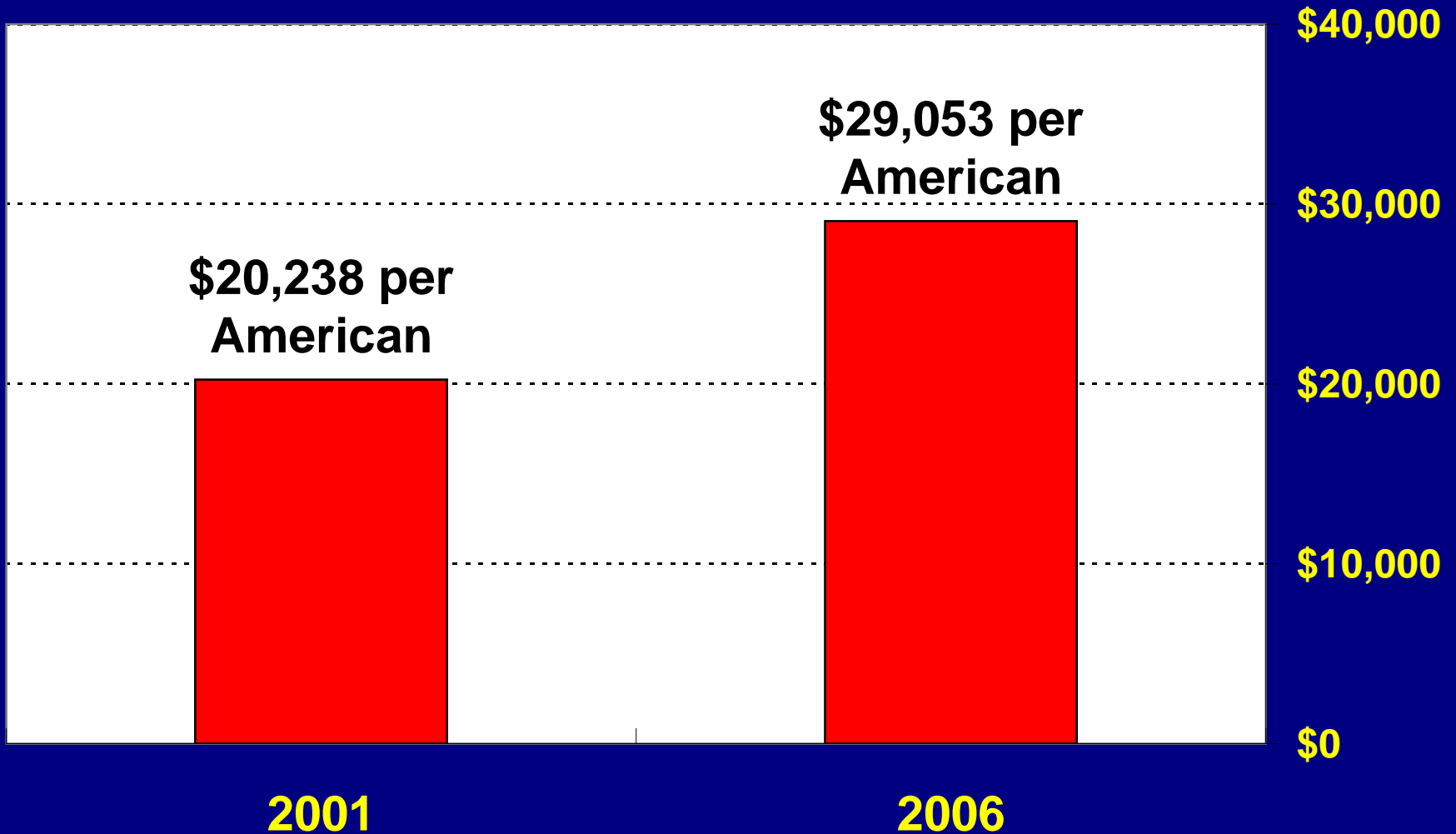


# DEBT PER AMERICAN SKYROCKETS

