

Austerity & Health Funding in Charts

(and what you can do about it)

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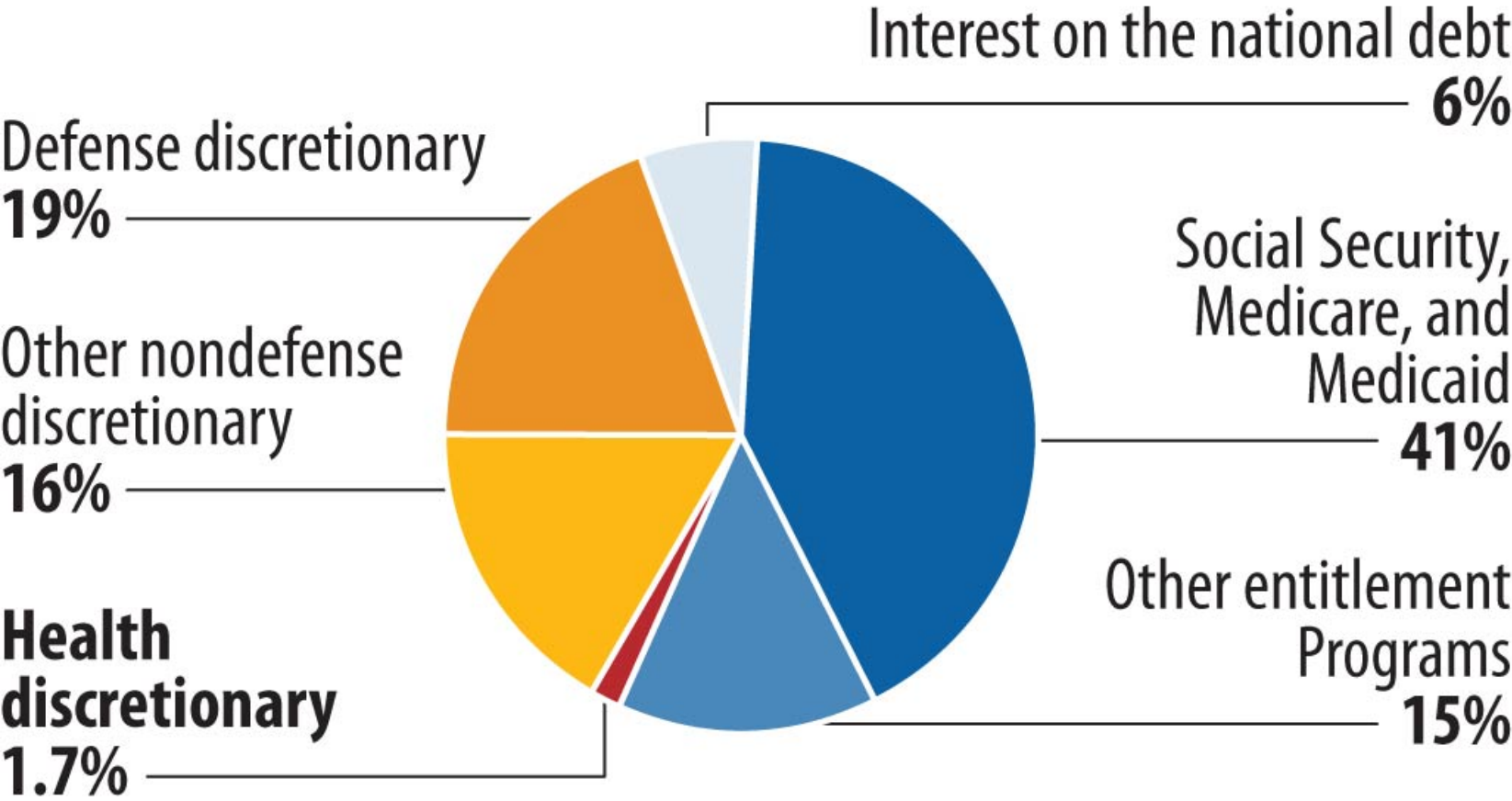
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The Worst of Times

