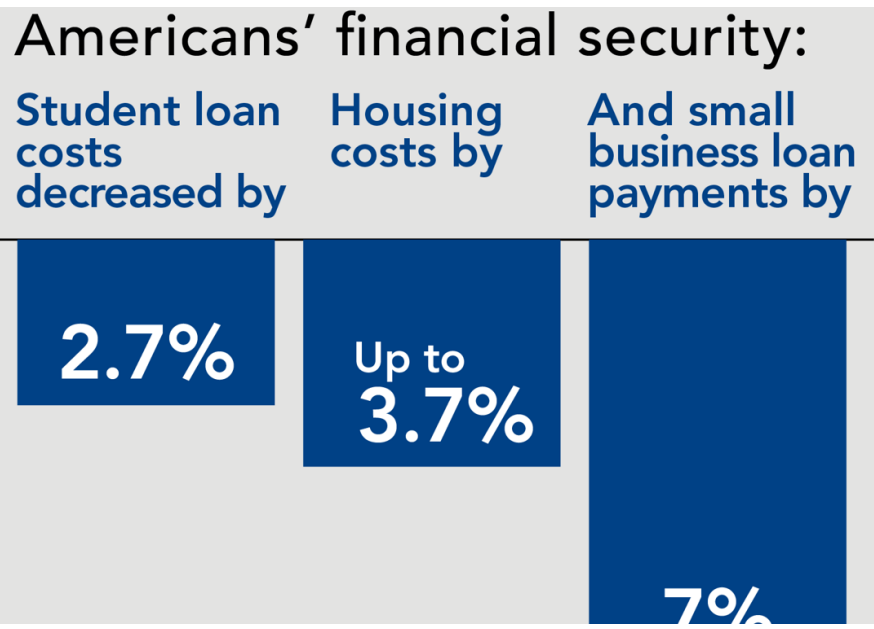


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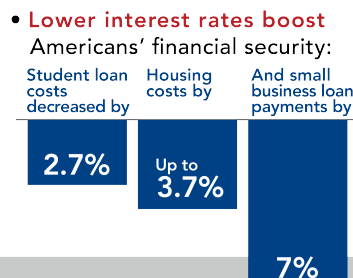
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- **Reducing the deficit** leads to lower interest rates and lower costs for attending college, purchasing a home, or expanding a small business.



- **Increasing the deficit leads** to more national debt, higher interest rates, and higher costs for major life decisions for Americans of all generations

SOLUTIONS

- **Establish** a bipartisan fiscal commission

Source: The Conference Board, 2026

- **Save** Social Security
- **Modernize** Medicare

- **Reform** the broken Federal budget process.

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