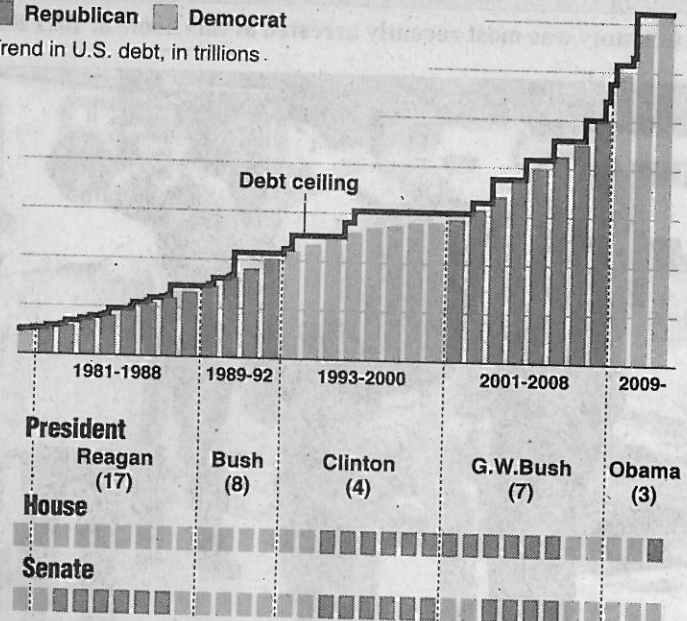


Raising the debt ceiling

The debt ceiling – the current cause of contentious debate – has been raised 39 times since 1980. A look at under whose watch it has been raised (number of times):

■ Republican ■ Democrat

Trend in U.S. debt, in trillions.



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