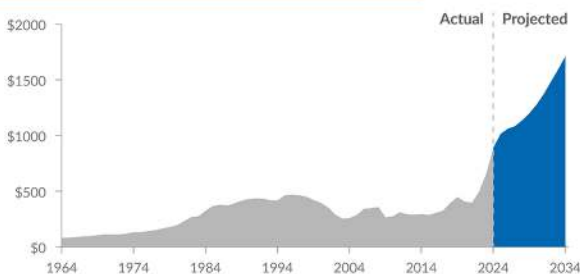


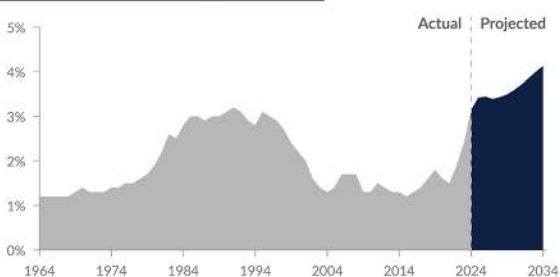
Interest costs on the **national debt** are rising to historic levels —

NO MATTER HOW YOU MEASURE IT

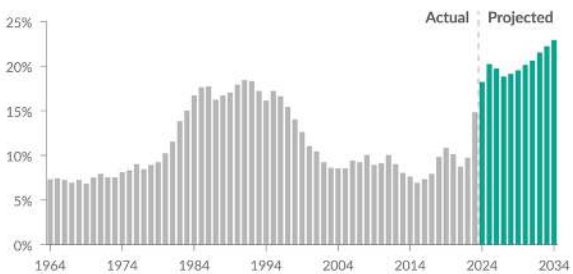
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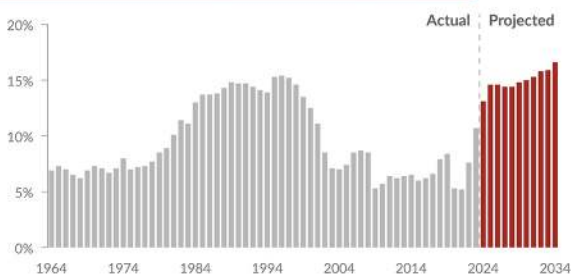
Interest Costs as a Percentage of GDP



Interest Costs as a Percentage of All Federal Revenues

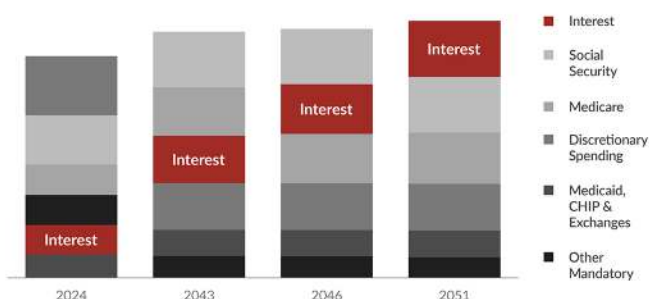


Interest Costs as a Percentage of All Federal Spending



Interest costs will become the single largest category of the budget — bigger than Social Security, Medicare or national defense.

Budget Categories (Percent of GDP)



Note: Medicare spending is net of premiums and payments from the states.