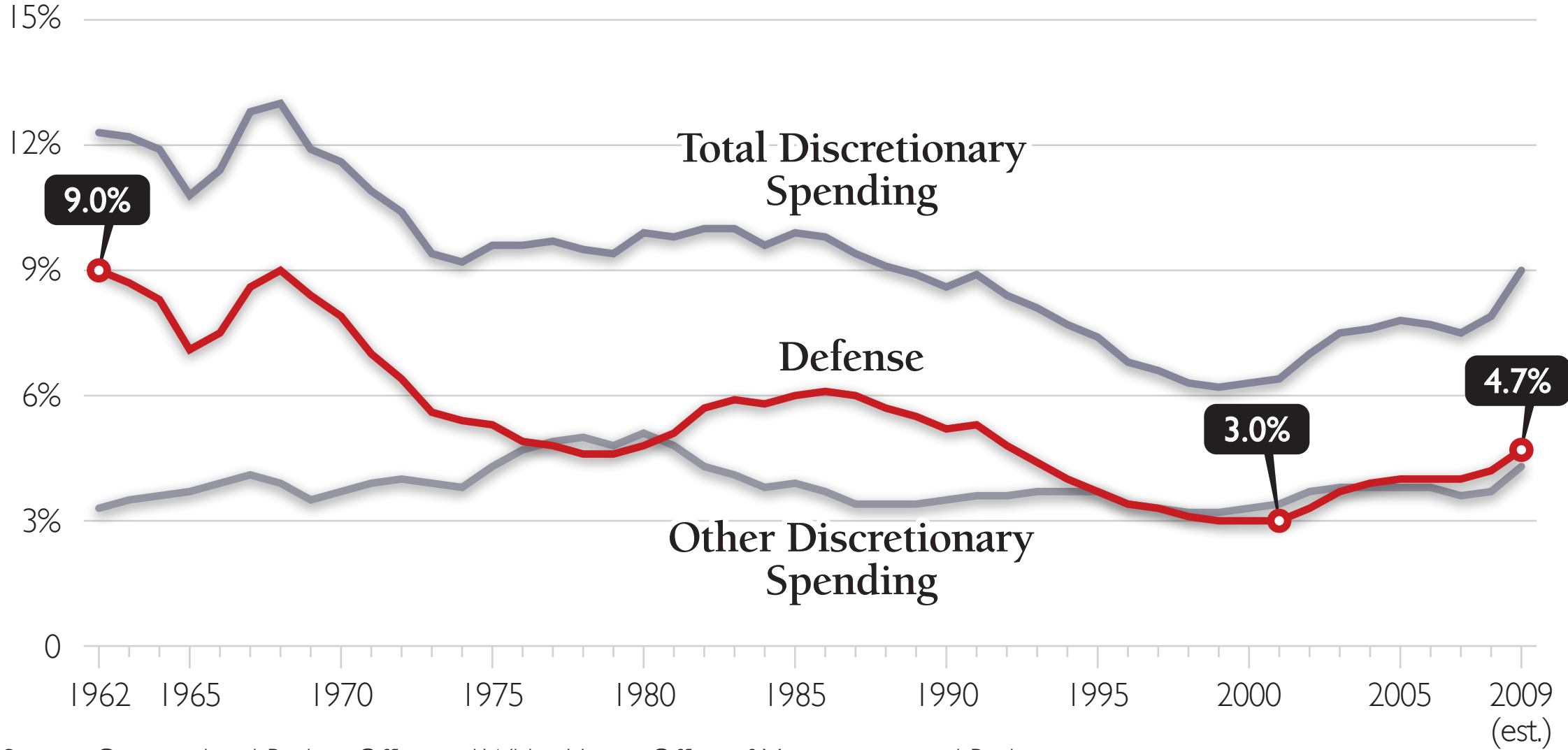


# Defense Spending Remains Below Historical Levels Despite the War on Terror

Although the United States is currently spending a significant portion of GDP on the military, defense spending has actually declined significantly since the early 1960s.

Discretionary Spending as a Percentage of GDP



Source: Congressional Budget Office and White House Office of Management and Budget.