

Legislative Update

**NIH Director's Report to the Advisory
Committee to the Director
December 6, 2012**

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◀ MORE DEMOCRATIC

MARGIN OF VICTORY percentage points

MORE REPUBLICAN ▶

100 | 80 | 60 | 40 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 | 100

GROUPS

Gender

Total vote

Men

Women

HOW TO READ THIS CHART
In 2008, many groups moved left, giving Barack Obama more support than they had given to John Kerry in 2004.

'08 '12 '04

In 2012, nearly all groups reduced their support for Obama, which is shown here with a shift to the right.

Race

Black

Hispanics and Asians bucked the tide in a striking way, continuing their consolidation as Democrats.

Hispanic

Asian

White

Income

\$30,000 to \$50,000

\$50,000 to \$100,000

Under \$30,000

\$100,000+

City

Cities shifted only slightly, and continue to be the centerpiece of the Obama majority.

Big cities

Small cities

Suburbs

Small towns

Rural areas

The suburbs broke back to the Republican side, while towns and rural areas solidified as Republican strongholds, more polarized from urban dwellers than before.

State Demographics

Hispanics in Nev.

Hispanics in Fla.

Whites in Ala.

Hispanics in Colo.

Whites in Colo.

Whites in Fla.

Religion

Jewish

Catholics

All Protestants

White evangelical

No religion

Attend church at least once week

The groups are placed left or right of center depending on

113th Congress

Projected 113th Congress

Senate		
53 Democrats	45 Republicans	2 Independent
(+2)	(-2)	

House of Representatives		
201 Democrats	233 Republicans	1 Undecided
(+8)	(-8)	

Committees of Jurisdiction

- Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee
- House Energy and Commerce Committee
- Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee
- House Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee

A Sequestration Estimate

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Non-Defense Discretionary Caps before Reduction	510	520	530	541	553	566	578	590
Required reduction, dollars	38	37	37	36	35	34	33	32
Required reduction, percent	7.5%	7.2%	6.9%	6.7%	6.4%	6.1%	5.7%	5.4%
Resulting Level of Caps	472	483	493	505	518	532	545	558

Source: Kogan, Richard. *How the Across-the-Board-Cuts in the Budget Control Act Will Work*. Center on Budget and Policy Priorities April 27, 2012

White House and GOP Proposals

The White House Proposal

Deficit Reduction

Eliminating Bush-era tax cuts on incomes above \$250,000	\$950 billion
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Tax reform	\$600 billion
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Cuts to health entitlements, primarily Medicare	\$350 billion
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Cuts to other mandatory spending programs	\$250 billion
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New Stimulus

New spending to boost economy	\$200 billion
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Net Savings	\$2 trillion
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House GOP Counteroffer

