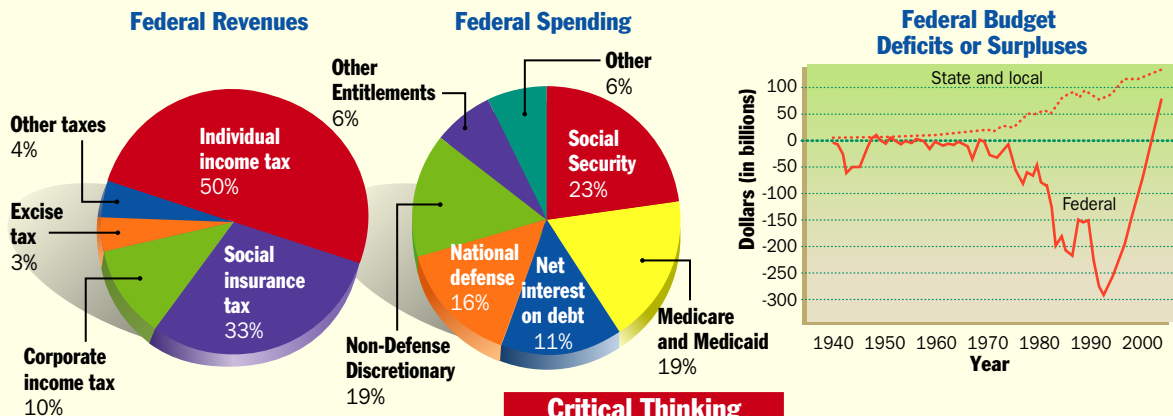


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Critical Thinking

The budget deficit began to increase dramatically in the 1980s. *After reaching its peak in the early 1990s, why do you think the budget deficit began to decline?*

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