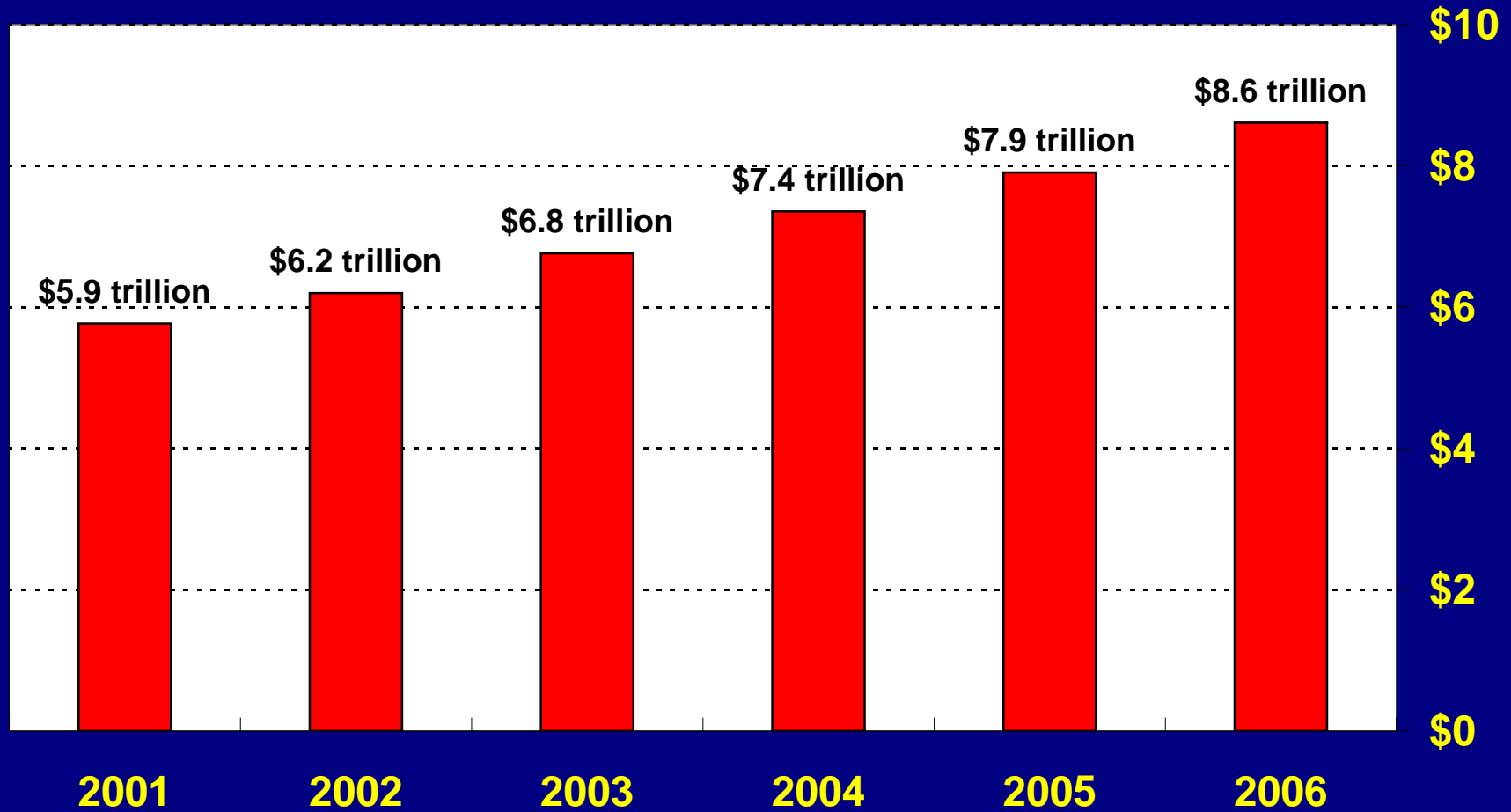
(Total federal debt per American, in dollars)



