

### Things That Might Happen if the U.S. Fails to Solve Its Debt Ceiling Crisis

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Congress and The President have been in negotiations over what should be done about the U.S. debt ceiling and its overall deficit. A failure to solve this problem could cause the federal government to default on its financial obligations, a circumstance that many have speculated could lead to higher borrowing costs, bank failures, and panic in the markets. But the repercussions seem unlikely to stop there...

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—To maintain their customary standard of living, J. Lo will be forced to marry Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Marc Anthony will have to marry Maria Shriver. *(Mike)*

—Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke's beard hair will fall out from stress, revealing the secret beard tattoo that's hidden underneath. *(Brad)*

—A gallon of gas will cost a gallon of blood. *(Jameson)*

—Instead of a Social Security check, senior citizens will be sent a signed photo of President Obama shrugging with his empty pockets turned inside out, and a small box of Charleston Chews. *(Brandon)*

—We'll have to melt the Liberty Bell to make more guns. MORE GUNS! *(Tenessa)*

—Public officials will have no choice but to start hiring cheaper, uglier prostitutes. *(Joe)*

—Somehow, in the chaos and panic that ensues, an *ALF* movie will be greenlit. *(Mike)*

—We might hit the even more catastrophic (but way sexier) glass debt ceiling. *(Jameson)*

—Most stores will be forced to start carrying off-brands like Cheeztoes and Dr. Plopper and Raisin Brun. *(Brandon)*

—It's only a matter of time until guillotines get involved. *(Tenessa)*

—Some Republican might get elected President in 2012 and then personally come to your town and *shoot your grandma in the face!!!* *(Joe)*

—There may not be enough money to make *Transformers 4* ten times louder and more garish than *Transformers 3*, stifling a proud tradition. *(Jameson)*

—Once we default on our loan payments to China, the entire

country will be forced to lay low in the Grand Canyon for a while. *(Brandon)*

—The British are coming! The British are coming! *(Tenessa)*

—The NFL owners and players who are going to deprive us of football because they can't figure out how to split up \$9 billion will look like even bigger assholes than they do now. *(Joe)*

—Having fallen to the status of a third world nation, the U.S. will be eligible for billions in U.S. humanitarian aid. *(Jameson)*

—Amtrak to be replaced by old-timey handcars, most likely powered by old-timey hobos. *(Brandon)*

—Um... have you guys seen *Soylent Green*? *(Tenessa)*

—*Captain America* sequel will feature him turning tricks in the back alleys of Hong Kong for what he calls "a little deficit-payin' money." *(Joe)*

—Due to obscure provisions in the Constitution, Timothy Geithner will be replaced as Treasury Secretary by a wise old owl. *(Jameson)*

—Poor families will have no choice but to form human centipedes to save money on food. *(Brandon)*

—Well, nothing's going to happen to rich people's money, that's for sure. *(Jameson)*

—Two words: President Bachmann. *(Mike)*

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