## **U.S.** shifts from creditor to debtor

The implications of this downgrade cannot be understated. It shifts power and opportunity derived from fiscal strength, threatens the standing of the U.S. dollar as a world currency and will likely shrink the nation's credit lines. The U.S. dollar has been the world's currency since WWII.

## Federal spend by category

**Defense** 

Medicaid

1990

1980

billions \$2.5

2

1.5

1.0

0.5



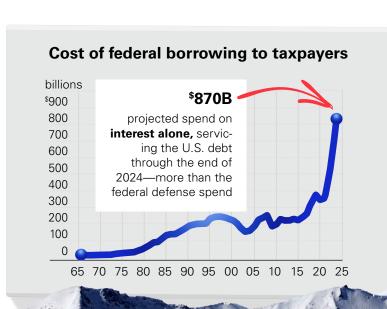




the pace at which the U.S. debt increases every **100 days.** U.S. debt is the amount of money the federal government borrows to cover operating expenses. As of press time this U.S. debt topped \$34.4 trillion.

Foreign investors hold **\$7.3 trillion in U.S. debt** in the liquid form of Treasuries. Here are the top 5 in 2022.





2000 2010

2020

2030

trillions, dollars

34

33.5

33

32.5

32

31.5

Oct Jan Apr Jun Oct Jan Feb 2022 2023

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