

White House and Congressional Leaders Propose Budget Deal, Includes Increases Discretionary Spending for Both Military and Domestic Programs

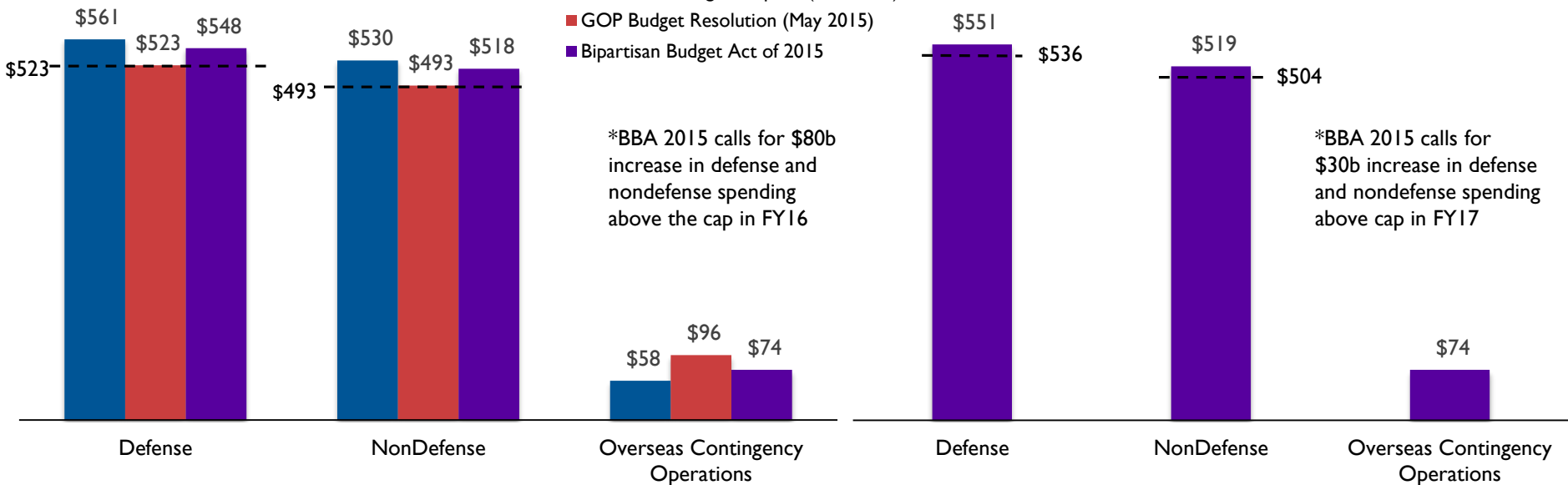
How the Bipartisan Budget Act Impacts Discretionary Spending for FY16 and FY17

FY 2016 Budget
(in billions of dollars)

FY 2017 Budget
(in billions of dollars)

--- BCA Cap
■ President's Budget Request (Feb. 2015)
■ GOP Budget Resolution (May 2015)
■ Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015

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Analysis

- The compromise budget deal reached between congressional leaders and the White House increases both defense and nondefense spending, while cutting certain areas of entitlement spending, such as Medicare and Social Security.
- The bill would increase discretionary spending by \$80 billion over two years, with half the increase going to defense and the other half to nondefense.
- The deal also suspends the debt ceiling until March 15, 2017, when the limit will be increased by however much was borrowed over that time frame.
- The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 appears to have the votes to get through both chambers, although some conservatives have objected to the proposed increases in domestic spending and to how congressional leadership circumvented the committee process