Sources: Office of Management and Budget, Census Bureau

# TOTAL FEDERAL DEBT INCREASES BY NEARLY 50% IN FIVE YEARS

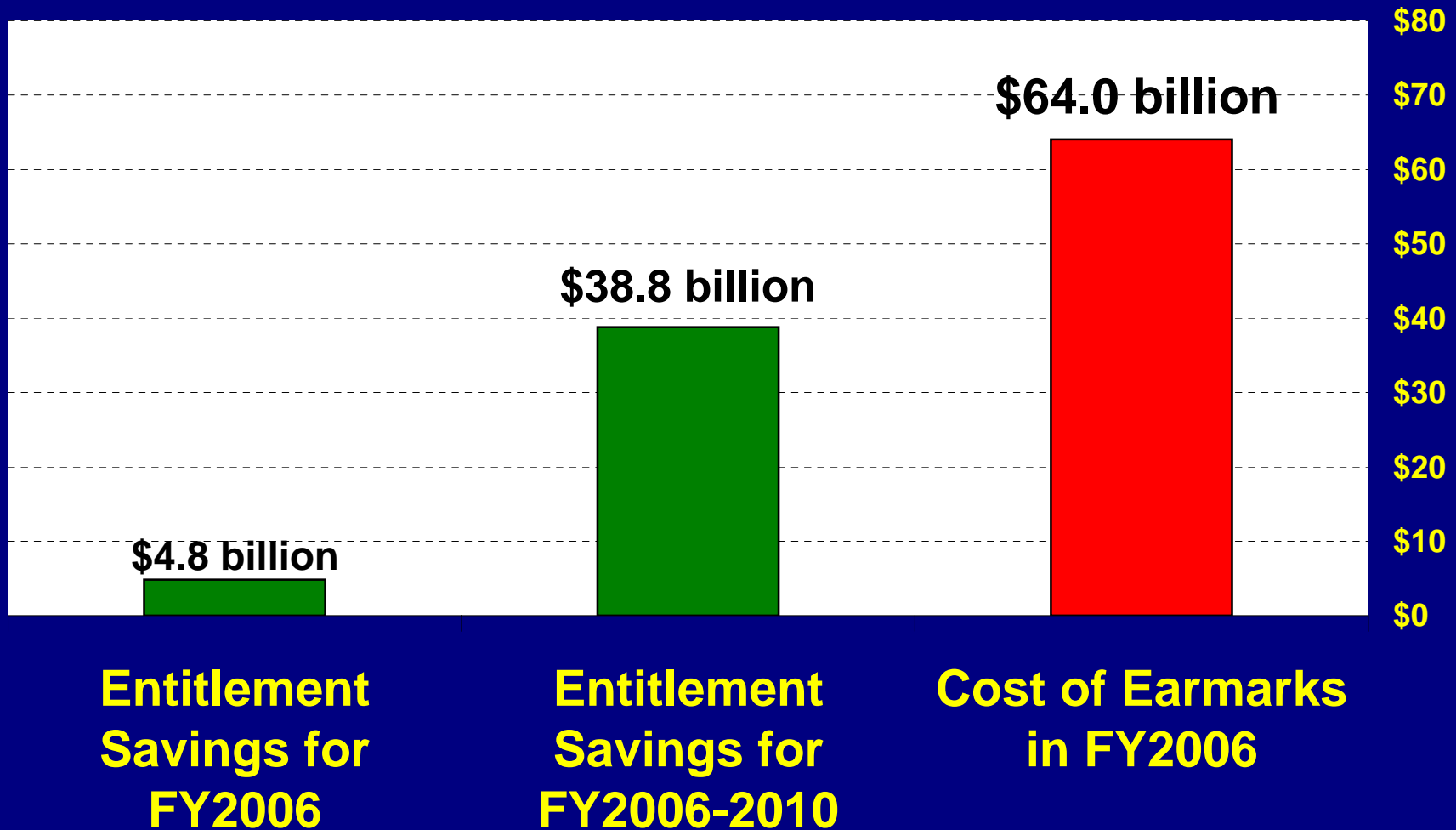
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Source: Office of Management and Budget

