Recent US federal government shutdowns

Since the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the United States Congress has failed to authorise funding for the federal government on more than 20 occasions. It was only after 1980 that the government began treating funding gaps as necessitating the full or partial shutdown of government agencies.

#### 1995, AND FROM 1995 TO 1996

President: Bill Clinton Senate: Republicans (53-47), Majority Leader Bob Dole House: Republicans (233-199), Speaker Newt Gingrich The two shutdowns were over fights between the Democrat President and the Republican Congress, over funding for Medicare, the environment, and public health in the 1996 federal budget. The first shutdown, lasting six days, affected 800,000 workers; the second lasted 21 days and affected about 284,000. Who won: Democrats

#### OCTOBER 2013: 16 DAYS

President: Barack Obama Senate: Democrats (54-46), Majority Leader Harry Reid House: Republicans (232-200), Speaker John Boehner The October 2013 shutdown lasted 16 days, affecting approximately 800,000 federal employees who were placed on furlough, with another 1.3 million required to report to work without known payment dates. The fight was over the Affordable Care Act commonly known as Obamacare. The Republican Party wanted to delay Obamacare or prevent it from receiving funds. Who won: Democrats