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What would you do with the budget?

Click on the following link: <http://usa.v1.abalancingact.com/>

On this website, you will be presented with the major categories of Government Expenditures and how much is allocated to each category as well as the different types of Taxes and how much is collected from each category.

You job is to attempt to balance the Budget Deficit from FY 2018 of $487 Billion. When you click on the arrows for each category of Expenditures and Taxes, you will be shown more detailed subcategories. You can change any sub categories you want by as much as you want. As you make changes, record the changes you make in the charge below. Provide your reason for making the choices you made.

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* Were you able to fix the deficit? If not, how big of a deficit did you still have?
* Under “Long-Term Outlook”, what is your “Percentage Toward Budget Sustainability”?
* What was the biggest EXPENDITURE change you made? Why was that your biggest change?
* What was the biggest TAX change you made? Why was that your biggest change?
* What does this indicate to you about attempting to balance the government’s budget?