

# You have a budget deficit - but you ban the hiring of n...

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The US budget went though in the end.

There was the inevitable horse trading.

One important part - to get the deal through the Republicans demanded that it be agreed that the [IRS could hire no new agents.](#)

So the US has a budget deficit and the easiest way to solve it is to collect the tax owing - but the Republicans refuse that option.

The only explanations are:

- seeking to undermine the rule of law
- seeking to undermine democracy
- stupidity
- all three of those noted previously.