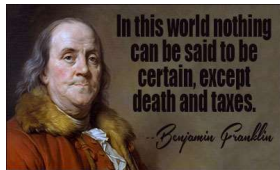


Unit 3 - Issues, Policy, & Civic Engagement

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TAXATION & SPENDING

- In the 2024 fiscal year, which ended 9/30/24, the total federal tax revenue in the United States was \$4.44 trillion or \$13,214 per person...

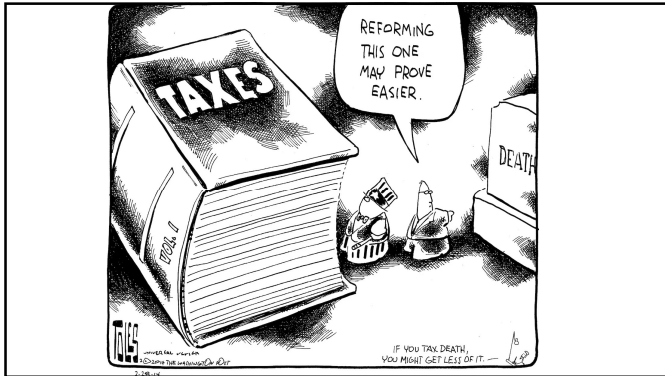


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TAXATION & SPENDING

- Definition:
 - payments by individuals and business to support the activities of the government
- Who has this power?
 - Article I Section 8...

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TAXATION & SPENDING

- Individual Income Tax
- Corporate Tax
- Social Insurance Taxes
- Excise Taxes
- Custom Duties
- Estate & Gift Taxes

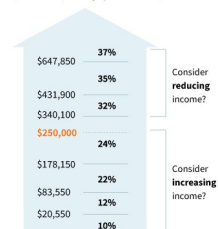


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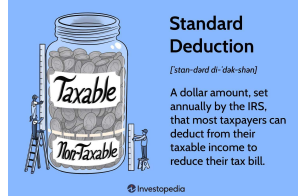
2022 income tax brackets
(married couple filing a joint tax return)



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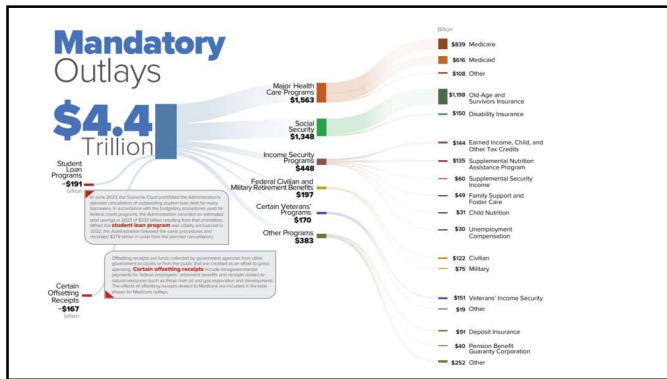
- Corporate Tax
- Social Insurance Taxes
 - i.e. Social Security, Medicare, & Unemployment Compensation
- Excise Taxes
- Custom Duties
 - Tariffs
- Estate & Gift Taxes

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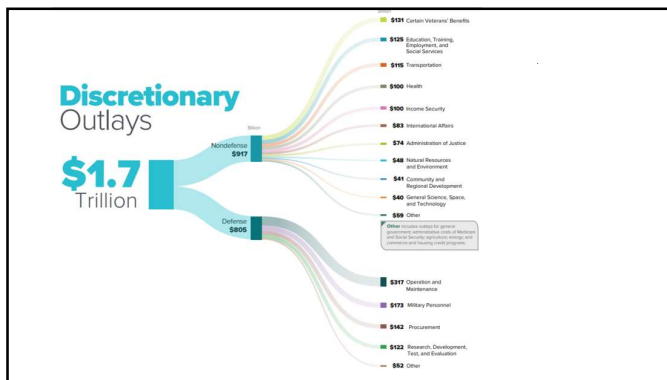
TAXATION & SPENDING

- Federal Budget
 - \$6.7 trillion in FY 2024
- Process starts 18 months out
- President: Proposes budget
- Congress: Makes the budget law
- Or at least that's how it's supposed to work...
 - *Appropriations Bill*
 - *Omnibus Reconciliation Bill*

