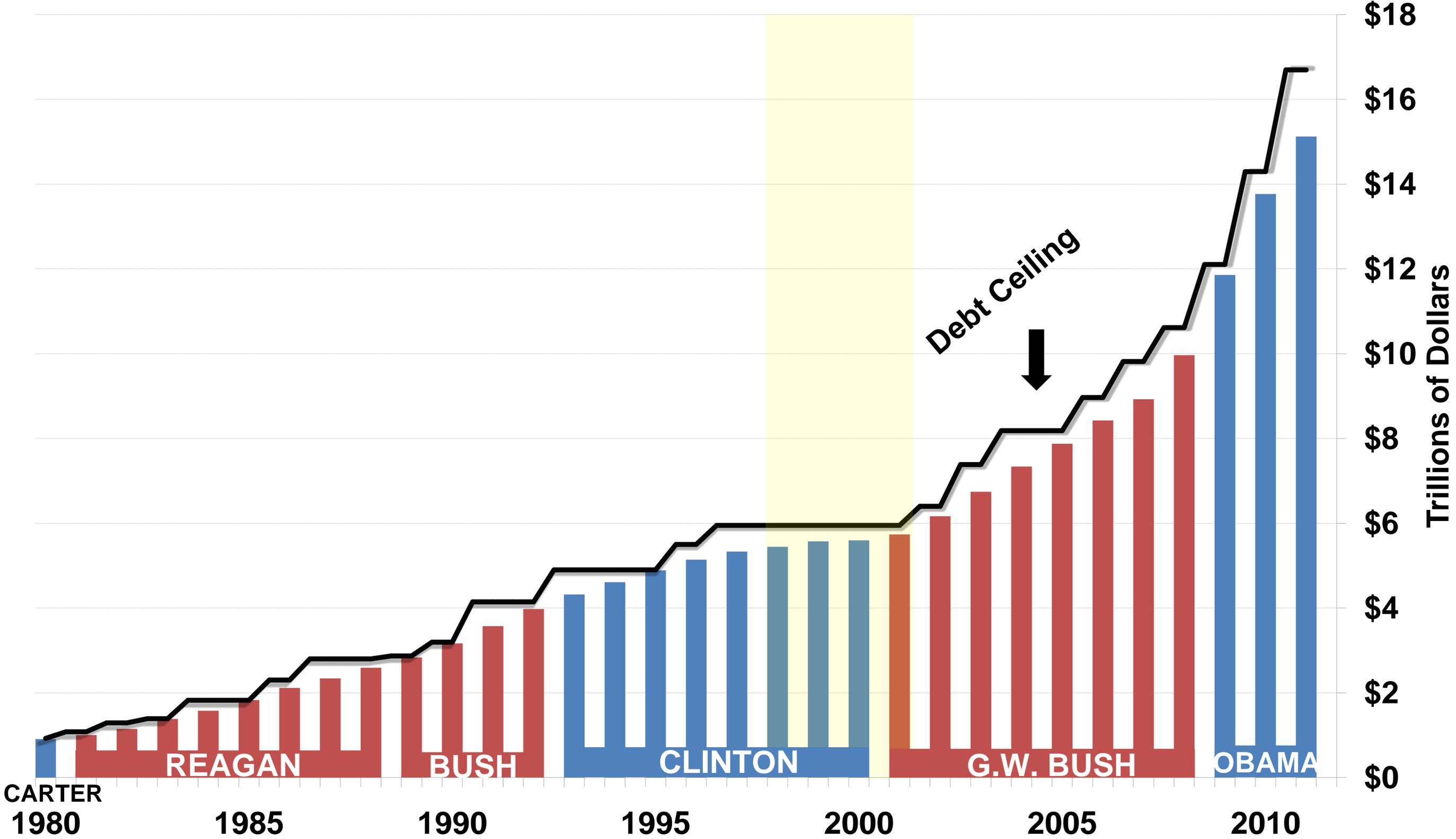


30 Years of Bipartisan Debt Ceiling Raises



■ National Debt (Subject to the federal limit at end of fiscal year)
 — Statutory Debt Limit
 Budget Surplus 1998-2001

Source: Historical Tables, Office of Management and Budget

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