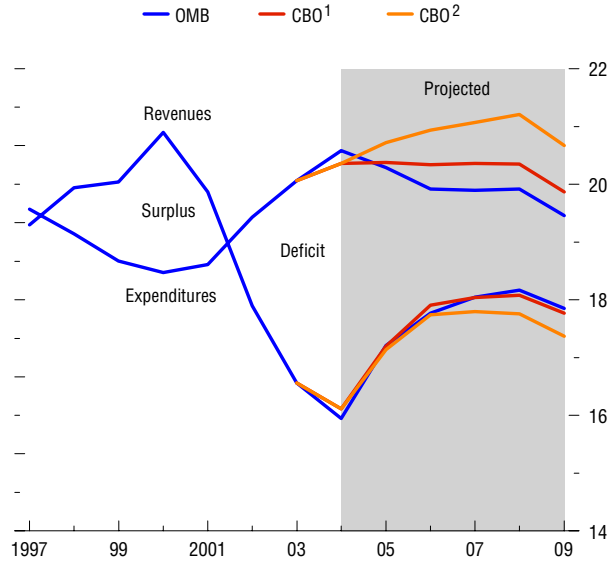


Figure 2.2. United States: Fiscal Risks
(Percent of GDP; fiscal years)

In the five years after 2004 the U.S. administration projects a halving of the fiscal deficit, but the Congressional Budget Office has a more pessimistic view.



Sources: FY2005 budget of the U.S. government (OMB); Congressional Budget Office (CBO).

Note: All fiscal balance numbers are expressed as percent of GDP, while GDP figures are IMF estimates.

¹CBO 2004 baseline adjusted by extending expiring Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act (EGTRRA) and Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 (JGTRRA) tax provisions.

²CBO 2004 baseline adjusted by extending expiring Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act (EGTRRA) and Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 (JGTRRA) tax provisions, and assuming a reform of the Alternative Minimum Tax as well as an increase in discretionary appropriations by the rate of inflation after 2004.