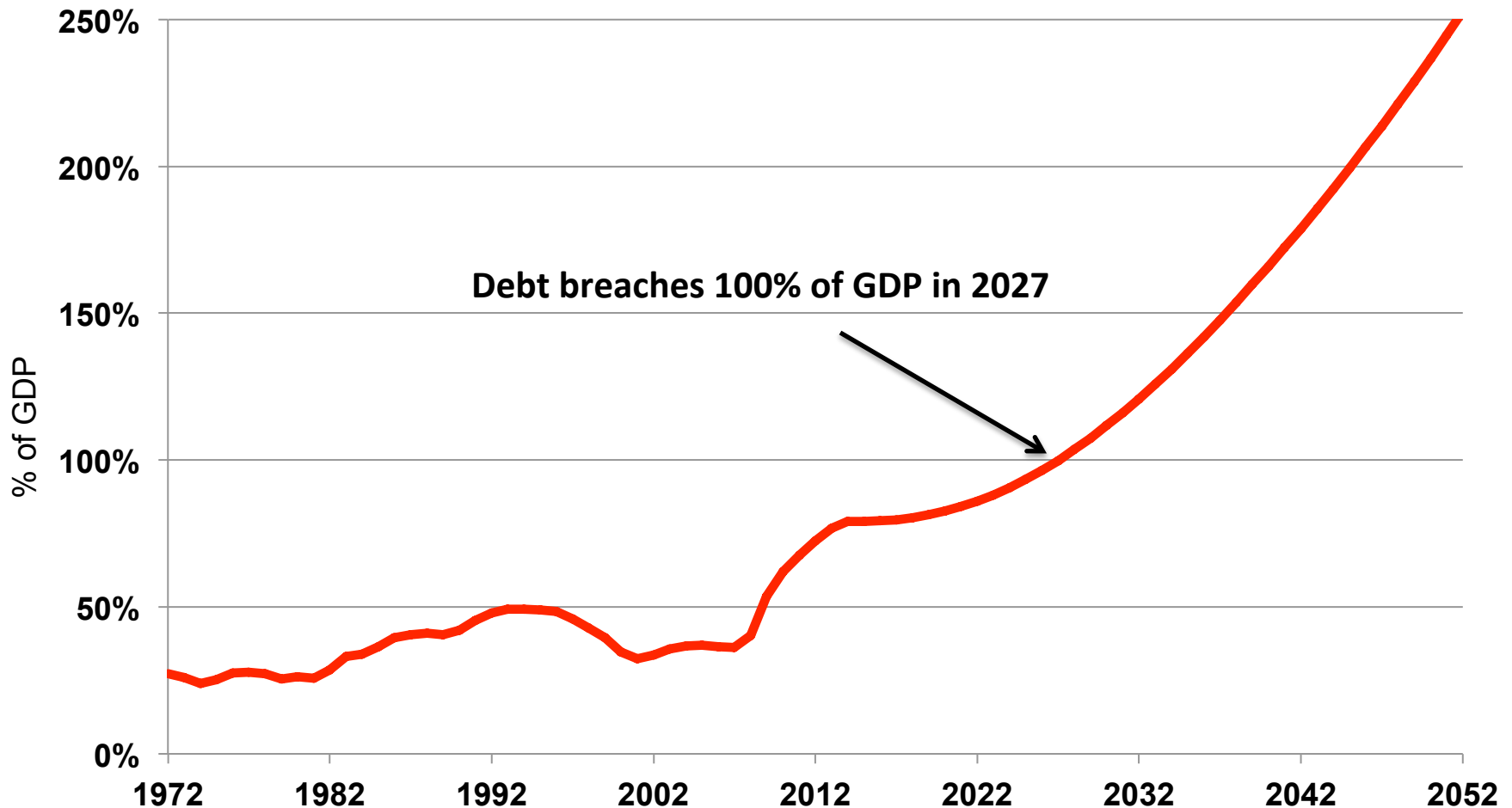


Federal Spending, FY 2011



Source: Office of Management and Budget

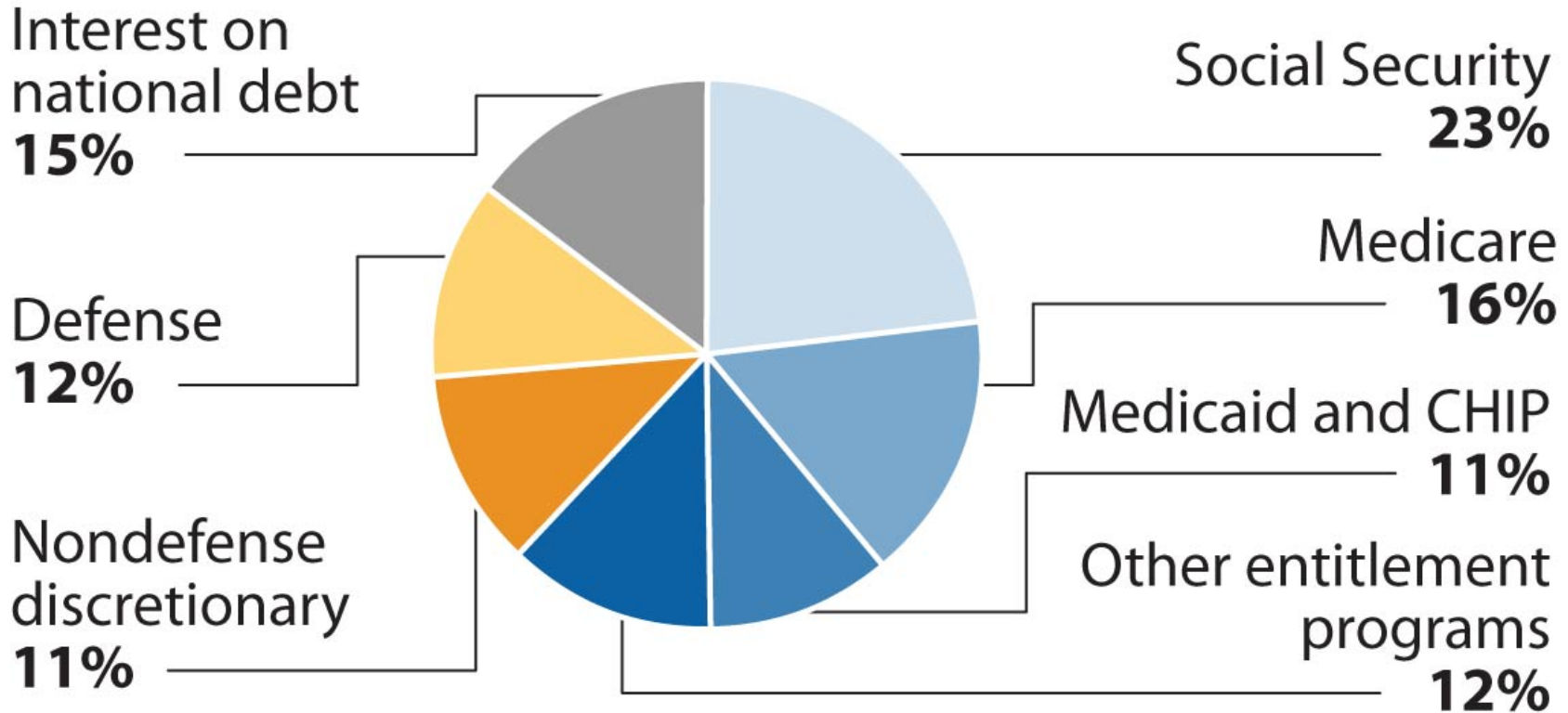
ABSENT REFORMS, DEBT WILL SKYROCKET IN THE COMING DECADES



Note: Unlike current law, the Bipartisan Policy Center's Plausible Baseline assumes that the 2001, 2003, and 2010 tax cuts are extended, the AMT is indexed to inflation, Medicare's physician payment rates are maintained at their current rate (the "doc fix"), the looming sequester from the Budget Control Act of 2011 is lifted, and troops stationed overseas decline to 45,000 by 2015

