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Summary: Quantitative easing is coming back. The US government will need to sell an average of $2T of Treasuries each year over the next decade. And according to latest Congressional Budget Office forecasts the Fed will be required to chip in. The CBO estimates that Fed holdings of US Treasuries will have to rise to $7.5T by 2033 from current levels of nearly $5T. No QT here, but worse, these CBO spending projections are likely too low — especially for defence outlays. More realistic numbers point to required Fed Treasury holdings of at least $10T. That translates pro rata into a doubling of its current $8.5T balance sheet size and will mean several years of double-digit growth in Fed liquidity. Related: Government Debt and Debt Servicing Costs Rising and American Gothic

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