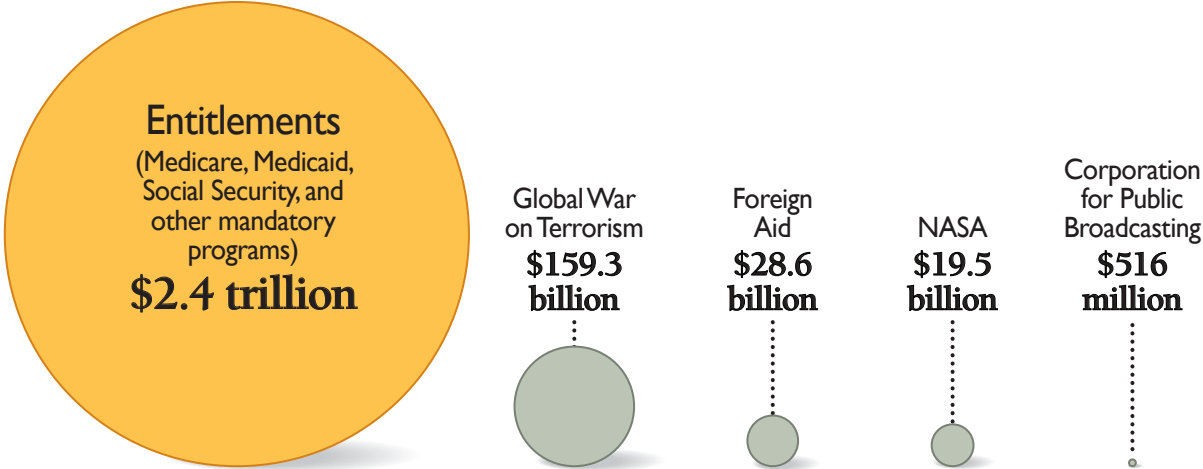


Discretionary Spending Cuts Alone Are Not an Adequate Substitute for Entitlement Reform

Annual spending on entitlement programs is massive compared to other federal spending priorities. Cutting discretionary spending is a necessary step, but cuts to foreign aid alone or pulling out of Afghanistan will not close the deficit. Entitlement spending must be reined in.

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Notes: Figure for entitlements includes net interest. Without net interest, the total is \$2.2 trillion. Figure for Corporation for Public Broadcasting reflects the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution (P.L. 111-242).

Source: White House Office of Management and Budget.