

# Do Republicans have any Credibility on Spending?

I recently had dinner with two friends, both of whom are successful attorneys involved in Republican politics.

Conversation turned to the presidency of George W. Bush. When I mildly pooh-poohed the president's record on spending, I was brought to task.

"W had the best record on discretionary spending of any president since Nixon," my friend assured me.

I told him I was pretty sure this was not the case. He disagreed.