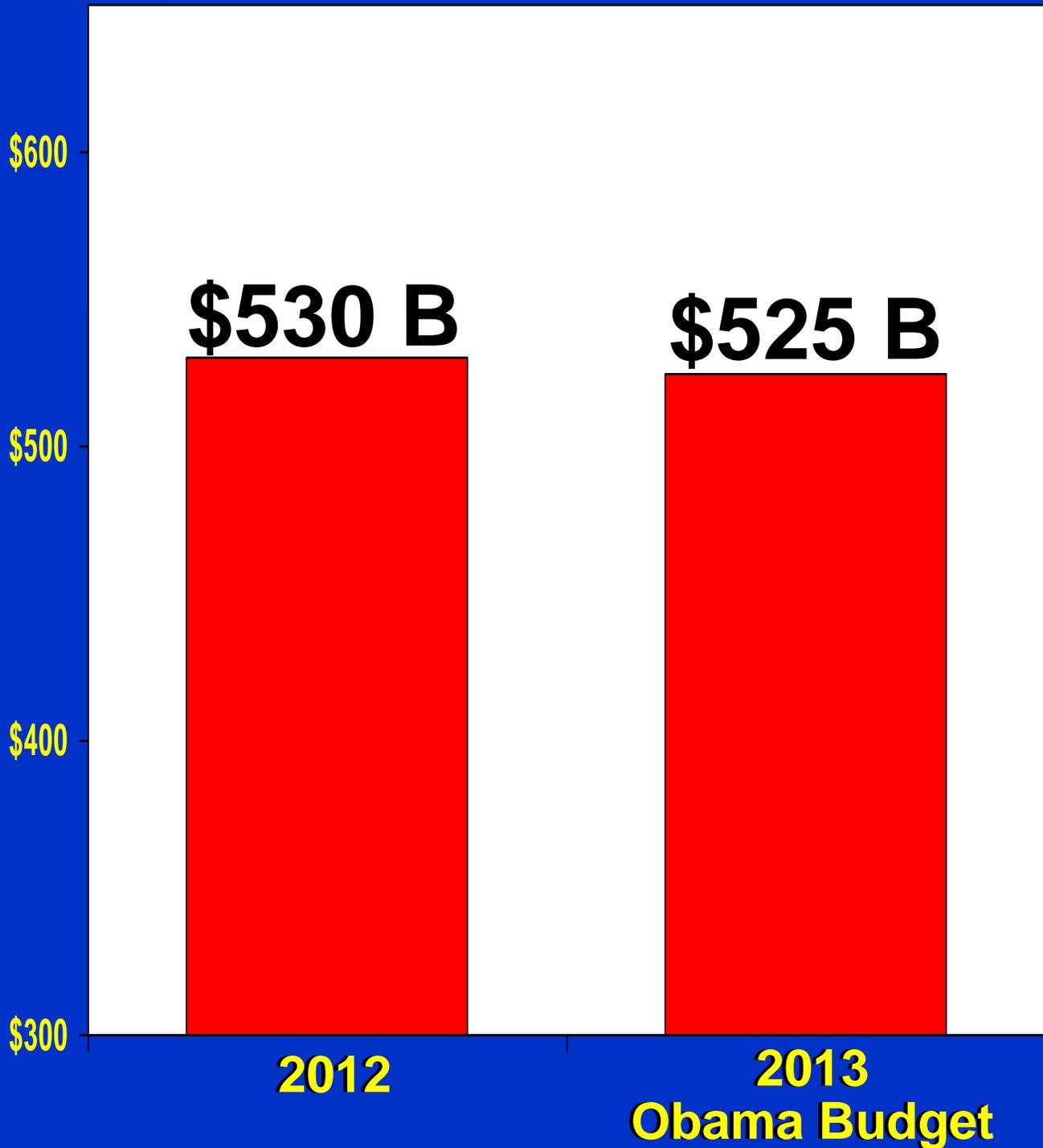


Source: CBO

Note: Defense funding in Function 050. Excludes war and disaster funding.

