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Progress on Deficit Reduction

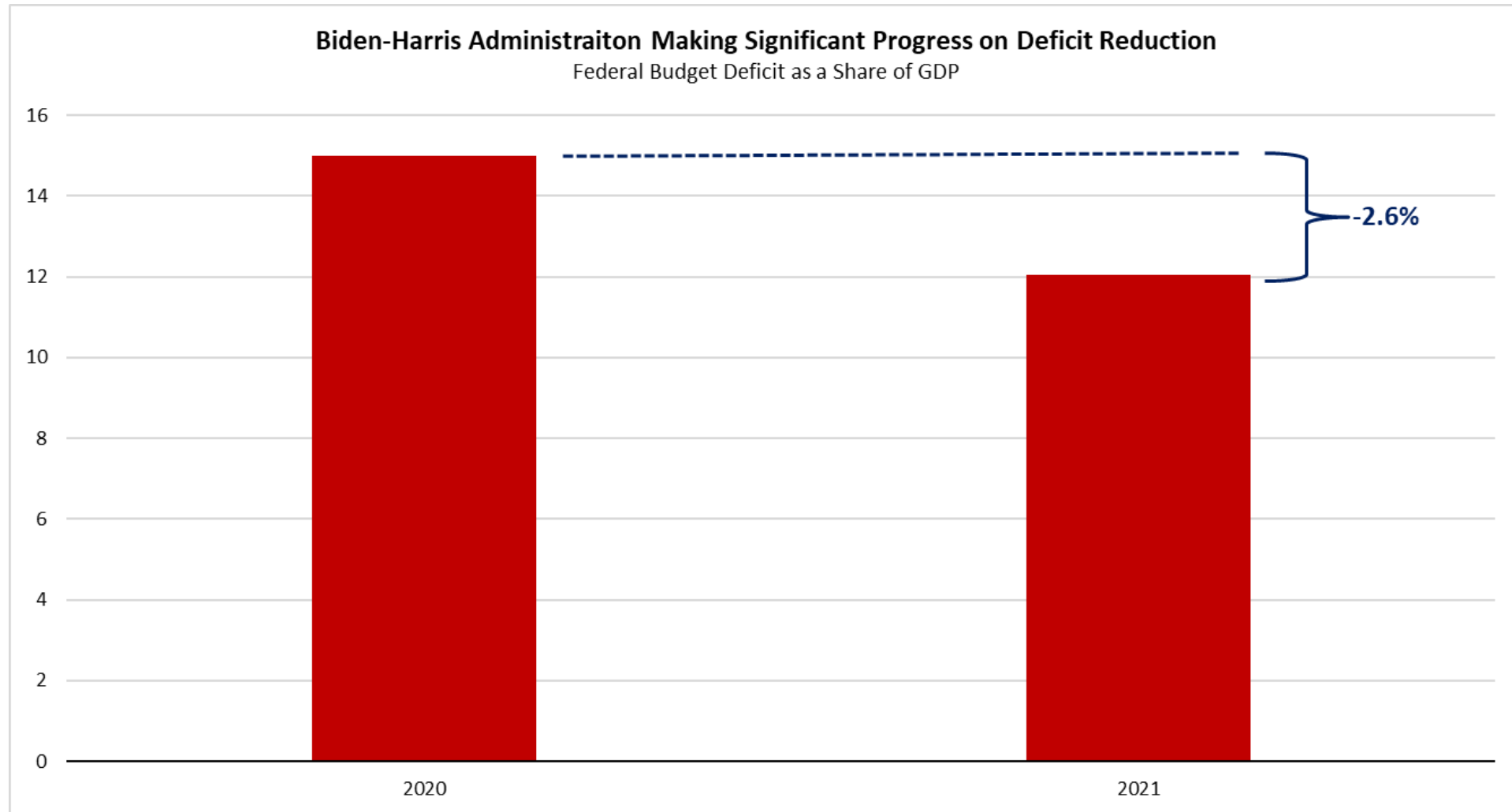
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Overview

- The prior Administration increased the federal budget deficit every year in office, leaving deficits of 15 percent of GDP in 2020.
- Last year, President Biden reduced the deficit by \$360 billion or 2.6 percent of GDP.
- ***New data from CBO out today show that***, this year, President Biden is on track to reduce the federal budget deficit by more than \$1 trillion.
 - The budget deficit was \$571 billion smaller in the first 5 months of fiscal year 2022, compared to the prior year.
 - That is less than half of the deficit in the same period in 2021 (\$1.047 trillion).
 - And it is around a quarter less than the same period in 2020 (\$624 billion), before the pandemic began.



Deficit Reduction: FY2020 to FY 2021



Deficit Reduction: FY2021 to FY 2022

