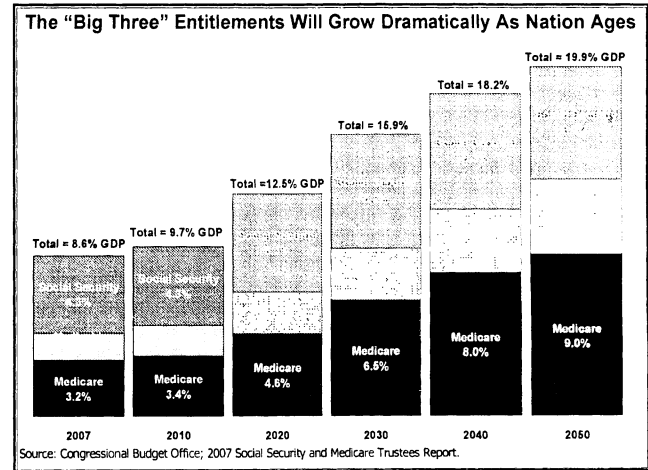
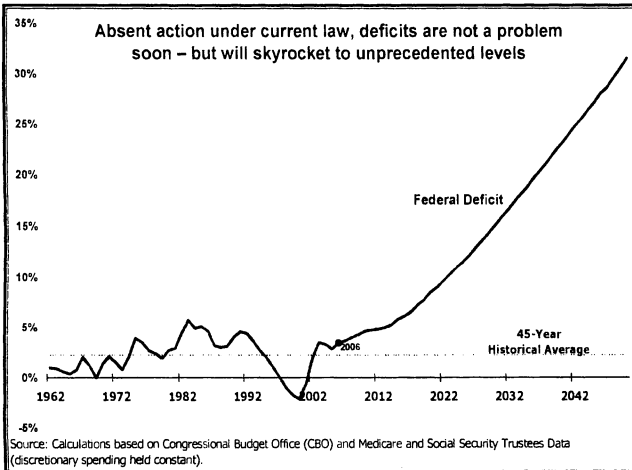
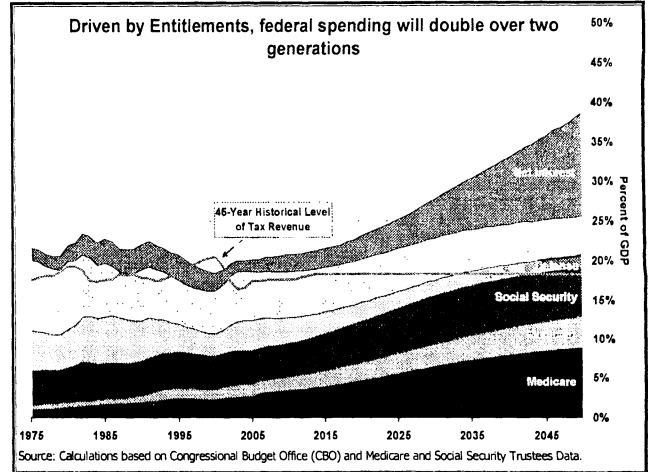
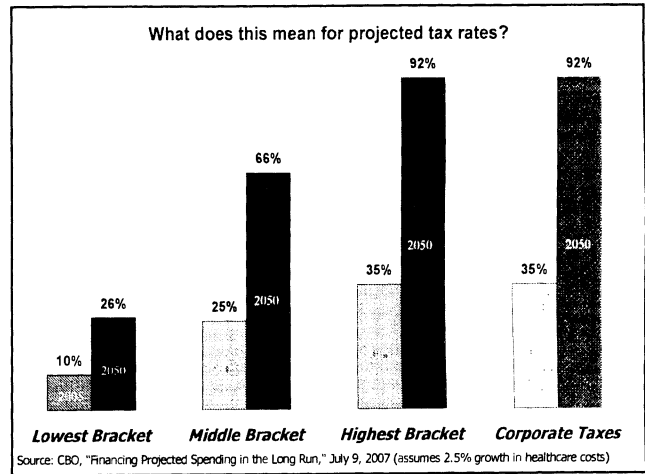
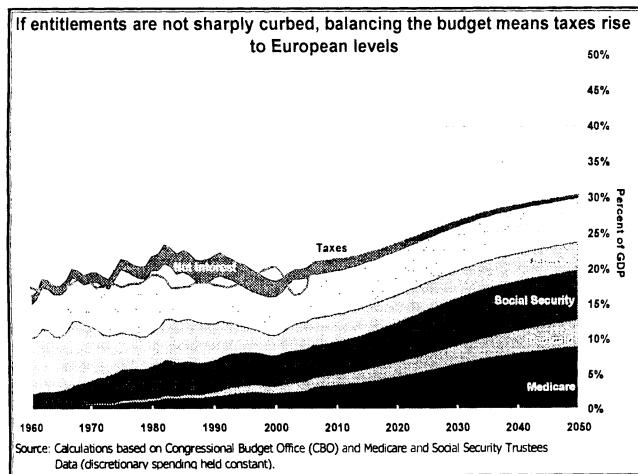
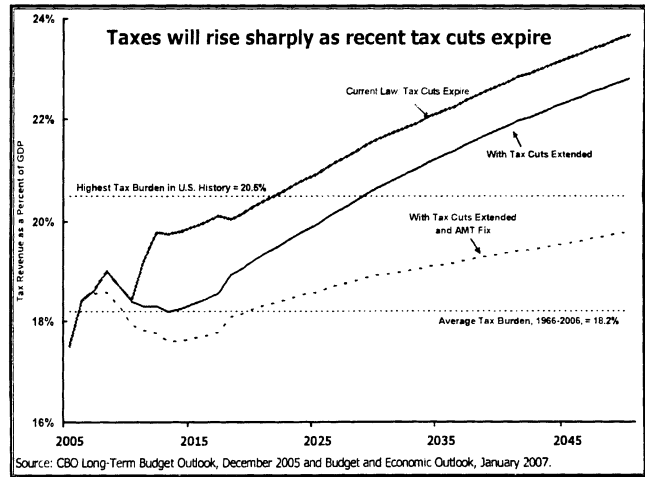
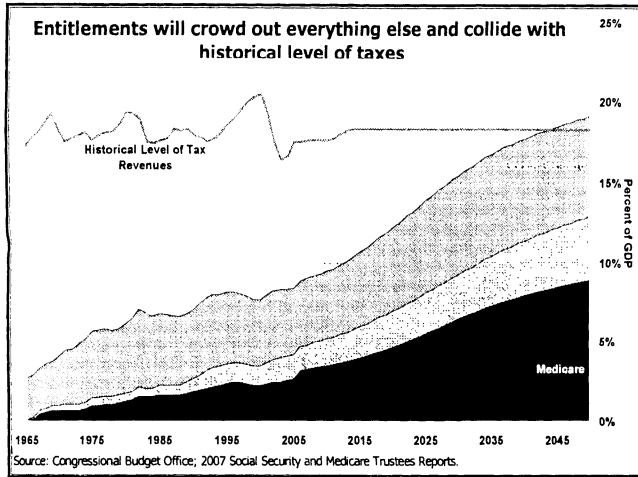
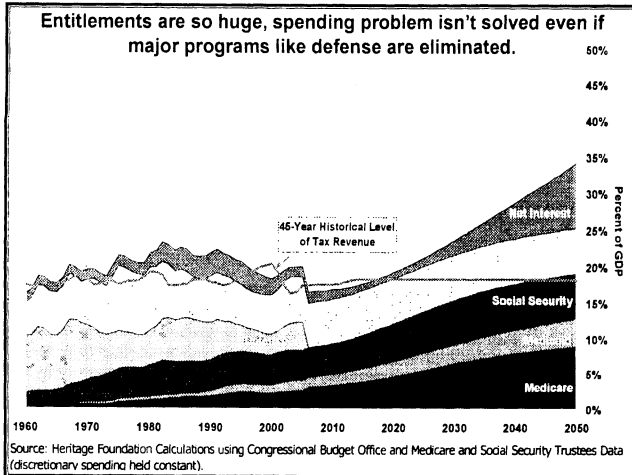


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 - Require an explicit vote to increase long-term obligations
 - Transform entitlements into 30-year budgeted programs, weighed against other needs

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 - Give incentive to work longer
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