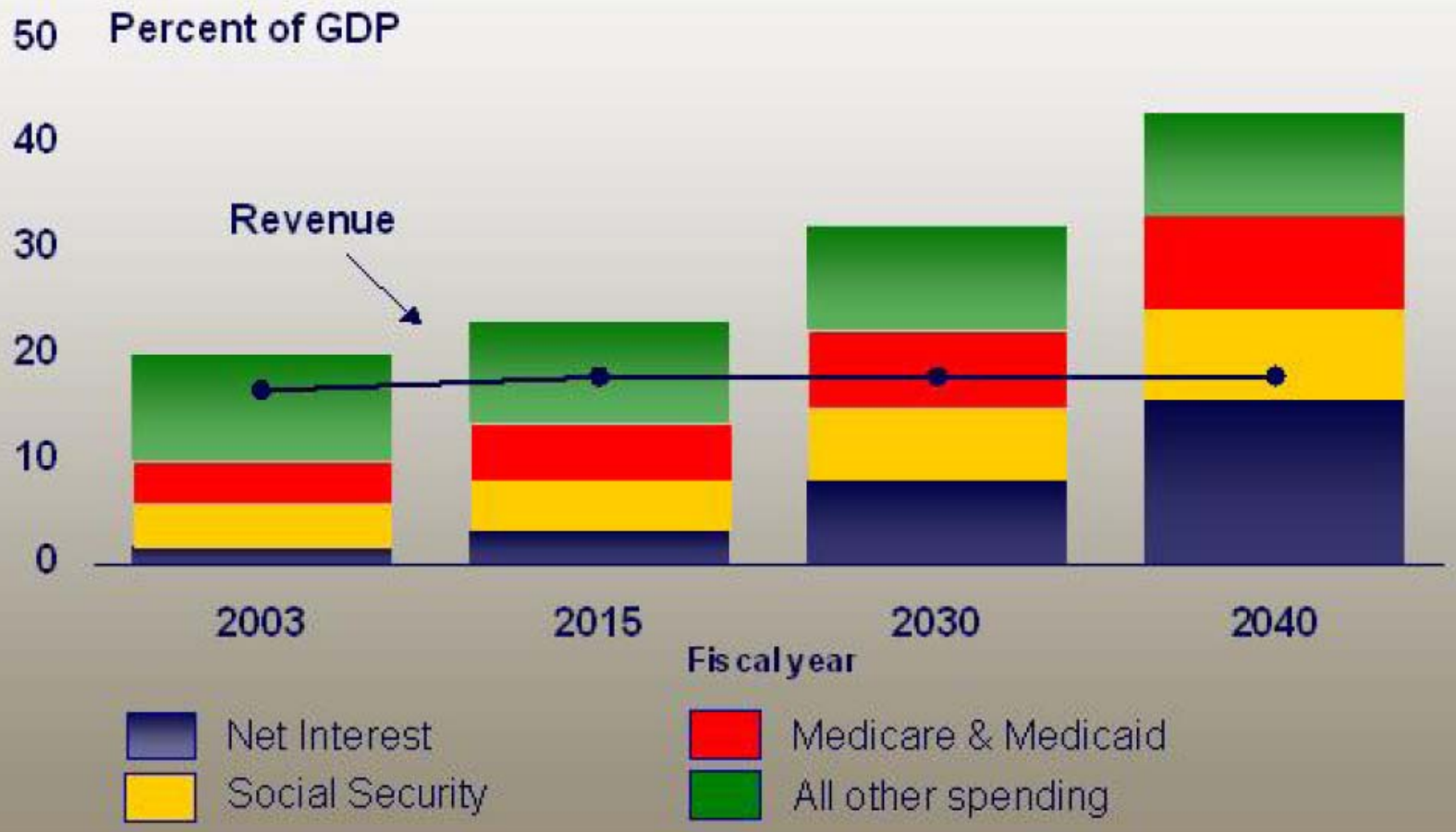
Composition of Spending as a Share of GDP

Assuming Discretionary Spending Grows with GDP after 2004 and All Expiring Tax Provisions Are Extended



Notes: Although expiring tax provisions are extended, revenue as a share of GDP increases through 2014 due to (1) real bracket creep, (2) more taxpayers becoming subject to the AMT, and (3) increased revenue from tax-deferred retirement accounts. After 2014, revenue as a share of GDP is held constant.

Source: GAO's January 2004 analysis.