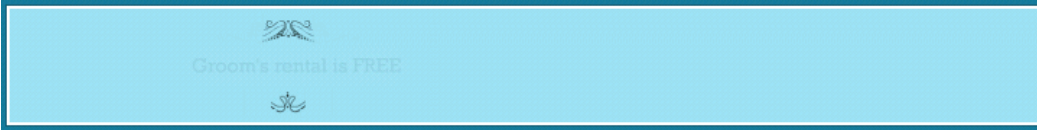


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Congressional Republicans proudly say that they are prepared to cut the budget. They put their proposals on their new YouCut website last week.

But the Cato Institute's Chris Edwards points out that the GOP cuts amounted to just 0.017 percent of the federal budget. He proposes more meaningful cuts, ones that would chop more than 10% from federal spending.

"Many politicians and congressional staffers will look at this list and consider the cuts too radical. But those folks should take a closer look at current budget projections, which show federal debt exploding to 100 percent of GDP within a decade and heading to the moon after that. Rising debt all but guarantees that there will be radical changes to the budget in coming years. So we can start making changes in an orderly way right now, or we can make them later when it's harder to dig out from an even bigger pile of debt."

Besides, the 10 cuts proposed below are not radical. Canada doesn't have a federal Department of Education, so why do we need one? New Zealand doesn't hand out farm subsidies, so why should we? Britain's new conservative-liberal government is cutting public-sector salaries, so why can't we?

Cuts in subsidies will cause short-term dislocations for the groups dependent on them, but people will adjust quickly and society will be better off in the long run. Welfare supporters said that the reforms in 1996 would be a social disaster, but benefits were cut and low-income families prospered.

Americans don't need subsidies, and the government obviously can't afford them anymore. It's time to start getting rid of them."

You can access the full list of cuts at: www.downsizinggovernment.org

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The politicians are not serious about cutting the Federal spending. Simply putting in place a hiring and salary freeze for Federal Employees would cut the budget by 10%. We need serious cutting and most of what the Federal Government does today is take money from States then redistribute the same money after their overhead back to the States. Why not abolish the middle-people and allow the States to govern themselves per the 10th Amendment?
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