

**Budget Trends Assignment from Dr. Paul Posner's "National Budgeting" course at George Mason University**

Different students will be asked to interpret for the class trends in the following areas:

- Revenues over the past 50 years
- Defense spending over the past 50 years
- Health care spending over the past 50 years
- Highway spending over the past 50 years

Using the OMB Historical Tables, the students will explain for the class the trends in nominal and real numbers as well as provide other perspectives helping to explain reasons for the trends.