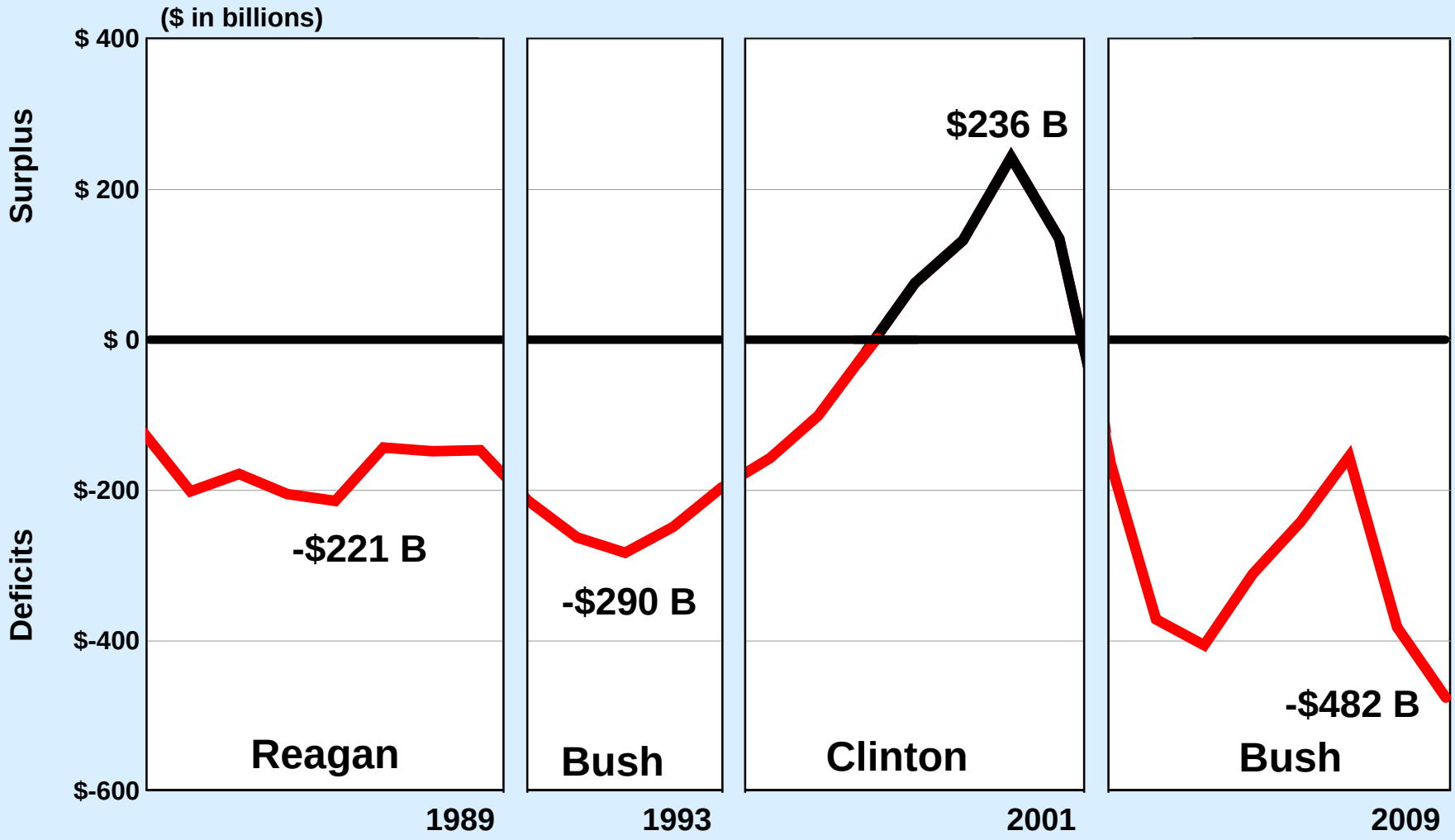
Reagan vs. Bush vs. Clinton vs. Bush
Fiscal Record



