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### Whichever Way You Slice It – Democrats’ Budgets Spend Too Much of the Money We Don’t Have

Washington, DC – As lawmakers on Capitol Hill gear up for the annual “budget vote-a-rama” this week, taxpayer advocates point out that neither the President’s budget blueprint, which he released on February 26, 2009, nor the House Democratic or Senate Democratic budgets would place federal spending on a sustainable path.

In the wake of massive government bailouts and the passage of the trillion dollar spending and debt package passed under the guise of economic stimulus, the Obama administration’s budget would increase federal spending as a percentage of GDP from 23.6 percent of GDP in 2011 to 24.5 percent in 2019 – [significantly above the past 40 year average of 20.7 percent](#).

And while the numbers may be slightly lower for the House and Senate Democrats’ budgets, both of them strive to preserve the President’s priorities, and still carry a massive price tag, calling for spending roughly \$3.5 trillion for the year that begins Oct. 1 compared to the President’s proposal of spending roughly \$3.6 trillion.

Says ATR president Grover Norquist: “Spending a little less than the President is still spending a lot too much. The President and his tax-and-spend friends may think taxpayers won’t have a problem with these mind-boggling budget proposals given that they may now be complacent when hearing that another few trillions of dollars will be spent. However, whichever way you slice it – all of the Democrats’ budget proposals spend too much of the money the American taxpayers don’t have.”

Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. The Center for Fiscal Accountability, a project of Americans for Tax Reform, seeks to shed a light on government expenditures, and to promote transparency, accountability, and restraint in government finance. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or by email at [jkartch@atr.org](mailto:jkartch@atr.org).

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