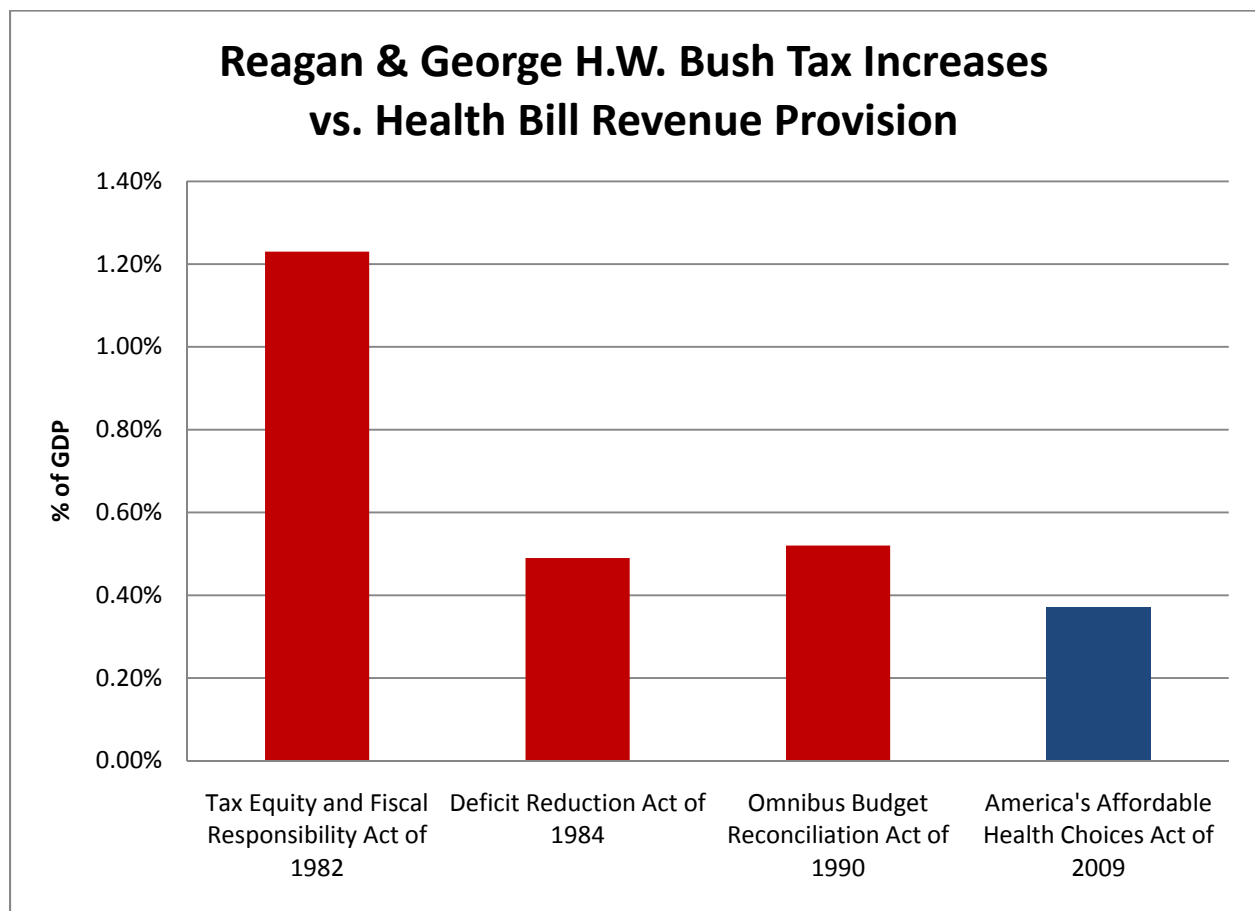


# Health Bill Would Raise Less Revenue than Reagan and Bush Tax Increases

The *America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009* would provide all Americans with access to affordable health coverage without imposing a tax increase on working families. The cost of providing health insurance is offset through a combination of spending reductions, reforms and by requiring the top 1.2% of earners to pay a health care surcharge.

The Republicans have misleadingly claimed that the bill would enact the largest tax increase in history. Even in recent terms, this claim is false. **President Reagan and President George H.W. Bush both enacted several tax increases that raised more revenue (as a share of GDP) than the health reform bill.**

Using numbers prepared by the President George W. Bush's Treasury Department and the nonpartisan staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation, one can easily see that the *America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009* would raise less revenue than the bills that were signed into law by these Republican Presidents.



Source: "Revenue Effects of Major Tax Bills," Office of Tax Analysis Papers (2006). Joint Committee on Taxation.