

# THE PATH TO PROSPERITY

Themes & Facts  
*The House Republican Conference*

## Key Themes

We have to stop spending money we don't have.

Americans deserve to know the facts about how decades of broken promises and accounting gimmicks have produced a government that borrows 42 cents on the dollar and sends the bill to our children and grandchildren.

We need to move past politics. Washington needs to put our families, jobs and nation first. The Path to Prosperity does just that.

We must protect our health and retirement security programs for those 55 and older but strengthen them so they are there for future generations of retirees.



## Key Facts

### **GROWTH AND JOBS**

- According to a recent study by the Heritage Center for Data Analysis, the Path to Prosperity creates nearly 1 million new private-sector jobs next year, brings the unemployment rate down to 4 percent by 2015, and results in 2.5 million additional private-sector jobs in the last year of the decade
- Spurs economic growth, increasing real GDP by \$1.5 trillion over the decade
- Unleashes prosperity and economic security, resulting in \$1.1 trillion in higher wages and an average of \$1,000 per year in higher income for each family.

### **SPENDING**

- Cuts \$6.2 trillion in government spending over the next decade compared to the President's budget, and \$5.8 trillion relative to the current policy baseline.
- Eliminates hundreds of duplicative programs, reflects the ban on earmarks, and curbs corporate welfare, bringing non-security discretionary spending to below 2008 levels.
- Brings government spending to below 20 percent of the economy, a sharp contrast to the President's budget, which never falls below 23 percent of GDP over the next decade.

## **DEBT AND DEFICITS**

- Reduces deficits by \$4.4 trillion compared to the President's budget over the next decade.
- Surpasses the President's low benchmark of sustainability - which his own budget fails to meet - by reaching primary balance in 2015.
- Puts the budget on a path to balance and *pays off* the debt.

## **TAXES**

- Keeps taxes low so the economy can grow. Eliminates the roughly \$800 billion tax increase imposed by the President's health care law. Prevents the \$1.5 trillion tax increase called for in the President's budget.
- Calls for a simpler, less burdensome tax code for households and small businesses. Lowers tax rates for individuals, families and businesses. Sets top rates for individuals and businesses at 25 percent. Improves incentives for growth, saving, and investment.

## **GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE**

- Repeals and defunds ObamaCare, ensuring that not a penny is spent on the government takeover of health care that was enacted last year. Instead, it moves toward patient-centered health care.
- Stops the raid on the Medicare trust fund that was going to be used to pay for ObamaCare. Any current-law Medicare savings must go to saving Medicare, not financing the creation of new government takeover of health care.