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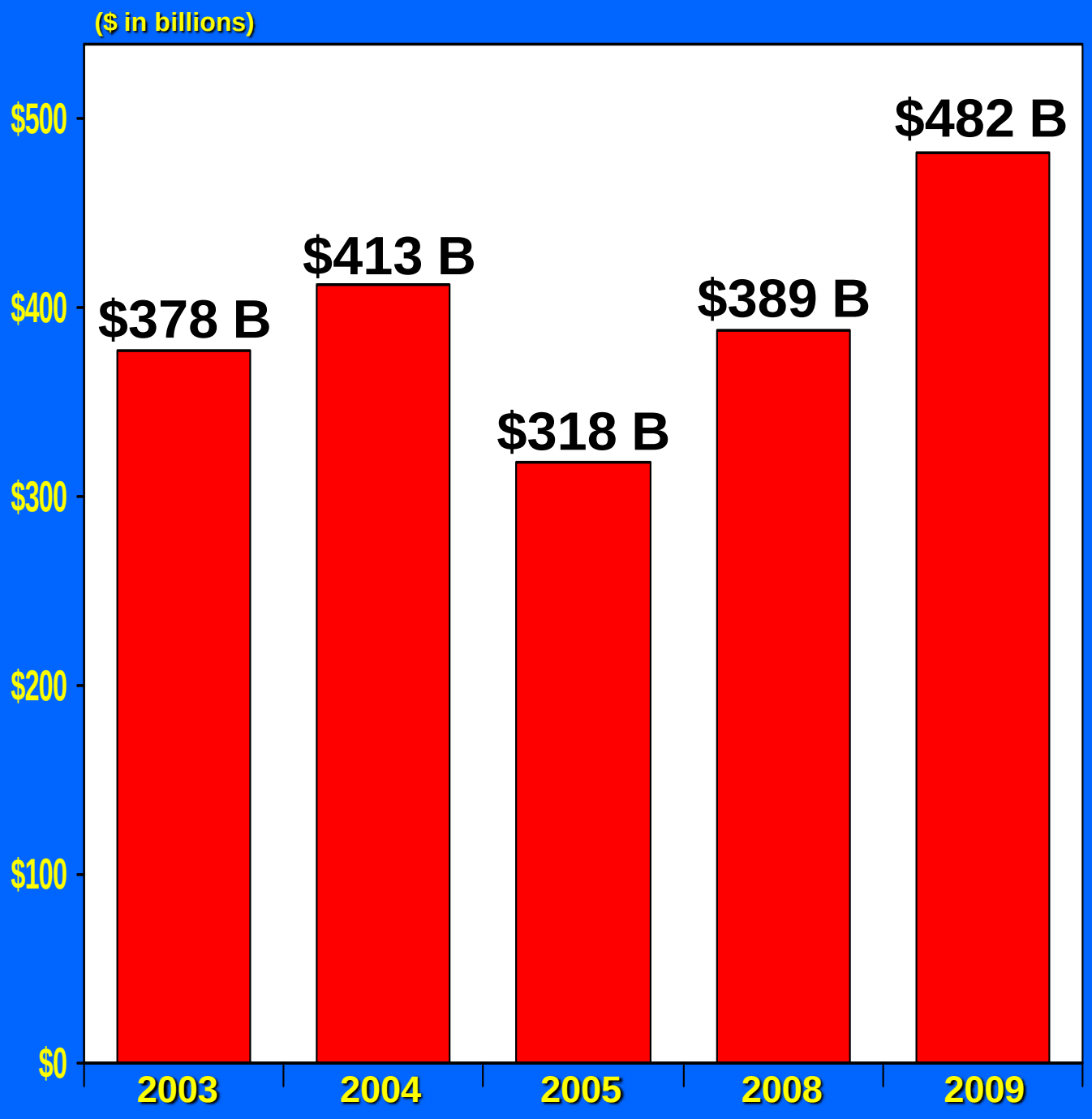
Five Highest Deficits in U.S. History