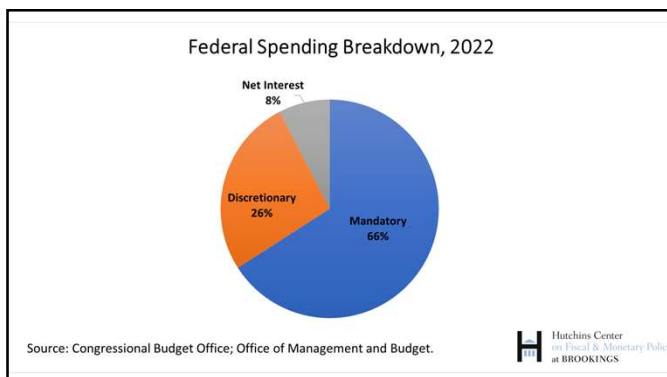
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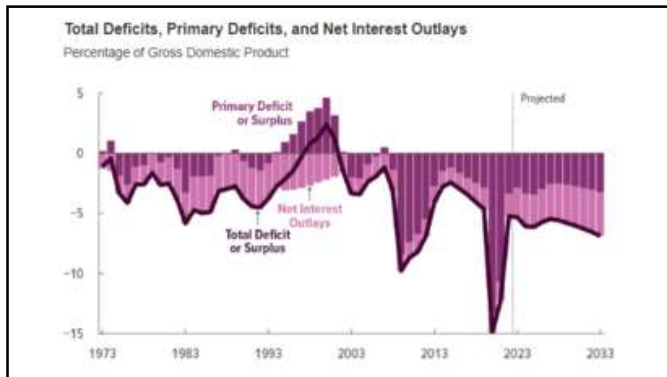
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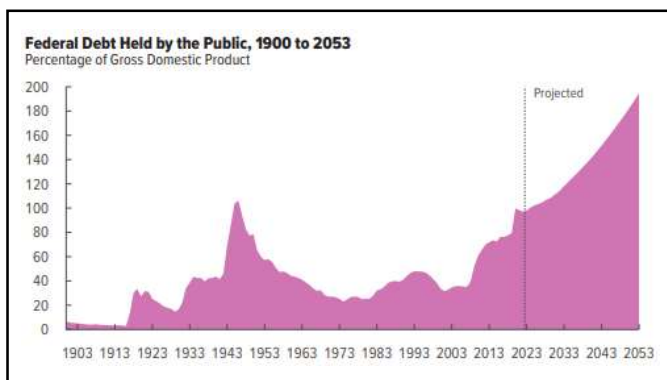
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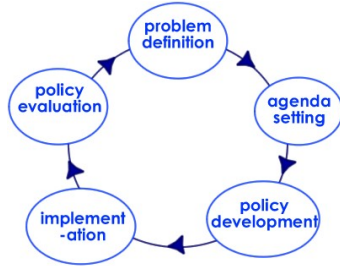
- Public policy is an institutionalized proposal or a decided set of elements like laws, regulations, guidelines, and actions to solve or address relevant and real-world problems, guided by a conception and often implemented by programs.

- *Wikipedia*

- Or... how government does what it does...

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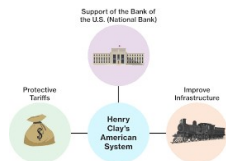
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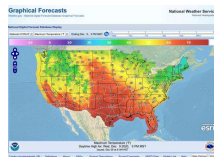
- Business & Labor
 - Free market...ish
 - Protection & promotion
 - Tax Incentives
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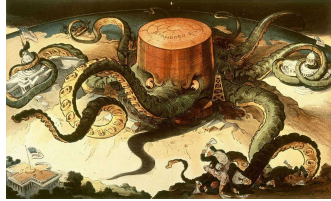
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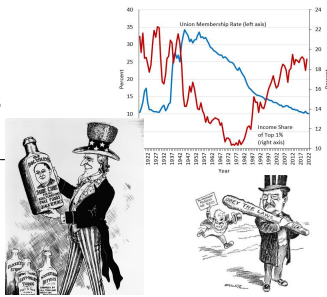
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SOCIAL & DOMESTIC POLICY

- Agriculture & Environment
 - Marketing Services, Price Supports, & Conservation Promotion
 - Environmental Protection Agency
- Health & Public Assistance
 - Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, S.N.A.P., Unemployment Insurance, Research
- Education, Housing, & Transportation
 - Interstates, Public Housing, F.A.F.S.A.

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FOREIGN POLICY & DEFENSE

- Policy Development
 - Changed over time
 - Monroe & Truman Doctrines, Iraq Wars
- Goals:
 1. National Security
 2. Trade
 3. World Peace
 4. Democratic Governments
 5. Concern for Humanity



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FOREIGN POLICY & DEFENSE

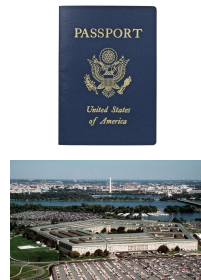
- Shared Foreign Policy Powers
 - President: Chief diplomat, Commander in Chief
 - Congress: Declare war, approve promotions, oversight committees, Power of Purse, Advise & Consent



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FOREIGN POLICY & DEFENSE

- State & Defense Departments
 - Both part of the executive branch
 - State = conduct foreign relations
 - Embassy – Ambassador
 - Consulate – Consul
- Defense
 - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Space Force, National Guard



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