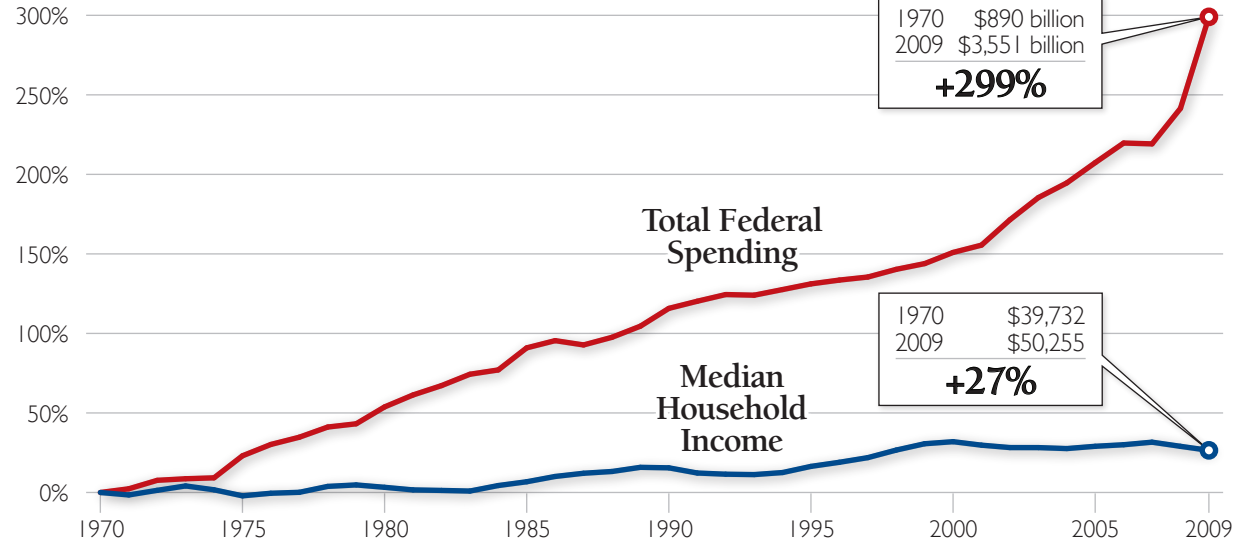


Federal Spending Grew More Than Ten Times Faster Than Median Income

When federal spending grows faster than Americans' paychecks, the burden on taxpayers becomes greater. Over the past few decades, middle-income Americans' earnings have risen only 27 percent, while spending has increased 299 percent.

PERCENT CHANGE OF INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS (2010)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau and White House Office of Management and Budget.