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"Tax cuts, they say, force hard decisions and restrain reckless spending. The last time we looked, though, Republicans controlled both Congress and the White House. They are the spenders. In fact, since they took control in 2001, they've increased spending by an average of nearly 7.5% a year, more than double the rate in the last five years of **Clinton-era budgets.**"

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