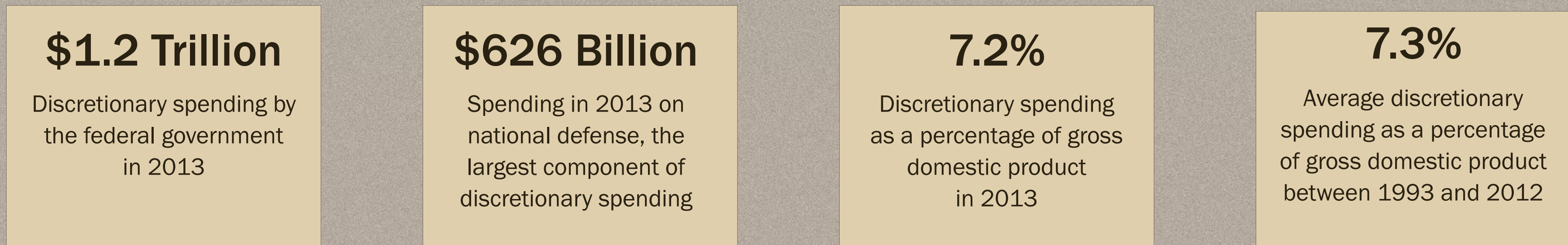


A Closer Look at Discretionary Spending

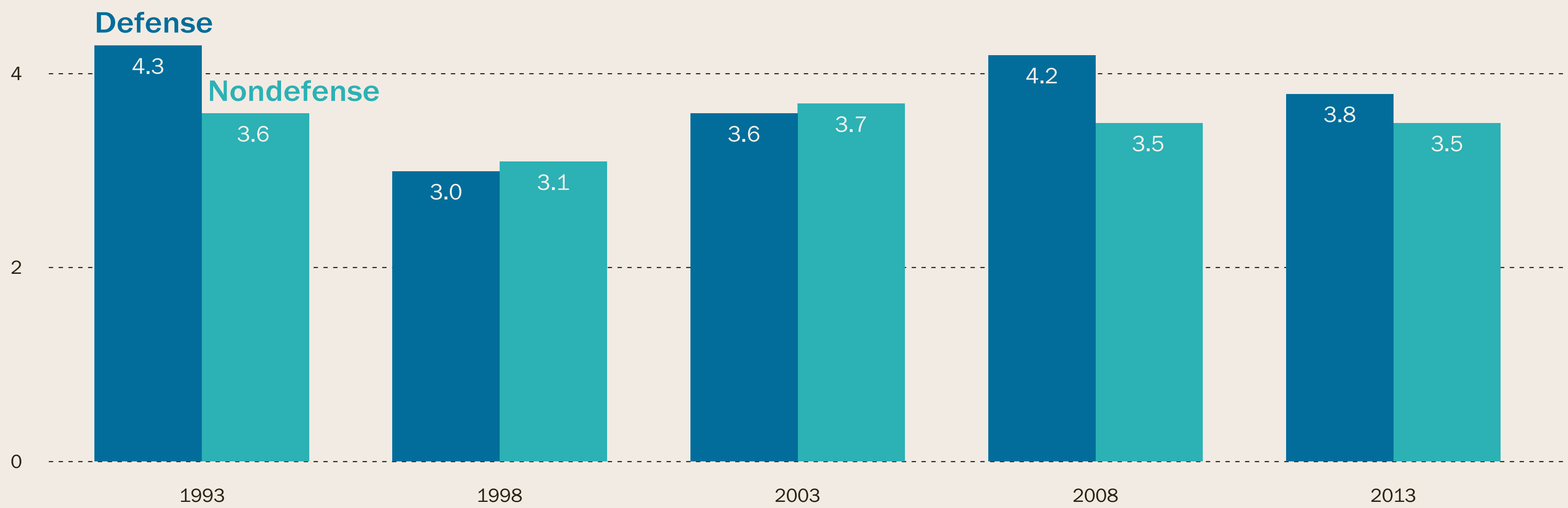
Spending that lawmakers control through annual appropriation acts

Discretionary Spending at a Glance



Trends in Discretionary Spending

Percentage of gross domestic product



Discretionary Spending in 2013

Billions of dollars