All Under President Bush



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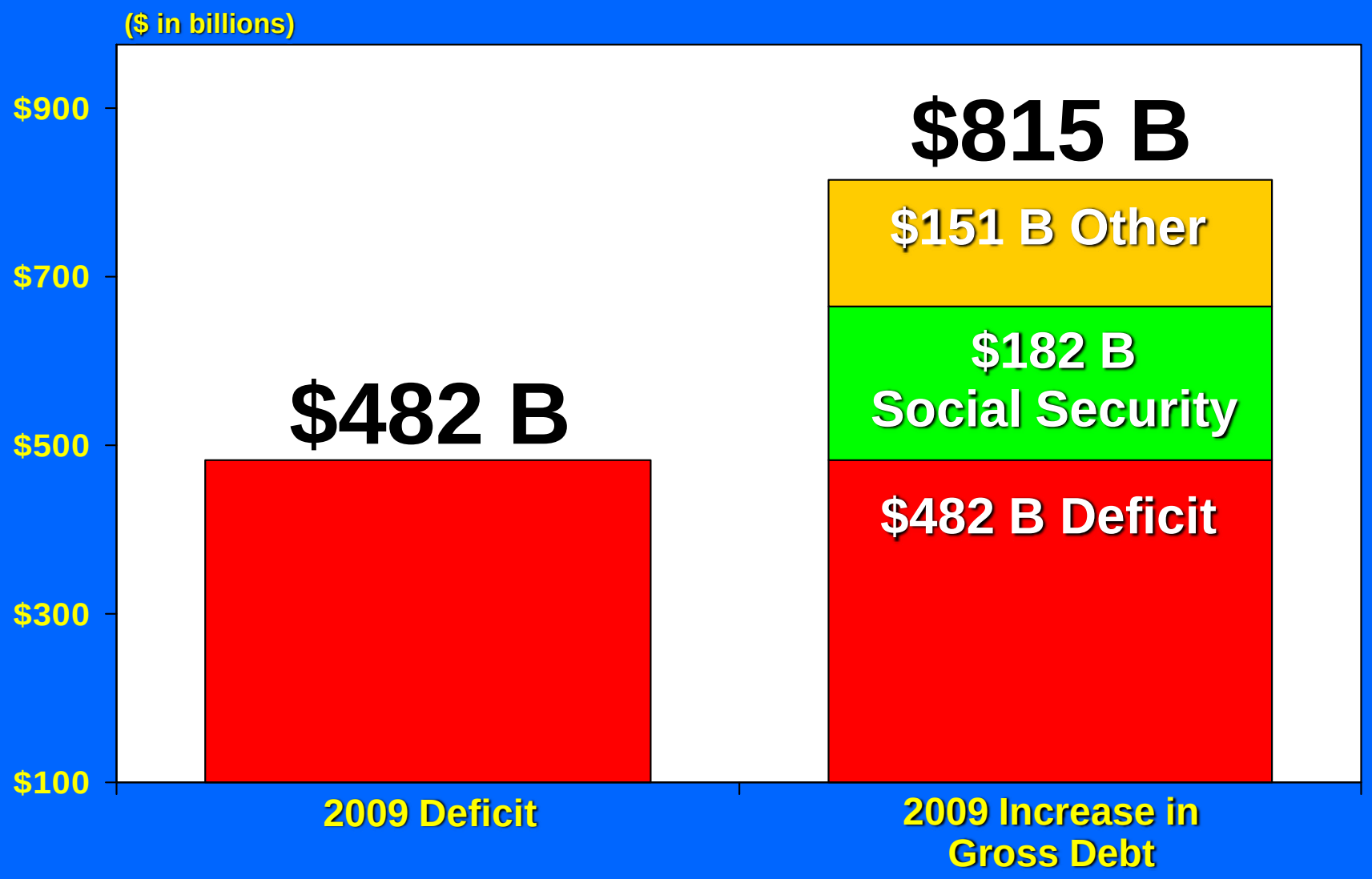
Increase in Debt in 2009 is Far Greater Than the $482 Billion Deficit



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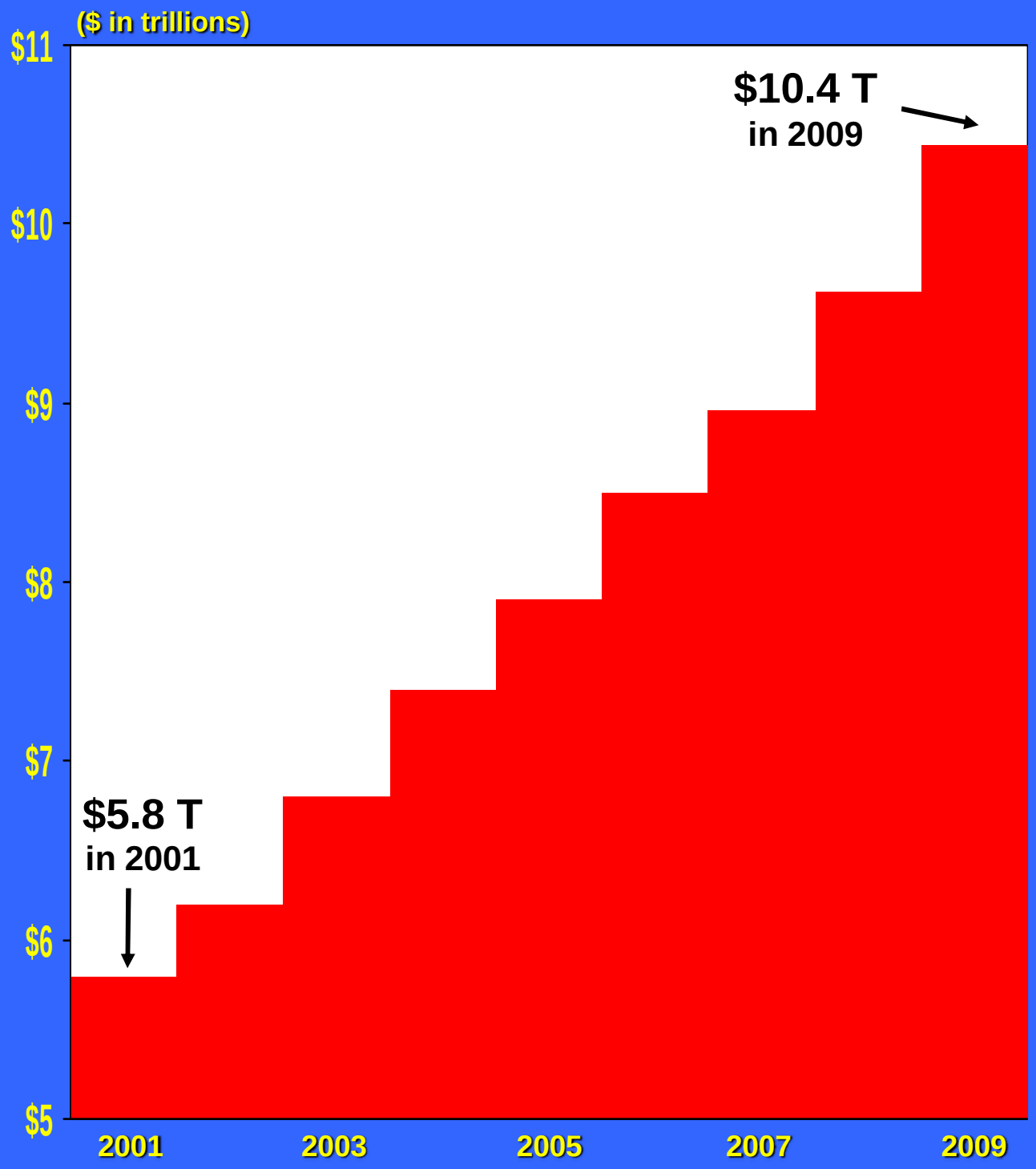
Building a Wall of Debt

