

Opposition to a Balanced Budget Amendment (BBA)

1. The Feds can always balance the budget by raising taxes, rather than cutting spending. Which do you think they'll do?!
2. Our Constitution didn't provide for a balanced federal budget, because Congress is granted only few and defined enumerated powers. If the feds wouldn't spend money unconstitutionally, they'd be able to balance the budget easily and have a surplus. We need to downsize our federal government to its constitutional powers.
3. Most BBA proposals have the same escape clause: balancing the budget is required only in the absence of a national emergency. The US has been in a continual state of multiple national emergencies since 1979. If a BBA had passed 4 decades ago, Congress still wouldn't be required to balance its budget! Voting for the BBA does nothing except risk our Constitution