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Vital info on government waste

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A new website takes aim at government waste in the U.S.



[DownsizingGovernment.org](#) is the latest project of The CATO Institute. Chris Edwards, an economist with CATO and the manager of the website, believes Americans have a real problem with the ballooning government deficits of the Obama administration. Edwards adds that the rising deficits are putting future generations of Americans in debt.

"Ultimately it's going to have to be citizens and voters who tell Washington to stop spending so much money," he argues, "and the idea of DownsizingGovernment.org is to give them the information they need to call for cuts to particular programs."

Two areas the website tackles for government cuts are the Department of Education and the Department of Energy. Edwards believes states should be given control over education -- and that the Department of Education could be eliminated.

"In Canada, education is purely a provincial and local matter," he points out. "The federal government does not get involved at all -- and yet they achieve superior results than we do here in the United States.

"So that's something to think about when you hear federal politicians claiming that we always need to increase the federal budget on spending on education."



Edwards

As for the Department of Energy, Edwards believes the private sector should control costs and decide on which forms of alternative sources of energy make it or break it in the future.

In the near future, DownsizingGovernment.org will also discuss ways to cut spending in other government departments.



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