

Subject: Choose One



Lesson 1:

Why the US credit rating was downgraded:

- U.S. Tax revenue: \$ 2,170,000,000,000
- Fed budget: \$ 3,820,000,000,000
- New debt: \$ 1,650,000,000,000
- National debt: \$14,271,000,000,000
- Recent budget cuts: \$ 38,500,000,000

Let's now remove 8 zeros and pretend it's a household budget:

- Annual family income: \$ 21,700
- Money the family spent: \$ 38,200
- New debt on the credit card: \$ 16,500
- Outstanding balance on the credit card: \$142,710
- Total budget cuts: \$ 385

OK, now Lesson #2:

Here's another way to look at the Debt Ceiling:



Let's say, you come home from work and find there has been a sewer backup in your neighborhood, and your home has raw sewage up to your ceilings.

What do you think you should do?



Plan A. Raise the ceiling? Or, ...

Plan B. Pump out the sewage?



Plan A or Plan B?
Which will it be?

Your choice is coming November 2012.