Deficit Reduction

Revenue through tax reform	\$800 billion
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Health savings	\$600 billion
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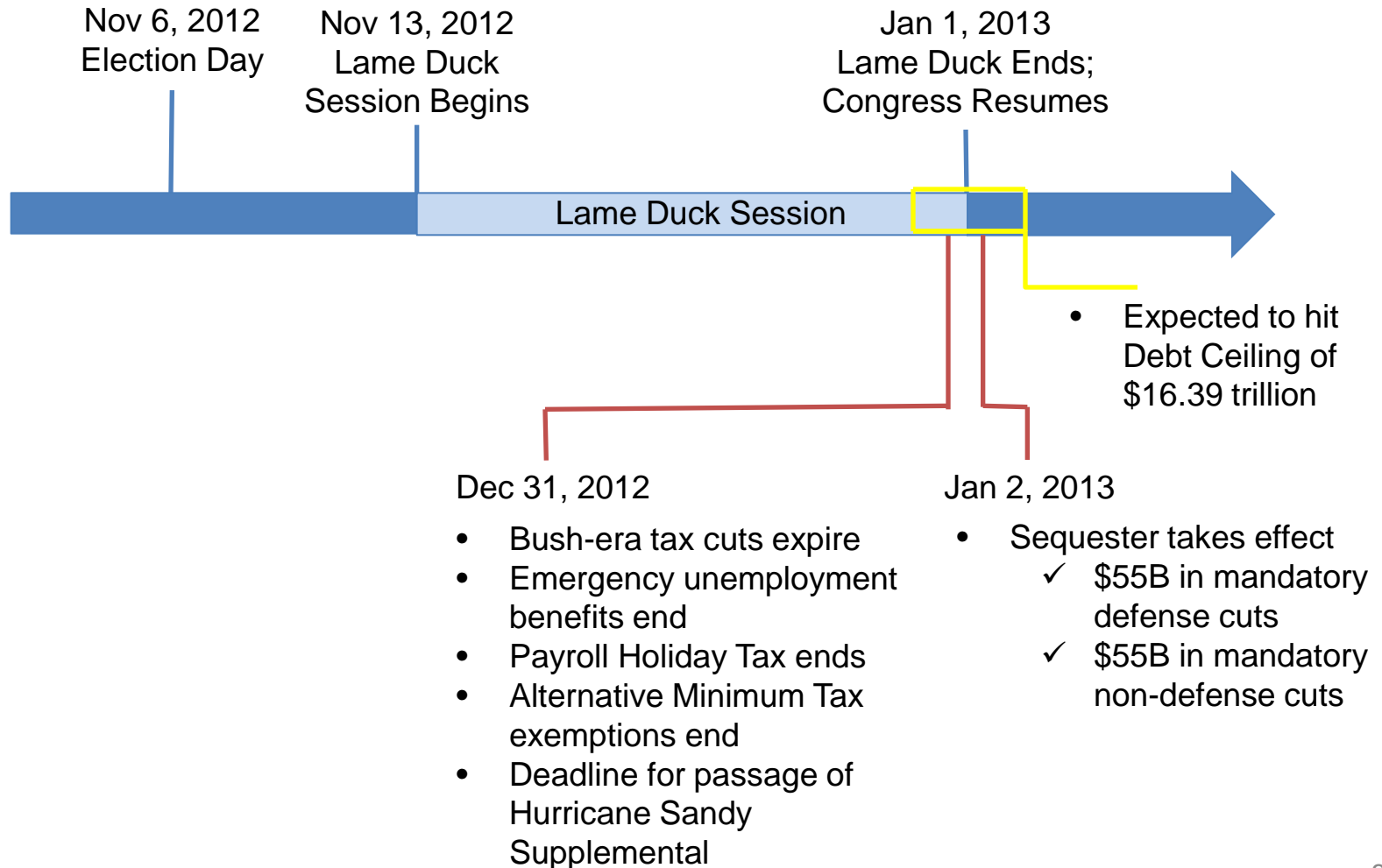
Other mandatory savings	\$300 billion
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Revision to CPI	\$200 billion
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Further discretionary savings	\$300 billion
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Net Savings	\$2.2 trillion
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Immense Pressure for Action in Six-Week Window



The Community Stirs in Response to Threat

United for Medical Research

Medical Research is in JEOPARDY

NIH Funds Roughly 1/3rd of all U.S. Medical Research

The NIH community consists of **333,000** scientists and research staff, **2,500** research institutions, and **50** states.

NIH's annual budget is nearly **\$31 billion**. In 2011 NIH funding supported **432,000 jobs** + **\$62 billion** in economic activity. NIH research on **cancer, heart disease, stroke and diabetes** prevents up to **1.35 million deaths** annually.

But Looming Funding Cuts Mean Jobs and Medical Innovation are at Risk

Because Congress failed to reach a deficit reduction agreement last fall, NIH is now at **risk of an 8.2% cut** from budget sequestration. This represents the **LARGEST CUT IN THE AGENCY'S HISTORY**.

The **8.2% drop** will reduce NIH funding to below 2001 levels. **\$2.5 billion cut =** NIH's entire annual budget for researching **HEART DISEASE, DIABETES, HEPATITIS AND SPINAL CORD INJURIES.** 1 in 5 Americans suffers from one of these conditions.

2,300 research grants will be disrupted – one quarter of the new and competing grants NIH expects to fund.

\$4.5B BLOW TO THE ECONOMY America's economy will contract as medical research in the public and private sector slows dramatically.

33,000 jobs will be lost, affecting every U.S. state.

Research Cuts Will Also Harm U.S. Global Competitiveness

While growth in high-wage, high-skill jobs and research investments in the life sciences sector is **flat-lining in the United States**, other countries, like **Germany and France**, show consistent growth.

GERMANY FRANCE CHINA



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Protect medical research from sequestration.

At stake: our **economy**, national **productivity**, global **competitiveness**, and progress against life-threatening **disease**. Making medical research a national priority benefits all of us. We must make our voices heard amidst the din.



In Defense of Science: How the Fiscal Cliff Could Cripple Research Enterprise

By Puneet Opal

The way forward for U.S. health care is research -- not just for the benefit of patients, but as an eng. for economic growth.



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Advocates push to save medical research funds from cuts

By Elise Viebeck - 11/27/12 11:02 AM ET

COLUMBIA SPECTATOR

Tuesday 4 December 2012 04:16am EST

Politicians, scientists push back against fiscal cliff

by [Luke Barnes](#)

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Facing the NIH Funding Crisis How Professional Societies Can Help

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