# COST OF EARMARKS DWARFS ENTITLEMENT SAVINGS

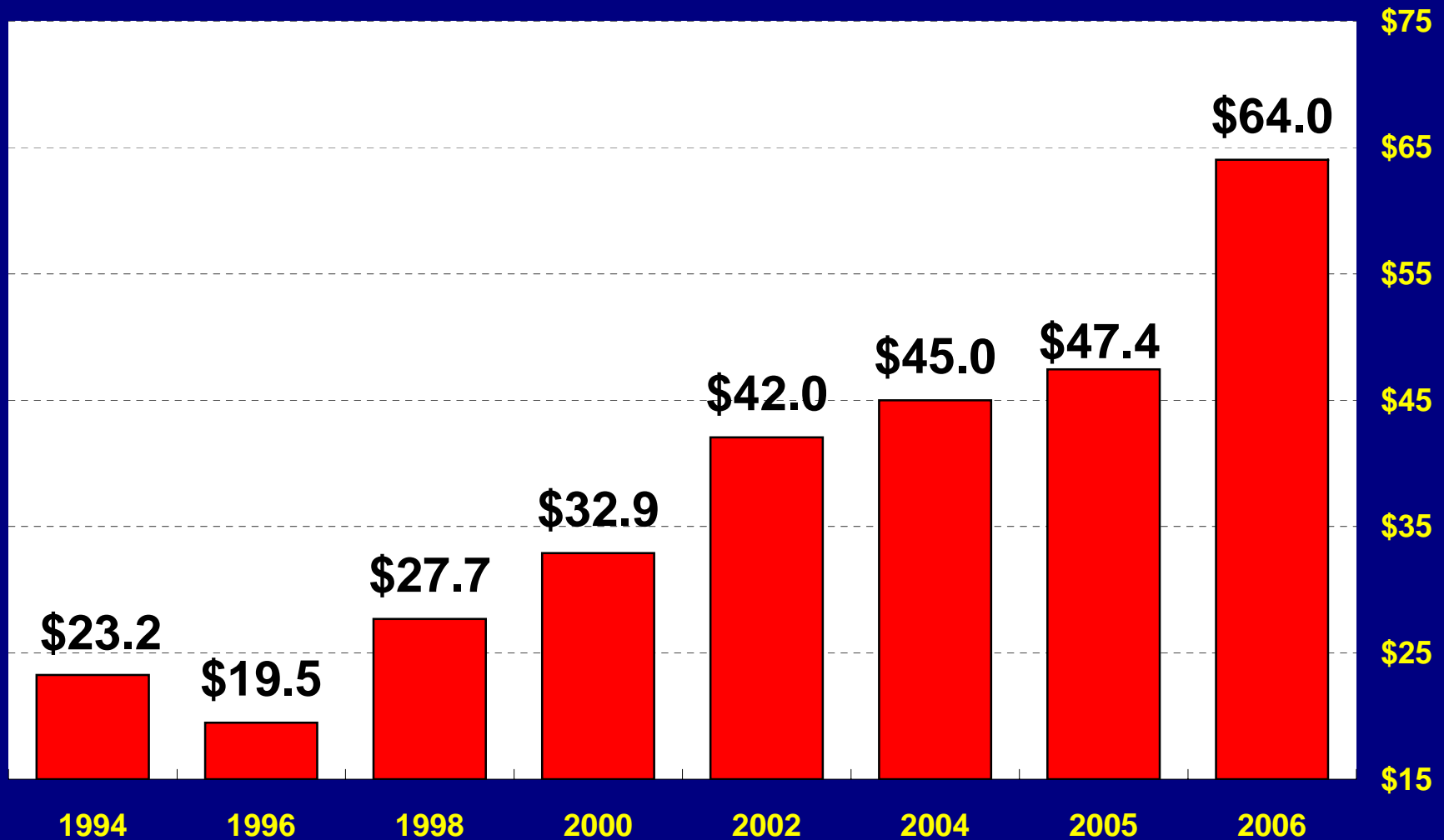
(Cost of earmarks vs. amount of entitlement savings from budget reconciliation)



