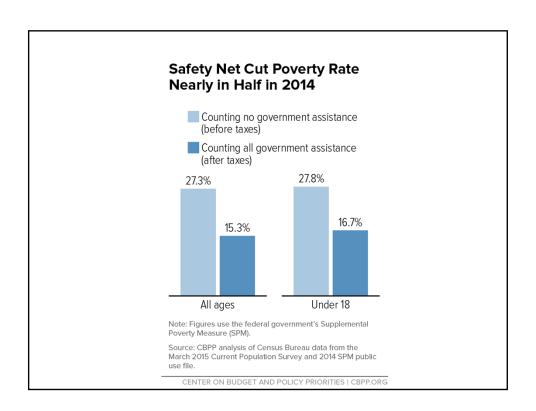


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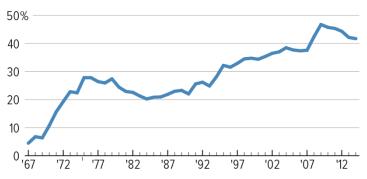
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Safety Net's Effectiveness at Reducing Poverty Has Grown Nearly Ten-Fold Since 1967

Percent of otherwise poor lifted above the poverty line by the safety net

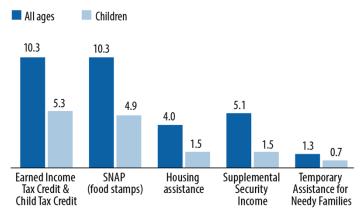


Note: For each year, figures show the percent reduction in the number of people in poverty from when government benefits and taxes are not counted to when they are counted. Calculations use Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) and 2012 SPM poverty line adjusted for inflation.

Source: 1967-2012 data are from Christopher Wimer et al., "Trends in Poverty with an Anchored Supplemental Poverty Measure," Columbia Population Research Center, December 2013. (Plot points generously shared by the authors.) For 2013-2014, CBPP analysis of Census Bureau data from the March Current Population Survey and SPM public use files.

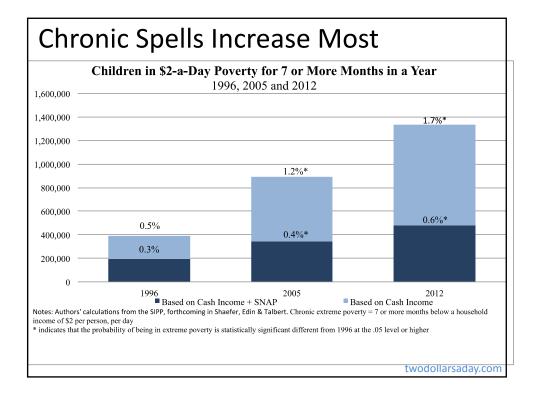
Major Tax Credits and Means-Tested Programs Lifted Millions Out of Poverty in 2012

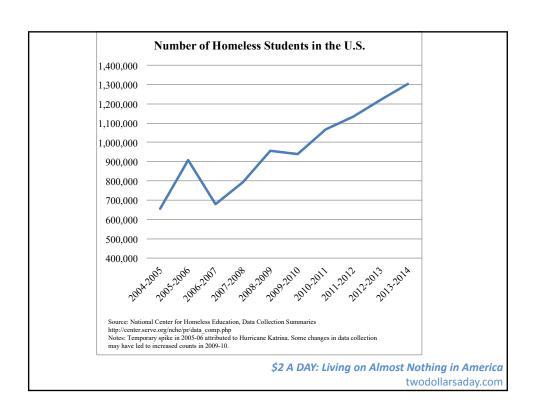
Millions of people lifted above the poverty line



Note: Figures show the number of people lifted above the poverty line using the federal government's Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) with corrections for underreporting.

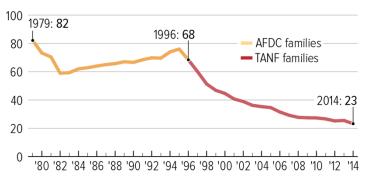
Source: CBPP analysis of 2012 Census Bureau data from the March Current Population Survey, SPM public use file; corrections for underreported benefits from HHS/Urban Institute TRIM model.





TANF's Role as a Safety Net Has Declined Sharply

Number of families receiving AFDC/TANF benefits for every 100 families with children in poverty



Note: TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, AFDC = Aid to Families with Dependent Children

Source: CBPP analysis of poverty data from the Census' Current Population Survey and AFDC/TANF caseload data from Department of Health and Human Services and (since September 2006) caseload data collected by CBPP from state agencies.

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TANF Lifts Many Fewer Children out of Deep Poverty Than AFDC Did

TANF (2010)

Lifted 24% of children who otherwise would have been in deep poverty

629,000 children

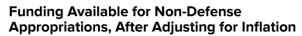
AFDC (1995)

Lifted 62% of children who otherwise would have been in deep poverty

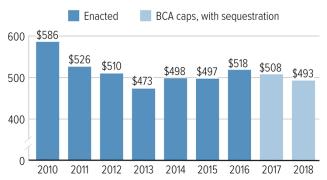
2,210,000 children

Note: TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, AFDC = Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Deep poverty = income less than 50 percent of the federal poverty line Source: CBPP analysis of Census' Current Population Survey, additional data from Health and Human Services TRIM model.

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In billions of 2016 dollars



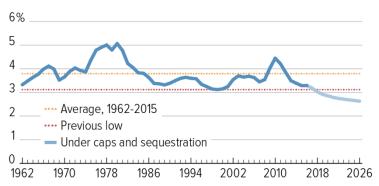
Notes: Sequestration refers to budget cuts required under the 2011 Budget Control Act, and includes modifications made in the Bipartisan Budget Acts of 2013 and 2015. The 2010 level does not include any 2009 Recovery Act funds.
All amounts exclude funding for disasters, emergencies, program integrity, and Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO).

