

Part Three: Groups and Social Processes

14 The Budget Battle: Conflict and Negotiation

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- House Republicans,
led by speaker John Boehner,

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are looking to cut
at least \$60 billion

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from this year's
trillion-dollar-plus budget.

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- When we say we're going
to cut spending,

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read my lips.

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We're going to cut spending.

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- Among the hundreds of items
on their chopping block,

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\$317 million from family
planning programs for the poor,

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\$350 million from customs
and border protection,

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and \$850 million from the
Centers for Disease Control.

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All of these programs represent
cuts Democrats oppose.

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Sarah Palin joined the battle,

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insisting a shutdown
would be better

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than failing to slash spending.

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- Shut her down,
if that's what it takes.

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- There hasn't been a government
shutdown since 1996,

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when Bill Clinton was president

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and Newt Gingrich
was Speaker of the House.

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If it happens again,

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non-essential federal workers
would be furloughed,

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some veterans benefits
would stop,

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national parks and
passport offices would close.

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Each side blames the other.

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- We're terribly disappointed

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that speaker Boehner can't
control the votes in his caucus

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to prevent a shutdown
of government.

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That is not permissible.

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We will not stand for that.

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He's wrong.