Gross Federal Debt Soars



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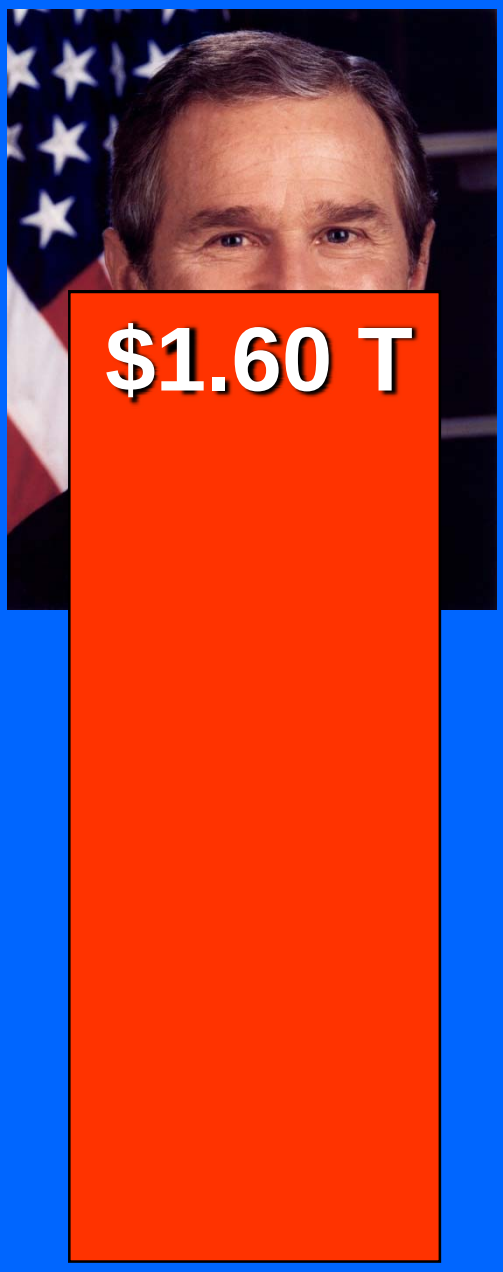
President Bush More than Doubles Foreign-Held Debt

It Took 42 Presidents 224 Years to Build Up $1 Trillion of Foreign-Held Debt

224 Years
(1776-2000)



President Bush
(Since 2001)

Sources: U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve Board
Monthly data through May 2008.

What Bush Inherited		What Bush is Leaving Behind…
Record $5.6 T Surplus	→	Record Deficits
On Track to Pay Down All Publicly-Held Debt	→	Exploding Debt Burden
Strongest Economy in Three Decades	→	Economy Slowing Sharply
$1.50 Per Gallon Gas	→	$4 Per Gallon Gas
Strong Housing Market	→	Highest Home Foreclosure Rate Ever
Robust Job Growth	→	Weakest Job Growth Since Hoover Administration

Bush Takes Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals for Fiscal Irresponsibility