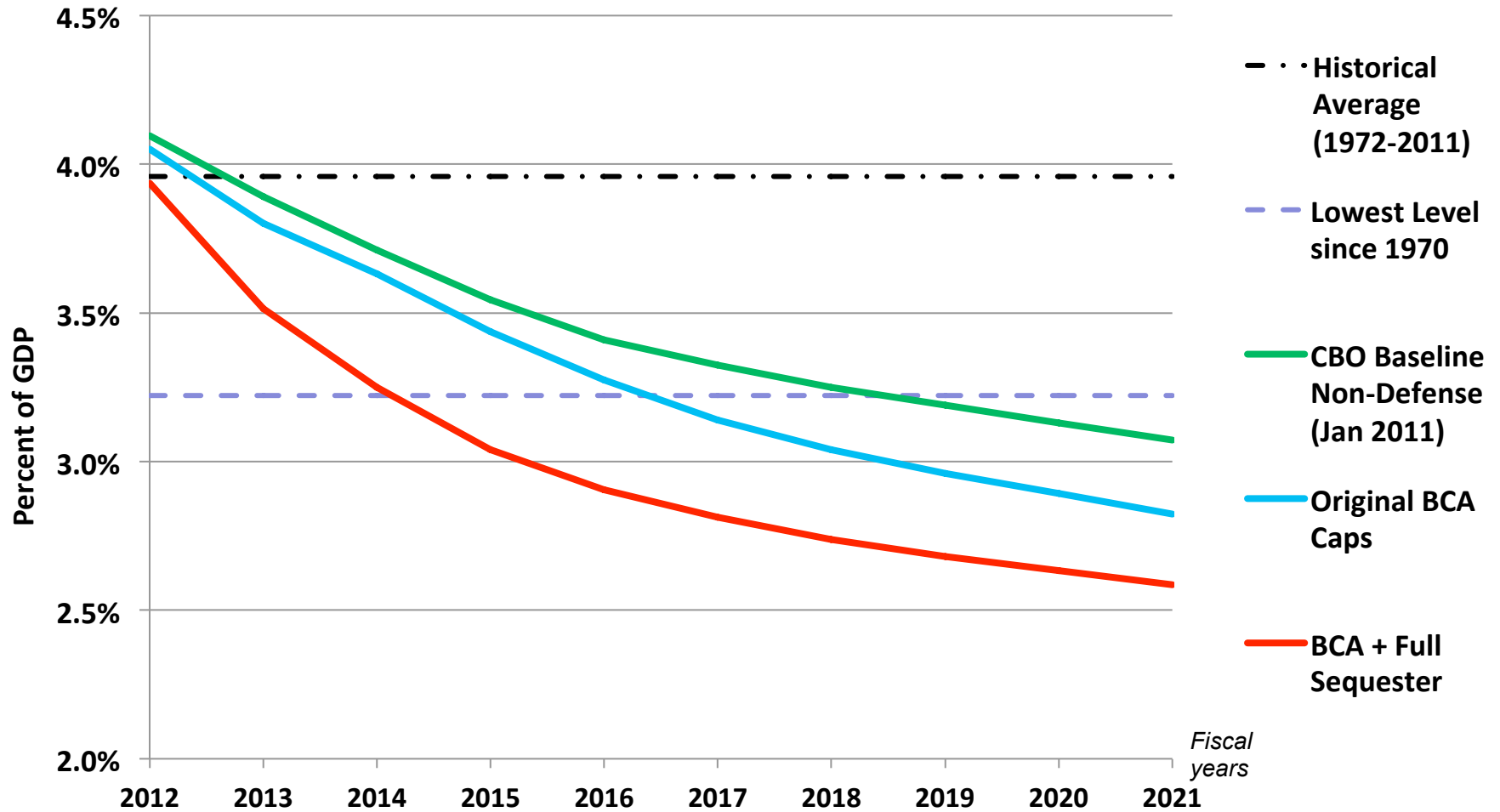
Sources: Congressional Budget Office (January 2012) and Bipartisan Policy Center extrapolations

