

Engineers' Report Card on America's Infrastructure

<u>Infrastructure</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Aviation	D
Bridges	C
Rail	C-
Roads	D-
Transit	D
Infrastructure GPA	D

Source: American Society of Civil Engineers, 2009

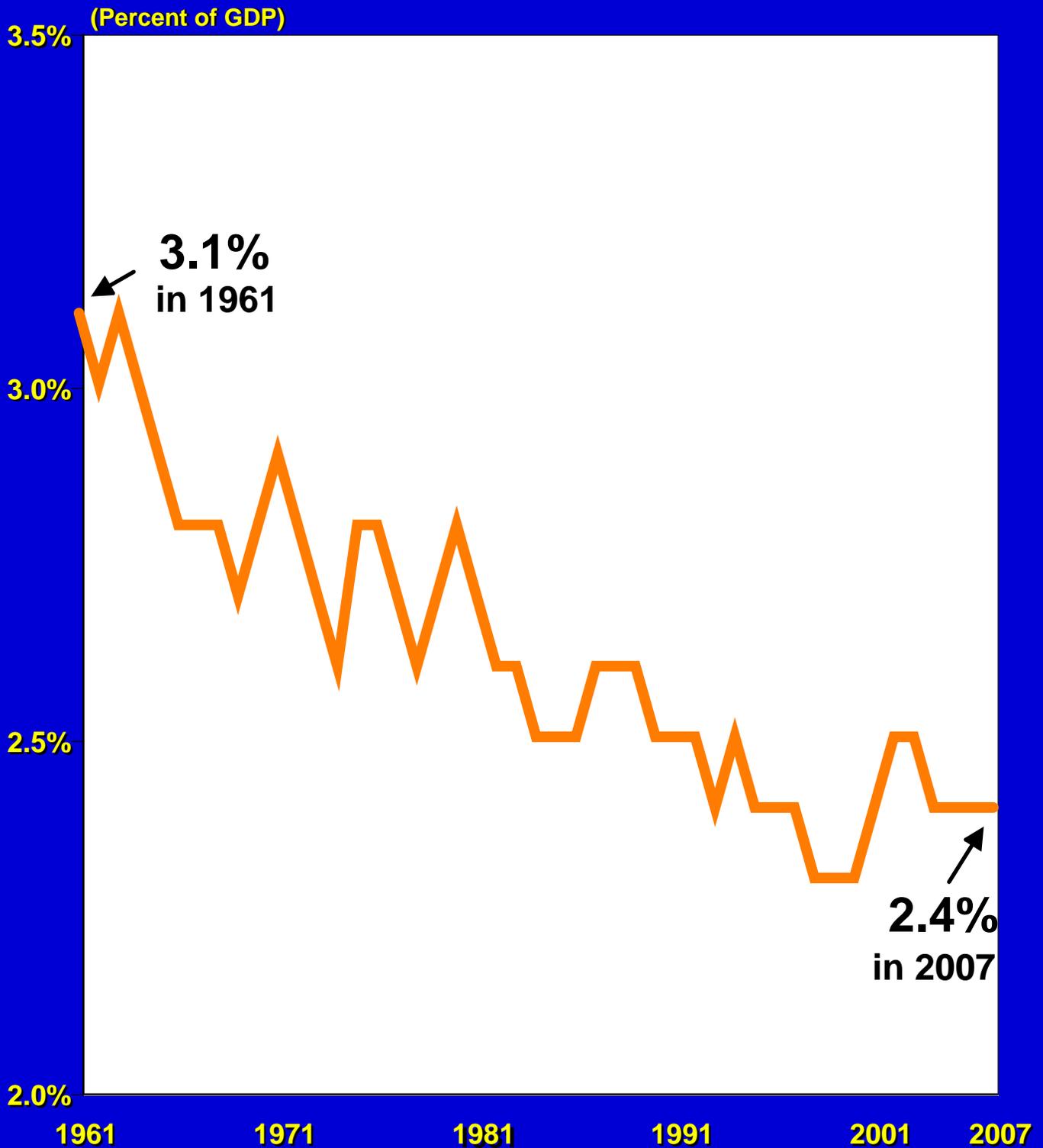
U.S. Ranks 24th in World in Quality of Overall Infrastructure

1. Switzerland
2. Singapore
3. France
4. Hong Kong
5. Denmark
6. Finland
7. Iceland
8. Austria
9. United Arab Emirates
10. Germany
11. Sweden
12. Portugal
13. Japan
14. Netherlands
15. Canada
16. Luxembourg
17. Belgium
18. Republic of Korea
19. Bahrain
20. Oman
21. Barbados
22. Spain
23. Malaysia
- 24. United States**
25. Taiwan
26. Qatar
27. Saudi Arabia
28. United Kingdom
29. Czech Republic
30. Cyprus

Source: World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report, 2011-2012

Note: Overall infrastructure includes transport, telecom, and energy.

