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**Summary:** The 6 Largest Deficit Reduction Deals Since 1983 Were: 1983 Social Security Deal (Saved 0.52% of GDP). The 1985 Gramm-Rudman Hollings Act (1.72%). The 1990 Bush “Andrews Air Force Base” Deal (1.45%). The 1993 Clinton Budget Deal (1.08%). The 1997 Balanced Budget Deal (0.72%). The 2011 Budget Control Act (1.01%) Savings scored at the time of enactment. Many cuts were later reversed, and the 1985 law was invalidated by the Supreme Court and replaced with a 1987 version.

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**Primary Topic:** Fiscal Deficits

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