Sources: Congressional Research Service, Congressional Budget Office

# IN ONE YEAR, COST OF EARMARKS INCREASES \$16 BILLION

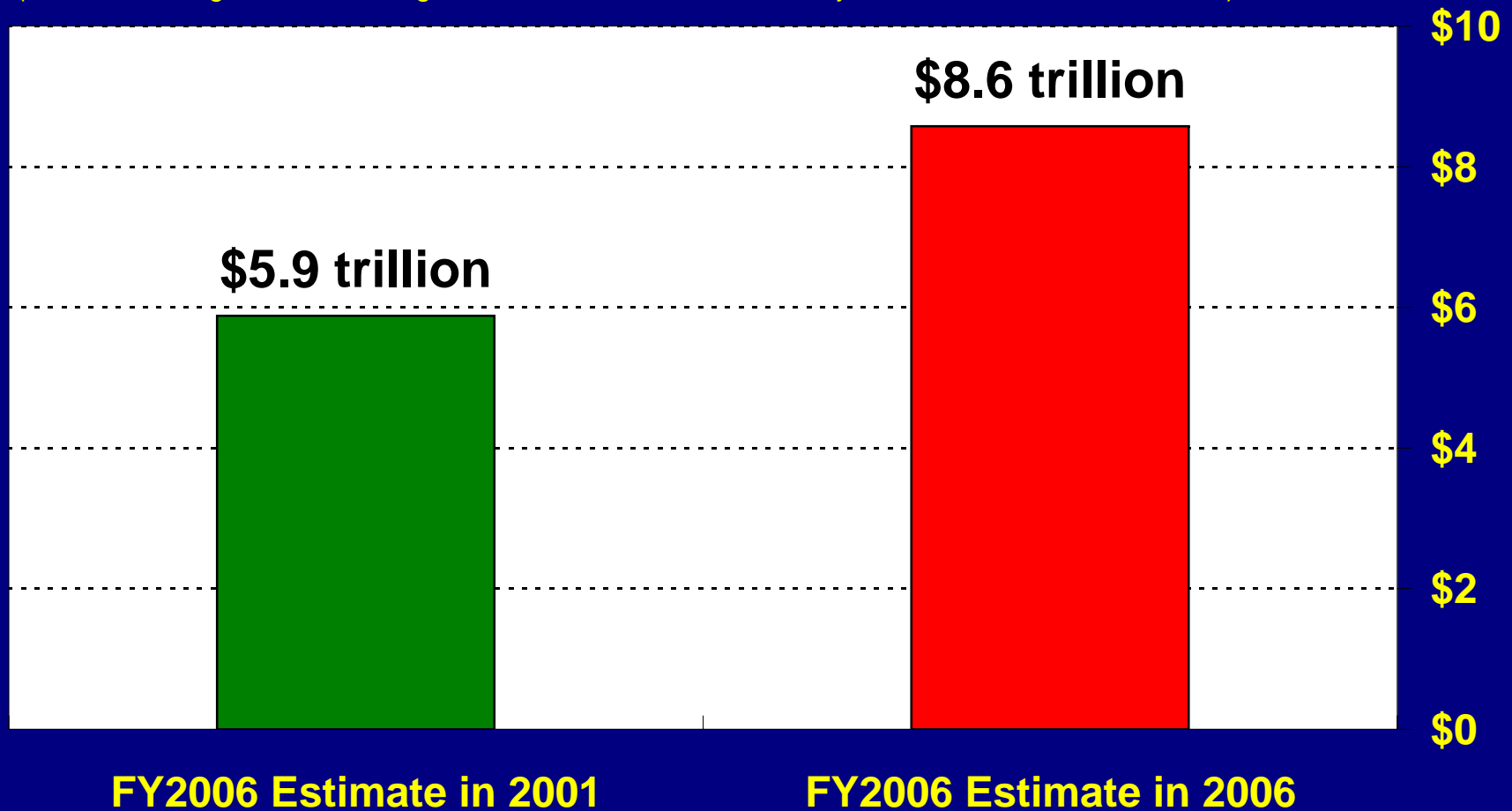
(Dollar amount of earmarks within appropriations bills in *billions* of dollars, by fiscal year)



Source: Congressional Research Service

# IN FIVE YEARS, ESTIMATE OF CURRENT FEDERAL DEBT INCREASES BY \$3 TRILLION

(Office of Management and Budget estimates of FY2006 debt subject to limit, in trillions of dollars)

