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Can Obama's Binge Spending Increase Be Called A "Freeze"

"Obama Plans To Announce A Three-Year Freeze On Discretionary, 'Non-Security' Spending In The Lead-Up To Wednesday's State Of The Union Address ..." (Glenn Thrush and David Rogers, "Obama To Propose Spending Freeze," [Politico](#), 1/25/10)

OBAMA INCREASED NON-DEFENSE DISCRETIONARY SPENDING BY NEARLY 20% THIS YEAR, LARGEST ONE-YEAR INCREASE IN OVER THREE DECADES

President George W. Bush's Non-Defense Discretionary Spending In FY 2009 Was \$589 Billion. (White House Office Of Management And Budget, Summary Tables, [FY 2010 President's Budget](#), Submitted 5/7/09)

Obama Raised It By 19.5 Percent To \$704 Billion For FY 2010, The Largest One-Year Increase In 34 Years. (Office Of Management And Budget, "[Table 8.7--Outlays For Discretionary Programs: 1962-2014](#)," Accessed 12/11/09)

IN HIS FIRST BUDGET, OBAMA ACTUALLY PLEDGED DECREASE IN DISCRETIONARY SPENDING

Obama's FY 2010 Budget Originally Called For \$687 Billion In Non-Defense Discretionary Spending. (White House Office Of Management And Budget, Summary Tables, [FY 2010 President's Budget](#), Submitted 5/7/09)

Dropping To \$641 Billion In FY 2011, A 7 Percent Decrease. (White House Office Of Management And Budget, Summary Tables, [FY 2010 President's Budget](#), Submitted 5/7/09)

Dropping To \$622 Billion In FY 2012, A 3 Percent Decrease. (White House Office Of Management And Budget, Summary Tables, [FY 2010 President's Budget](#), Submitted 5/7/09)

Rising Slightly To \$625 Billion In FY 2013, A 0.5 Percent Increase. (White House Office Of Management And Budget, Summary Tables, [FY 2010 President's Budget](#), Submitted 5/7/09)

SO OBAMA'S SO-CALLED "FREEZE" COULD ACTUALLY BE A CALL FOR MORE BINGE SPENDING

Assuming Obama's "Freeze" Would Apply To His 2009 Budget Request For Non-Defense Discretionary Spending:

- **In FY 2011, Obama's "Freeze" On Non-Defense Discretionary Spending At \$704 Billion Would Mean \$63 Billion Spending Increase.** (Glenn Thrush and David Rogers, "Obama To Propose Spending Freeze," [Politico](#), 1/25/10; White House Office Of Management And Budget, Summary Tables, [FY 2010 President's Budget](#), Submitted 5/7/09)
- **In FY 2012, Obama's "Freeze" On Non-Defense Discretionary Spending At \$704 Billion Would Mean \$82 Billion Spending Increase.** (Glenn Thrush and David Rogers, "Obama To Propose Spending Freeze," [Politico](#), 1/25/10; White House Office Of Management And Budget, Summary Tables, [FY 2010 President's Budget](#), Submitted 5/7/09)
- **In FY 2013, Obama's "Freeze" On Non-Defense Discretionary Spending At \$704 Billion Would Mean \$79 Billion Spending Increase.** (Glenn Thrush and David Rogers, "Obama To Propose Spending Freeze," [Politico](#), 1/25/10; White House Office Of Management And Budget, Summary Tables, [FY 2010 President's Budget](#), Submitted 5/7/09)

DON'T FORGET: OBAMA'S GOVERNMENT-RUN HEALTH CARE EXPERIMENT WOULD MEAN MASSIVE INCREASES IN MANDATORY SPENDING

Obama's Government Takeover Of Health Care Would Become Mandatory, Not Discretionary Spending. "Federal budget experts actually use a slightly different term – 'mandatory spending' ... spending that isn't controlled by the usual congressional appropriations process ... The health care bill that passed the House and the slightly different one that passed the Senate Finance Committee offer two significant new streams of mandatory spending -- the 'affordability credits' that subsidize health plans that people buy on the newly created health insurance 'exchanges,' and an expansion of Medicaid, the federal-state health insurance program for the poor." ("Limbaugh Says Health Care Bill's Spending Can't Be Cut In The Future," [PolitiFact](#), 11/12/09)

Which Could Cost Up To \$2.5 Trillion. Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT): "Just for a second -- health care reform, whether you use a ten-year number or when you start in 2010 or start in 2014, wherever you start at, so it is still either \$1 trillion or its \$2.5 trillion, depending on where you start ..." (Sen. Max Baucus, [Floor Remarks](#), 12/2/09)

FLASHBACK: CANDIDATE OBAMA WAS NEVER REALLY FOR SPENDING FREEZES ANYWAY

Obama In First Presidential Debate: Obama Said That "The Problem With A Spending Freeze Is You're Using A Hatchet Where You Need A Scalpel." (Sen. Barack Obama, [2008 Presidential Debate](#), Oxford, MS, 9/26/08)

Obama In Second Presidential Debate: "I Disagree With Senator McCain About An Across-The-Board Freeze. That's an Example Of An Unfair Burden Sharing." (Sen. Barack Obama, [2008 Presidential Debate](#), Nashville, TN, 10/7/08)

Obama In Third Presidential Debate: "[W]e Do Have A Disagreement About An Across-The-Board Spending Freeze. It Sounds Good. It's Proposed Periodically. It Doesn't Happen." (Sen. Barack Obama, [2008 Presidential Debate](#), Hempstead, NY, 10/15/08)