

HOW DOES THE NATIONAL DEBT AFFECT THE ECONOMY?

There are many factors that contribute to a growing, thriving economy, and one of the most important is having a strong fiscal foundation — a federal budget with spending and revenues that are generally in balance.

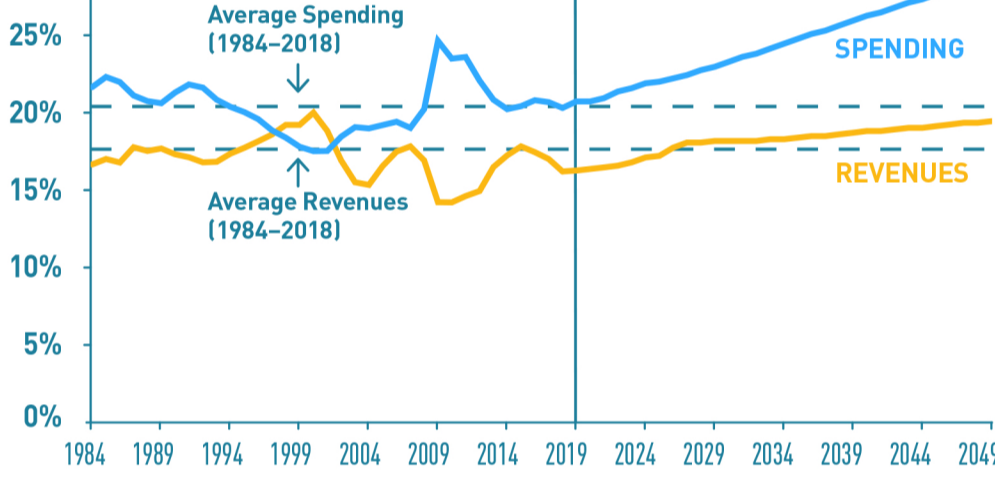


A STRONG FISCAL FOUNDATION SUPPORTS A FAVORABLE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT WITH POSITIVE CONDITIONS INCLUDING:

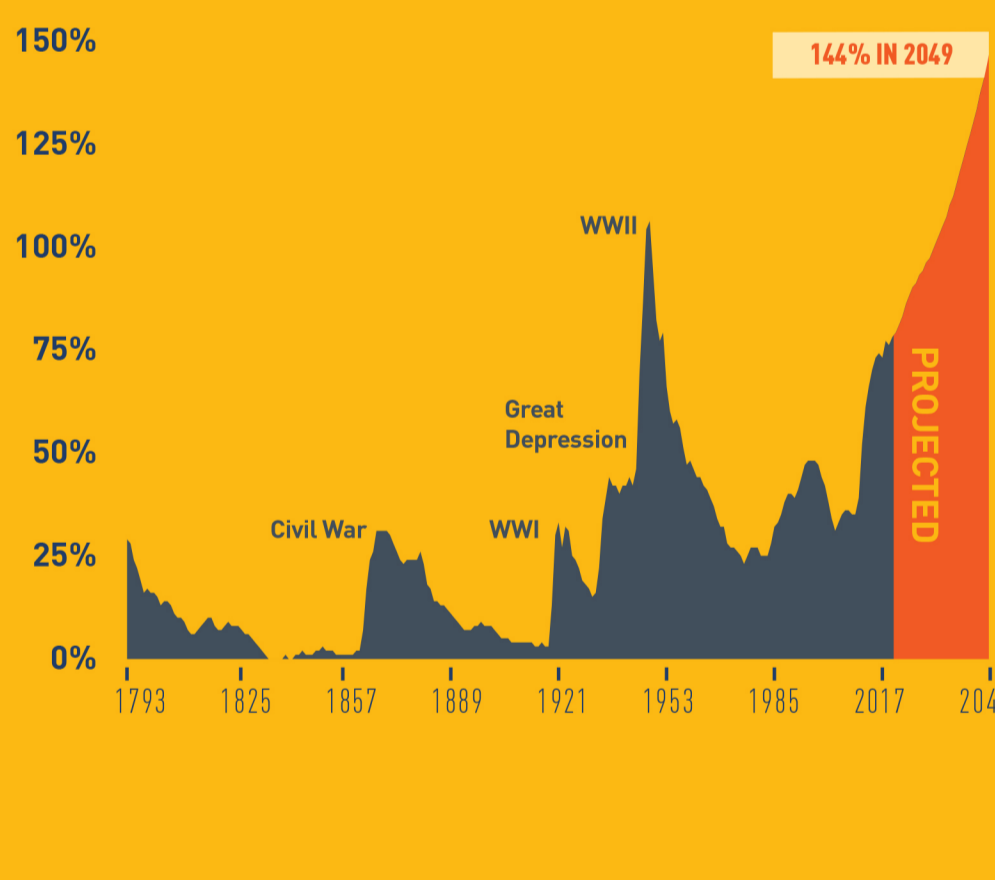
- INCREASED ACCESS TO CAPITAL
- MORE PRIVATE INVESTMENT
- MORE RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC INVESTMENTS
- CONSUMER & BUSINESS CONFIDENCE
- GREATER FISCAL FLEXIBILITY
- A SOLID SAFETY NET