Source: CBPP analysis of data from the Congressional Budget Office and the Office of Management and Budget.

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Non-Defense Discretionary Spending Falling to Historic Lows

Spending as a percent of gross domestic product

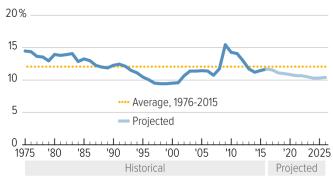


Note: Data available only back to 1962. Sequestration refers to budget cuts required under the 2011 Budget Control Act, and includes modifications made in the Bipartisan Budget Acts of 2013 and 2015.

Source: CBPP based on Office of Management and Budget and Congressional Budget Office data.

Non-Interest Spending Outside Medicare and Social Security Set to Fall in Coming Decade

Spending as a percent of GDP

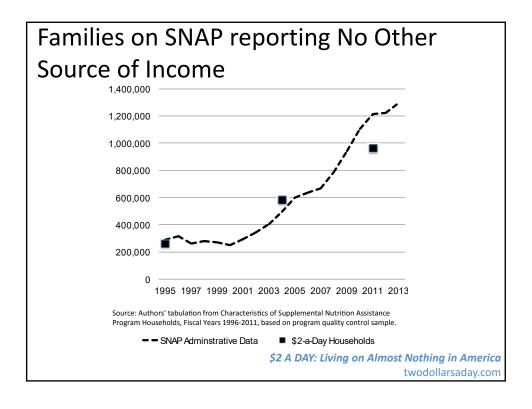


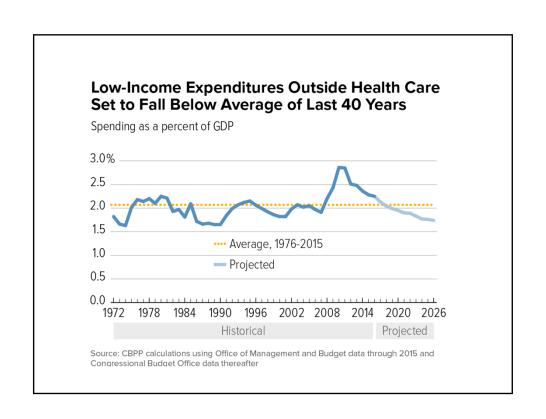
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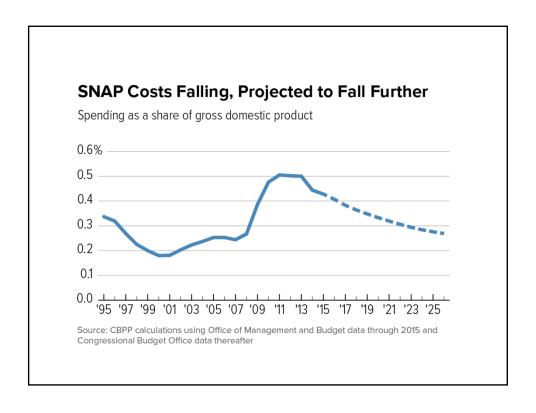
Program Spending as Percent of Gross Domestic Product Under Current Policies

	Average		
	1976-2015	2016	2026
Non-interest spending	18.4%	19.8%	20.1%
Minus Social Security	14.0%	14.9%	14.3%
Minus Social Security and Medicare	12.1%	11.7%	10.4%

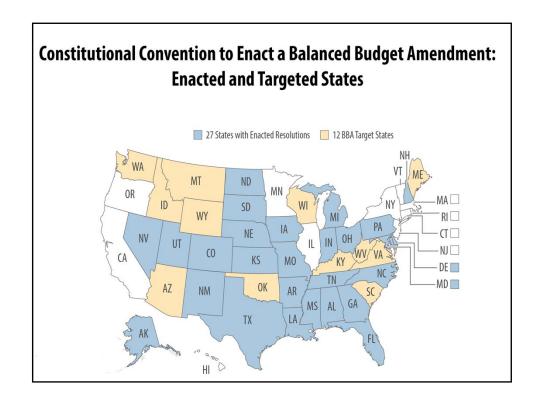
Note: Program spending includes all federal expenditures other than net interest on the debt. Source: Office of Management and Budget for 1976-2015; CBPP analysis of Congressional Budget Office for 2016 and 2026.







Funding for Most Major Block Grants Has Fallen Over Time Obligations in 2015 (in % change since Year of inception since 2000* **HOME Investment Partnership Program** 1992 \$935 -59% -61% **Community Development Block Grant** 1982 3.000 -49% -63% Job Training Formula Grants to States (Youth, Adult, and 1982 2,624 -46% -70% Dislocated Workers) Social Services Block Grant Maternal and Child Health Block Grant 1982 637 -36% -29% Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant 1998 16,486 -28% -32% Native American Housing Block Grant 1998 659 -24% -24% 1994 1.741 -7% Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant -22% Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant 1982 160 -15% -19% Community Mental Health Services Block Grant 1994 462 -1% **Community Services Block Grant** 1982 -18% Child Care and Development Block Grant (discretionary and 1991 5,277 8% 319% mandatory components) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant 1982 3.391 32% -25% Source: CBPP analysis of data from the Office Management and Budget, Congre Job Training Formula Grants to States and Community Development Block Grant figures reflect budget authority. The figures for the Community Development Block Grant represent the funding levels for CDBG formula grants. The TANF figures are those for State Family Assistance Grants.



Late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia



"... I certainly would not want a Constitutional convention. Whoa! Who knows what would come out of it?"