Federal Spending, FY 2022



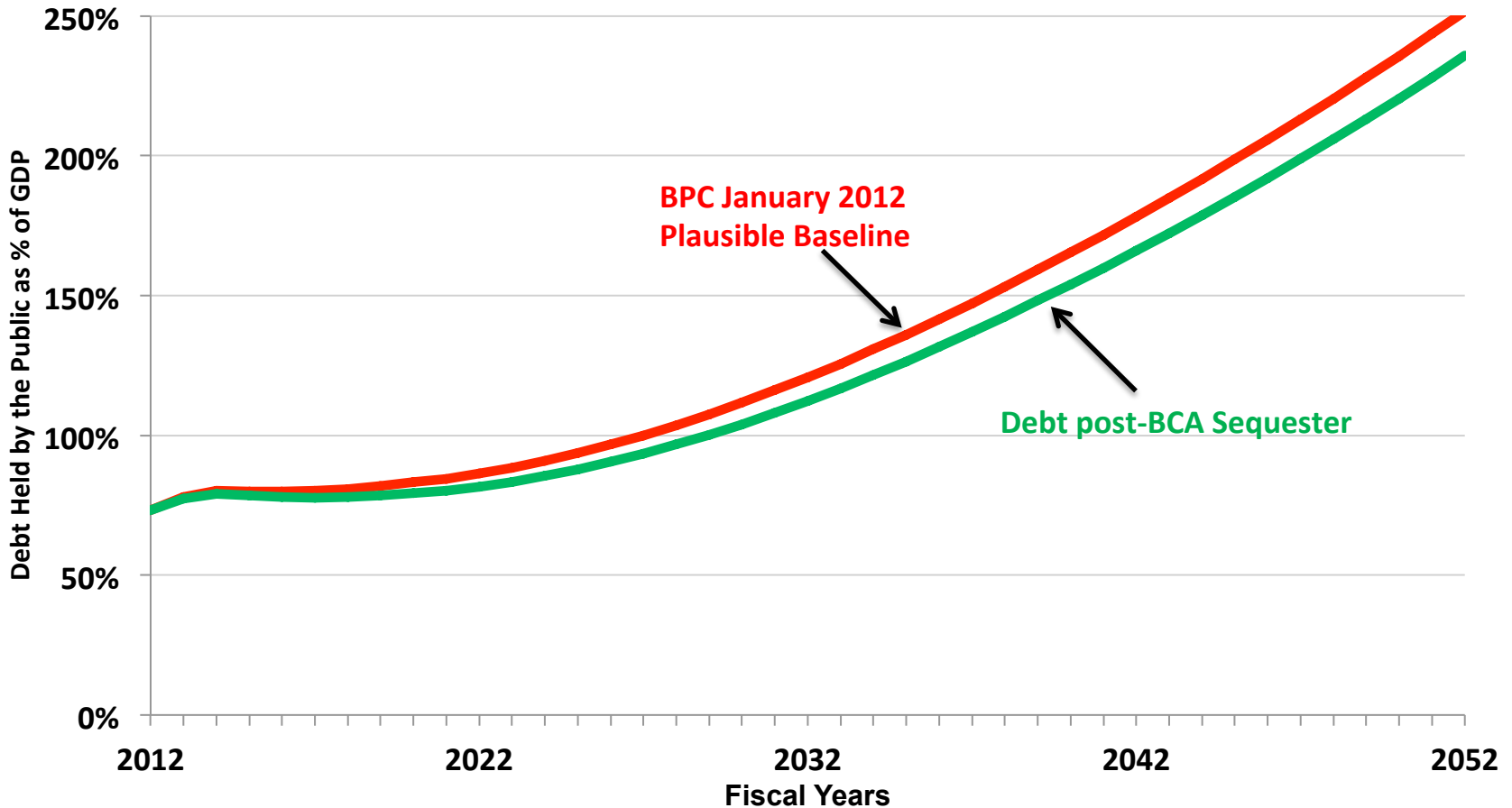
Source: CBPP based on data from Congressional Budget Office.

Nondefense Discretionary Spending Under Current Law



Source: Congressional Budget Office

Sequester Delays Debt Reaching 100% of GDP by Only 2 Years



Note: The Bipartisan Policy Center's (BPC) January 2012 Plausible Baseline assumes that the 2001, 2003, and 2010 tax cuts are extended permanently, Medicare physician payments are frozen (the "doc fix"), the AMT is indexed to inflation, and overseas combat operations wind down.

Sources: Congressional Budget Office; Bipartisan Policy Center projections

So What About Health?

- Health cut 5% to date, “pre-questration”
 - Wide variation across HHS
 - NIH flat funded; CDC cut by 12%
 - Prevention Fund cut by 40 percent (\$6.25 billion)
- Sequester cuts in FY 2013 alone...
 - \$290 million cut to CDC
 - \$51 million cut to Prevention Fund
- Health cuts unknown FY 2014 and beyond
 - Lord of the Flies...?

Do Something...Anything!

- No wrong way to engage
 - Call/write/visit your elected officials
 - Use social media (Twitter, Facebook, YouTube)
 - Attend a town hall
 - Use local media—print, TV, radio
- Message
 - Stop sequestration, stop cutting for cutting sake
 - Start working on a bipartisan, meaningful deficit reduction strategy
- Share your story!



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