



THE REPUBLICAN FISCAL CHARADE IS UP

Even Republicans are starting to unmask the truth about their own fiscally irresponsible policies that are leading the country into record debt.

*“The administration now projects that the statutory debt limit, currently \$8.184 trillion, will be reached in mid-February 2006.”
-Letter from Treasury Secretary John Snow to Congress, December 2005*

Sen. George Voinovich (R-OH): “I do not know how anyone can say with a straight face that when we voted to cut spending in December to help achieve deficit reductions, we can now turn around a short while later to provide tax cuts that exceed or cancel out the reduction in spending... We cannot afford these tax cuts.” [[Washington Post](#), 2/2/06]

Former Bush CBO Director Douglas Holtz-Eakin: “The federal budget does not add up.” [[Washington Post](#), 2/5/06]

Bruce Bartlett, former Reagan economic advisor and author of “Impostor: How George W. Bush Bankrupted America and Betrayed the Reagan Legacy”: “Expanding the size of government spending has just gone through the roof. [Bush] refuses to veto anything.” [CBS, 2/22/06]

Former Nixon Commerce Secretary, Peter Peterson [now at the Concord Coalition]: “[Expanded entitlement costs and proposed tax cuts will lead to] ‘much higher deficits - a problem that is hidden from view in the administration’s five-year budget window.’” [[Christian Science Monitor](#), 2/13/06]

Brian Riedl, Heritage Foundation Economist: “Federal spending has grown twice as fast under President Bush as under President Clinton.” [[Christian Science Monitor](#), 2/13/06]

Stephen Slivinski, Director of Budget Studies at the Cato Institute: “[Republicans], supposed to be the party of small government ... are not going to find much help in the ... budget.” [[Christian Science Monitor](#), 2/13/06]