BUT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT CURRENTLY HAVE A STRONG FISCAL FOUNDATION

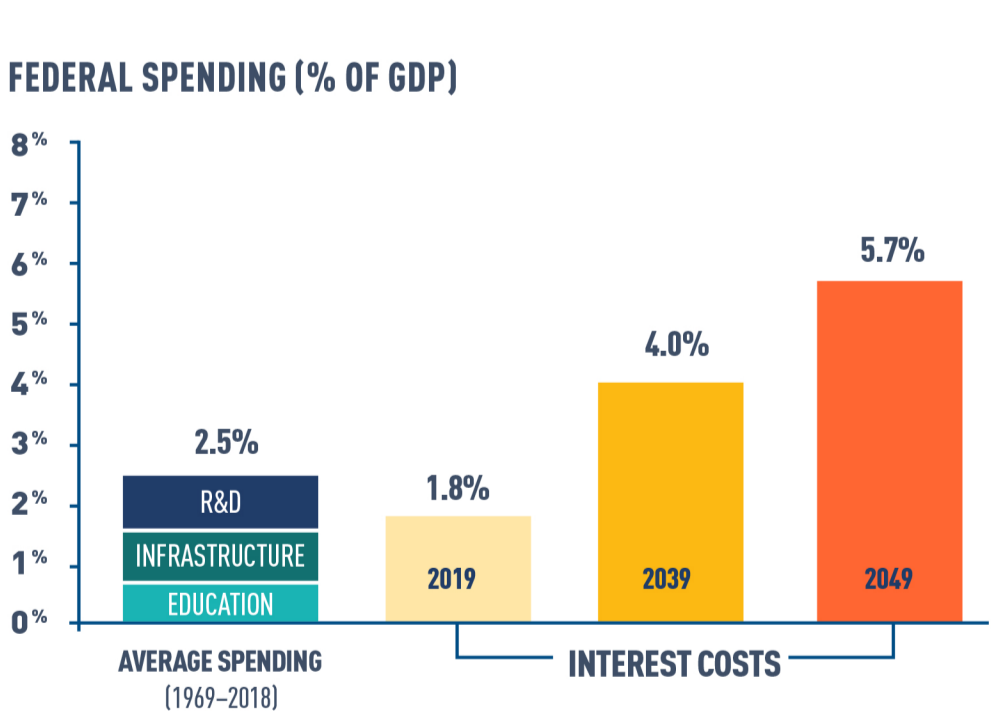
THE GROWING DEBT IS CAUSED BY A STRUCTURAL MISMATCH BETWEEN SPENDING AND REVENUES



THE FEDERAL DEBT IS ON AN UNSUSTAINABLE PATH



RISING INTEREST COSTS ON OUR FEDERAL DEBT WILL CROWD OUT IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS IN OUR FUTURE



THE GROWING FEDERAL DEBT COULD REDUCE FAMILY INCOMES SUBSTANTIALLY

