The **BASELINE** *and* **INTEREST COSTS**

The House Budget Committee's **FY 2024- FY 2033 "Reverse the Curse" Budget Resolution Blueprint**, and economic experts alike, <u>correctly attribute</u> the enactment of the partisan, Democrat-led American Rescue Plan to the corresponding surge of record 40-year high inflation rates and the subsequent federal interest rate hikes.



CPI (YoY) vs CBO Pre-ARP Forecast

Since then, interest costs have soared to \$659 billion in fiscal year 2023, according to the Treasury Department—up \$184 billion, or 39% increase—from the previous year.

Projected, Net Interest Costs

The Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) February 2024 baseline projects net interest costs in FY24 to be **\$870 billion**.

• Net interest costs will subsequently **increase to \$951 billion in FY25** and balloon up to **\$1.6 trillion by FY34**.

Over the 2025-2034 budget window, cumulative interest costs are projected to reach a staggering **\$12.4 trillion**.



By comparison, CBO projected 10-year interest costs were \$4.5 trillion when President Biden took office in January 2021.



Government Projected To Pay Over \$12 Trillion On Interest

Projected Interest Rates

The 10-year yield on Treasuries is projected to be 4.6 percent in 2024.

- Over the next decade, CBO projects the yield on 10-year Treasuries to average 4.1 percent.
- The projected yield on 10-year Treasuries when President Biden took office was merely 1.8 percent in 2024, with an average of 2.5 percent over the budgetary window.

The federal funds rate is now projected to average 5.1 percent in 2024.

- Projections for the federal funds rate are estimated to **average 3.1 percent** over the next decade
- When President Biden assumed office, the projected federal funds rate was only 0.2 percent in 2024, with an average of 1.2 percent projected over CBO's budget window.

