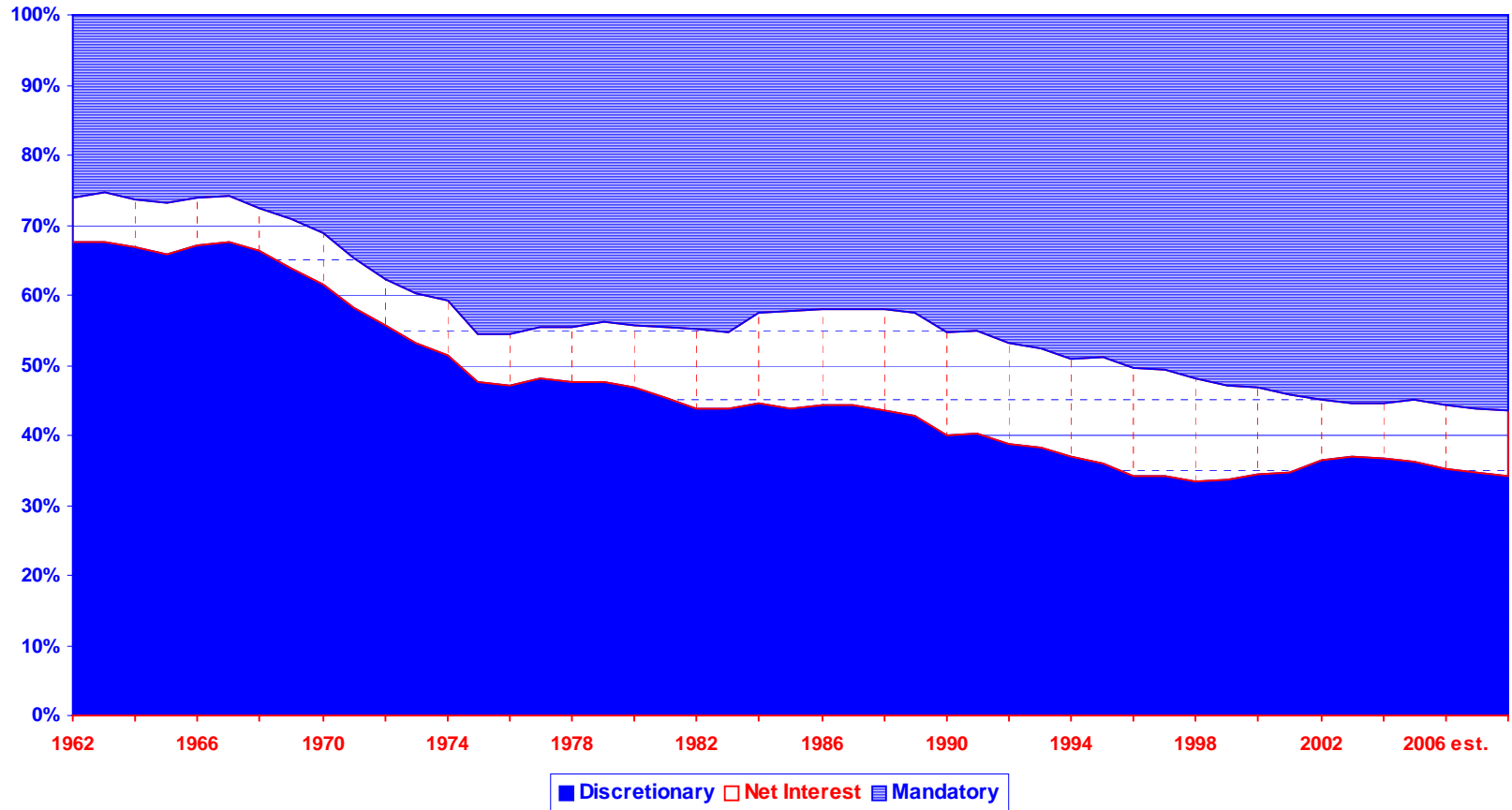


## Mandatory, Net Interest, and Discretionary Components of National Government Budget, 1962 to estimated 2008, in Percent



Source of data: *Budget 2004 Historical Tables*, Table 8.3.

The mandatory-discretionary budget classification was introduced beginning with the 1962 budget year.

Discretionary spending is controlled through the appropriations process by Congress and presidents.

Net interest is a category of mandatory spending but is shown separately here.