

Recommendation levels: Dealing with the federal deficit

30,000 feet: The federal government should be debt free by 2030.

Aspirations/goals but no “hows”

15,000 feet: It should hold government growth to no more than X% while ensuring revenue growth is no less than Y%, with the balance going to debt repayment.

Very general “how” ideas

5,000 feet: It should raise the following kinds of taxes: _____, _____, _____, eliminate the following kinds of programs: _____, _____, _____, and reduce spending in the following general areas: _____, _____, _____.

Specific “hows” but with some discretion

1,000 feet: It should repeal the following sections of the Internal Revenue Code: _____, _____, _____ and add the following sections: _____, _____, _____.

“Just follow the directions”