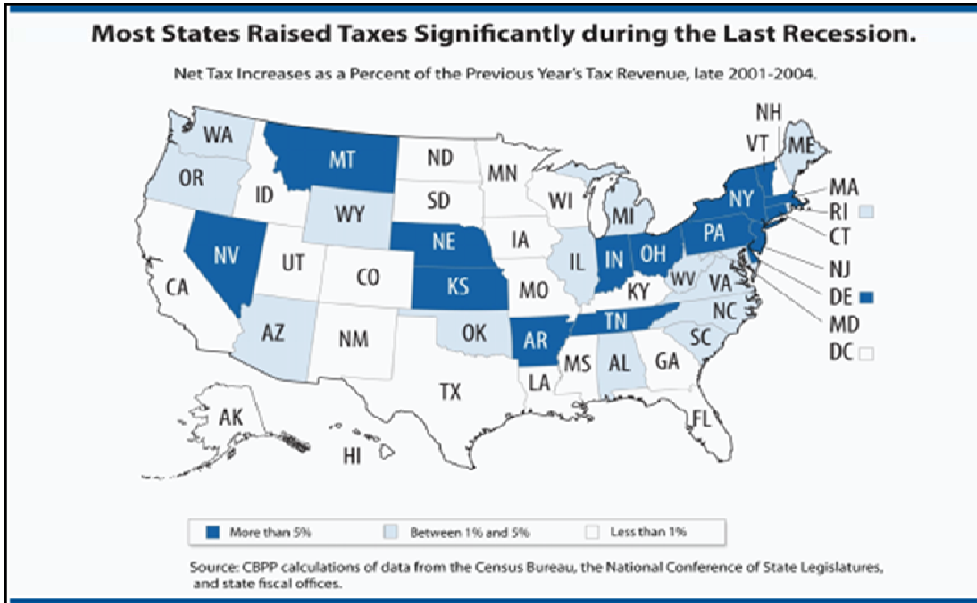


# A BALANCED APPROACH IN RESPONSE TO THE NATIONAL RECESSION MOST STATES ARE RAISING REVENUE



**More than 30 states**—those run by Republicans and those run by Democrats—have raised new revenue in response to the worst recession to hit this country since the Great Depression.

Here in Washington, preserving our quality of life and our values depends on it.

## More cuts to education and healthcare will hurt the economy

When we cut back on education, we are undermining the very foundation of our economy. When we cut access to health care, people don't stop being sick they will simply be forced to turn to already overwhelmed emergency rooms and clinics. If we reduce child care assistance we make it even harder for families to stay employed, further undermining our economy.

*"A reduction in government spending on goods and services is likely to be more harmful to the economy in the short-run than an increase in taxes."*

- Joseph Stiglitz (Nobel Prize Winning Economist)  
- Peter Orszag (Director, OMB)

## Washington has used a balanced approach in the past

In response to economic recessions in the last three decades, both Republican and Democratic legislative leaders in Washington have raised revenue to avoid cuts to important public priorities.

## Raising revenue in a recession is an economically sound approach

Analysis shows that states that raised revenue in the last recession were just as fast to rebound economically as states that did not, even though they were typically climbing out of a deeper hole.