U.S. Infrastructure Investment

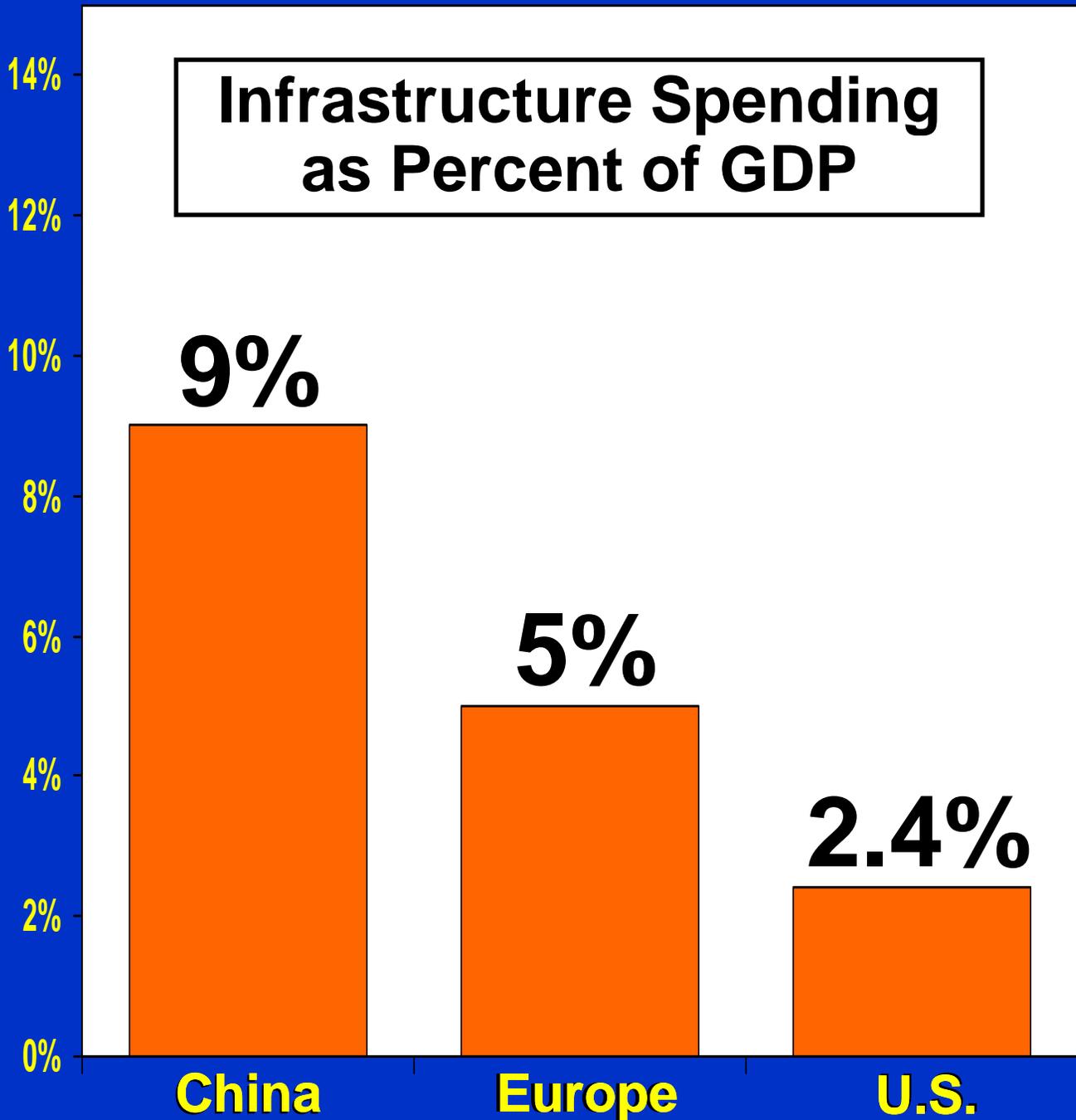


Source: CBO

Note: Total federal, state, and local spending on transportation and water infrastructure.

U.S. Infrastructure Investment Falling Behind Global Competitors

(% of GDP)



Source: *Economist*

Note: Public spending on transportation and water infrastructure.

Bipartisan Consensus on Need for Infrastructure Investment

“Integrated, efficient, and cost-effective transportation networks that provide timely access to goods and services are the foundation of a twenty-first century economy....

“If America is to remain a global economic power while advancing our common aspirations for a better quality of life, we need to re-invest in America, especially in our transportation infrastructure....

“If ‘living within our means’ includes good husbandry of our existing system, we need more, not less, investment in transportation. That means more revenues that are wisely spent to meet our obligations for ourselves and for future generations.”

**– Bill Bradley, Former U.S. Senator
Tom Ridge, Former Secretary of Homeland Security
David Walker, Former U.S. Comptroller General
“Road to Recovery: Transforming America’s Transportation”
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
July 2011**

Obama Budget Transportation Proposal

- **\$50 B upfront infrastructure investment in 2012 to boost economic growth**
- **\$476 B six-year surface transportation reauthorization**
 - **\$318 B for roads, bridges, safety**
 - **\$108 B for transit**
 - **\$47 B for high-speed rail**
 - **\$3 B for TIGER grants**
 - **Paid for with savings from reduced Overseas Contingency Operations**
 - **Reclassify transportation spending as mandatory, subjecting it to PAYGO rules**