Our Objective

- This is a descriptive section. Here, we present some data on what the government actually spends.

The discussion revolves around graphs showing government spending, usually as a percentage of GDP.

These data include both (a) government purchases of goods and services and (b) transfer payments.
Govt. Consumption 1959-2003

This series is relatively constant.

Govt. Transfer Payments 1959-2003

This series is not.

The Devil is in the Details

- Federal and State Breakdown
- Defense and non-defense spending

Federal Spending 1934-2003

As % of GDP

Federal Spending 1934-2003

WW II

Korea
This series is relatively constant.

This series is not.

As % of GDP
State Spending on Roads, 1953-2001

State Spending on Welfare, 1953-2001

State Spending on Other, 1953-2001

State vs. Federal, 1959-2002
% of State Spending Federally Financed

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