# Department of Defense Request in Obama Budget

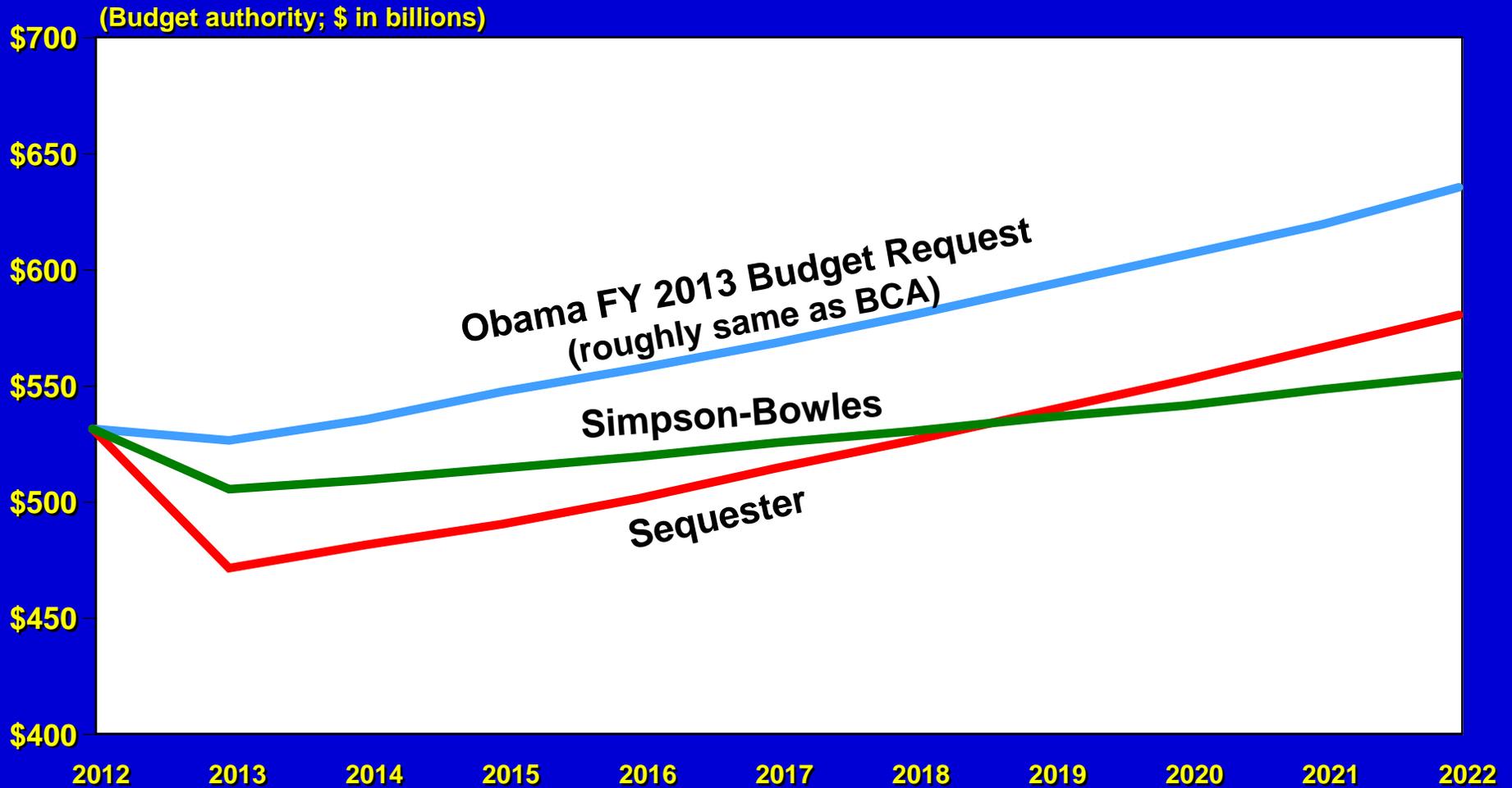
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Source: Department of Defense

Note: Department of Defense funding. Does not include war funding.

