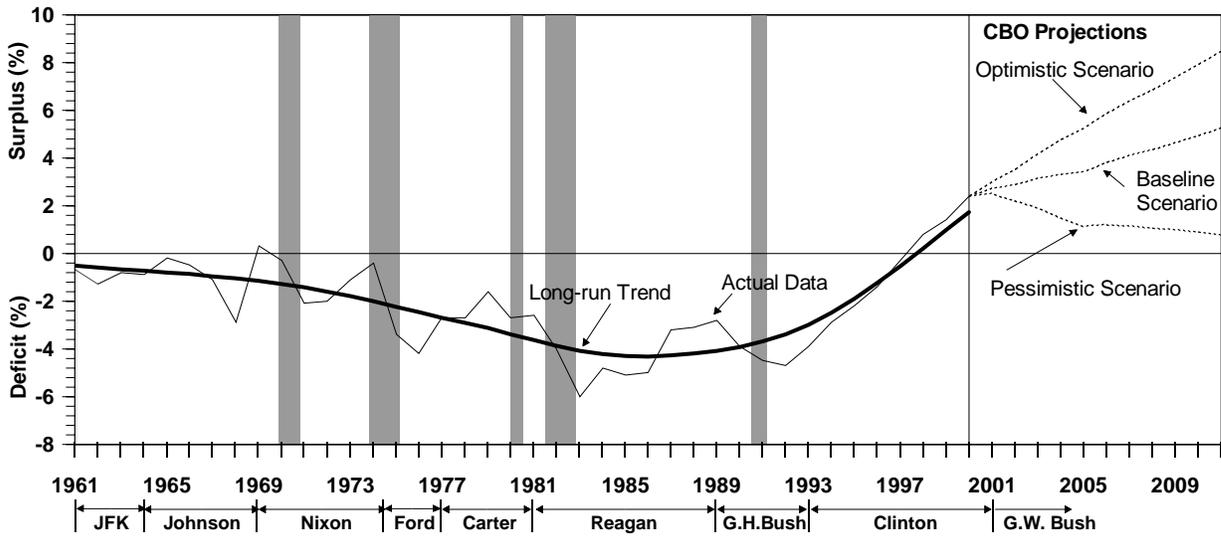


Total Budget Surplus/Deficit as Percentage of GDP



Note: Shaded areas denote recessions. The long-run trend is calculated according to the procedure described by Hodrick and Prescott (1997), with a smoothing parameter equal to 100 which is appropriate for annual data.