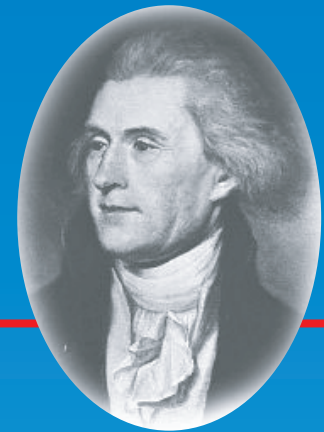


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# We the People

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*of the United States*



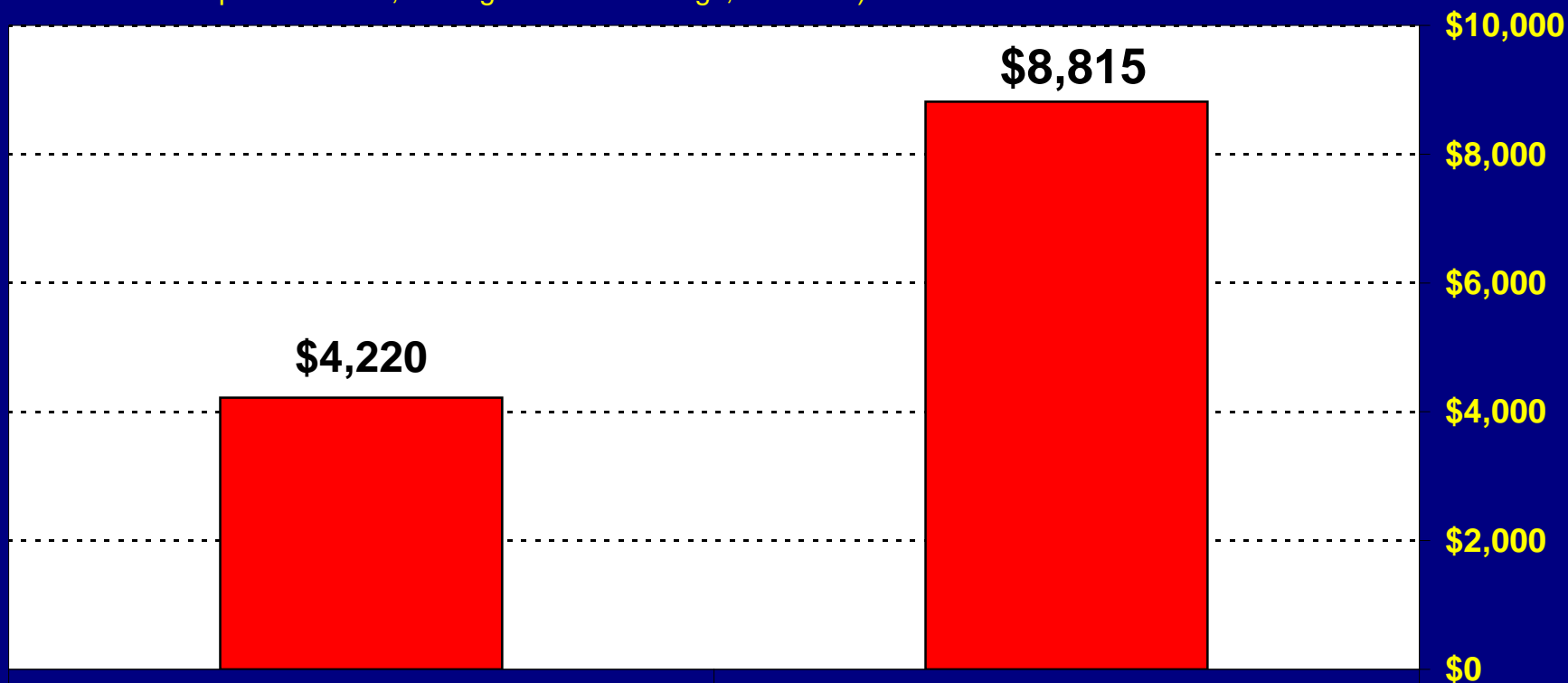
**“[I]t will be a source of eternal scramble among the members [for] who can get the most money wasted in their State; and they will always get most who are meanest.”**

– *Thomas Jefferson,  
Letter to James Madison,  
1796*

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# GROWTH OF DEBT DOUBLES GROWTH OF WAGES

(Total federal debt per American, average annual earnings, in dollars)



**Increase in Annual Earnings per American Worker since 2001\***

**Increase in Debt per American since 2001**

Sources: Office of Management and Budget, Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics

\*Average annual earnings data is extrapolated from the February 2001 average hourly earnings data of \$14.36 and February 2006 average hourly earnings data of \$16.47 for production or non-supervisory workers on private non-farm payrolls (earnings per hour x 40 hours per week x 50 weeks of work per year). Average annual earnings increased from \$28,720 to \$32,940, while debt per American increased from \$20,238 to \$29,053.