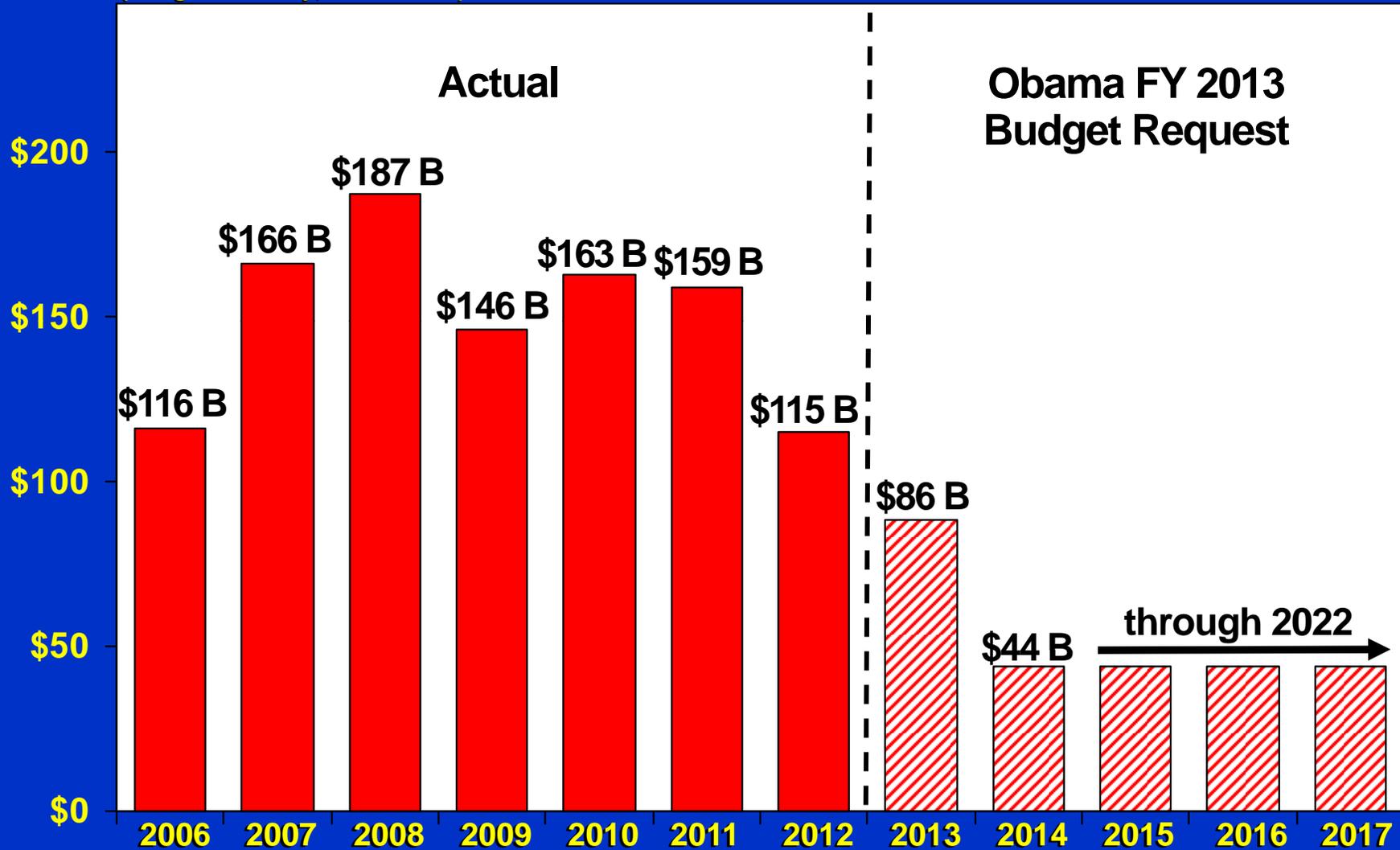
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Source: Department of Defense, CBO, National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, SBC  
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# War Costs

