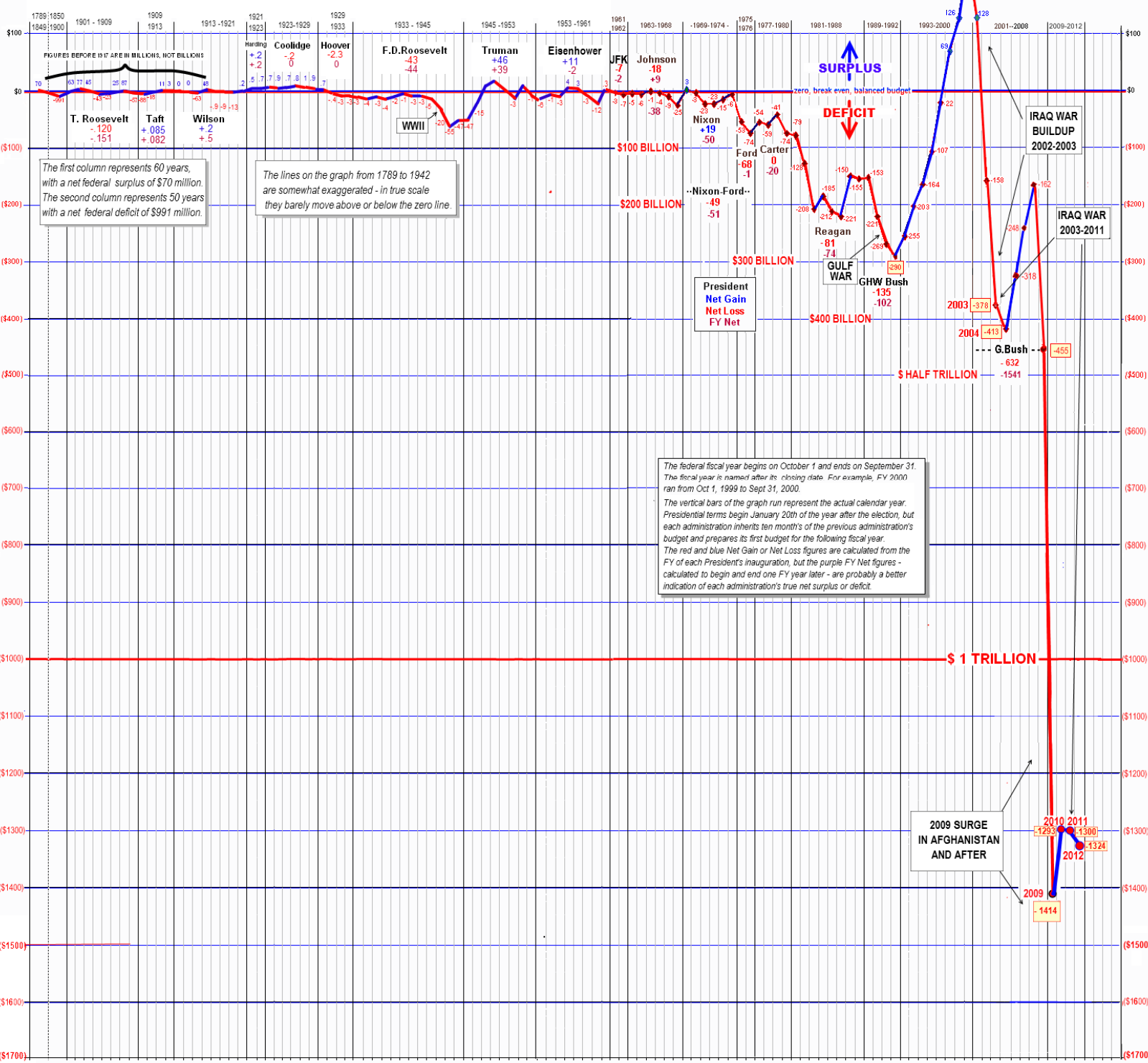


# Yearly U.S. Budget Deficit or Surplus 1789 - Present

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The first column represents 60 years, with a net federal surplus of \$70 million. The second column represents 50 years with a net federal deficit of \$991 million.

The lines on the graph from 1789 to 1942 are somewhat exaggerated - in true scale they barely move above or below the zero line.

The federal fiscal year begins on October 1 and ends on September 31. The fiscal year is named after its closing date. For example, FY 2000 ran from Oct 1, 1999 to Sept 30, 2000. The vertical bars of the graph run represent the actual calendar year. Presidential terms begin January 20th of the year after the election, but each administration inherits ten months of the previous administration's budget and prepares its first budget for the following fiscal year. The red and blue Net Gain or Net Loss figures are calculated from the FY of each President's inauguration, but the purple FY Net figures - calculated to begin and end one FY year later - are probably a better indication of each administration's true net surplus or deficit.

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