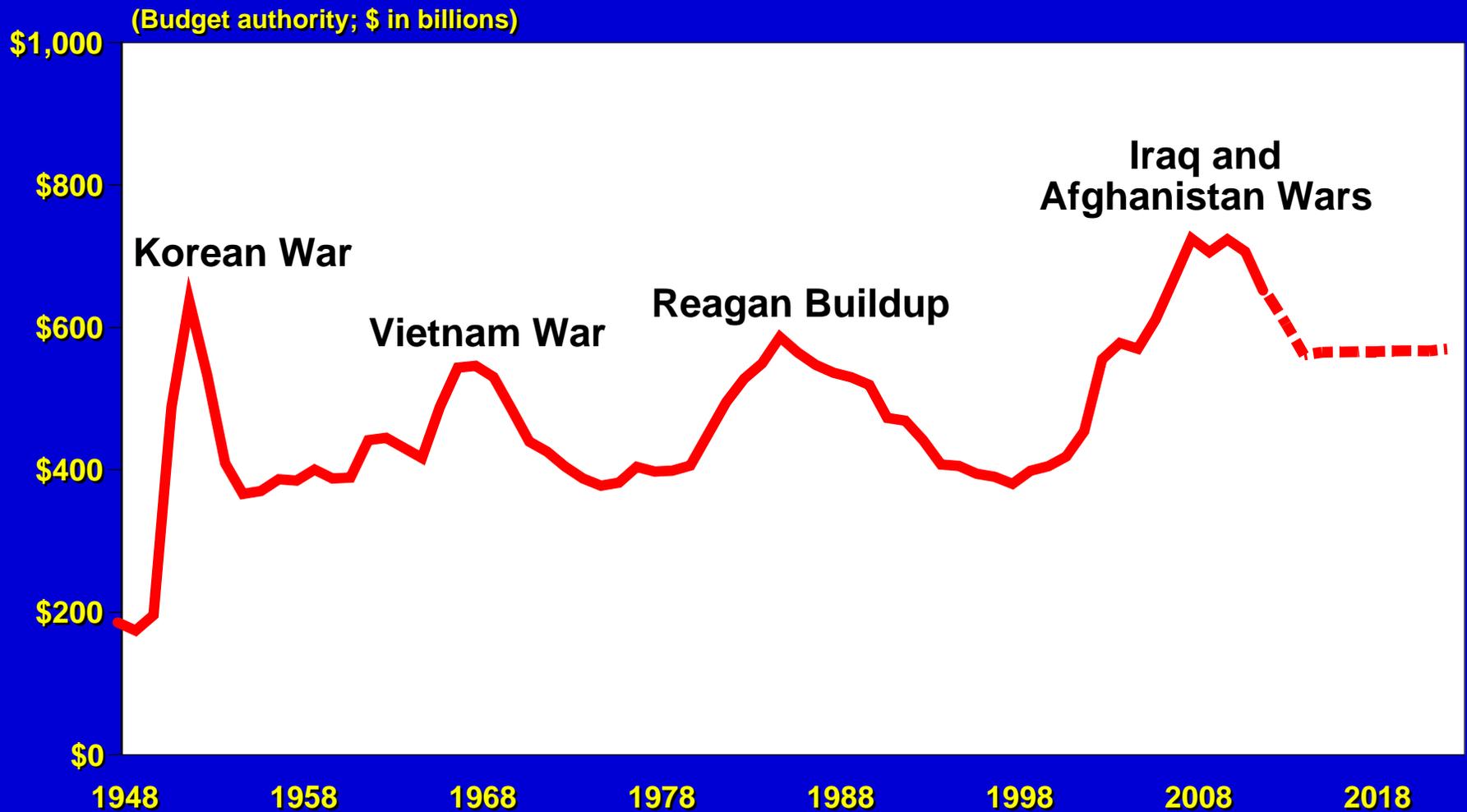
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Source: CBO, Department of Defense

Note: Department of Defense funding for 2006 – 2013. 2014 – 2022 level may include Overseas Contingency Operations funding for Department of State.

# Post-WWII Defense Spending



Source: Department of Defense, CBO, OMB

Note: Total Department of Defense funding, including war costs. 2012 level is CBO estimate. 2013-2022 inflation-adjusted from President's request. 2012 constant dollars.

# Former Defense Secretary Gates on Defense Funding

**“...[T]he budget of the Pentagon almost doubled during the last decade. But our capabilities didn’t particularly expand. A lot of that money went into infrastructure and overhead and, frankly, I think a culture that had an open checkbook.”**

**–Former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates  
Interview on CBS’s *60 Minutes*  
May 15, 2011**