

# U.S. shutdown over budget impasse

The United States has entered its fourth period of government shutdown in 25 years, but the first to occur when a single party – the Republicans – controls both houses of Congress and the White House

**NOV 1995**

Disagreement between Republican-controlled Congress and Democratic President **Bill Clinton** (inset) over spending levels partially shuts down government. About 800,000 federal workers are laid off during five-day lapse in funding



**DEC 1995 - JAN 1996**

Budgetary standoff between House Speaker **Newt Gingrich** and President Clinton – over Medicare health insurance programme for elderly and other issues – grinds government to a halt for record four weeks. Shutdown idles about 280,000 workers. Opinion polls show majority of Americans blame Republicans

**OCT 2013**

Shutdown occurs after Republicans in House of Representatives attempt to use budget to delay



or cut funding to Democratic President **Barack Obama's** signature Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare. About 800,000 federal workers are laid off during 17-day impasse

**JAN 2018**

Republican President **Donald Trump** and Congress fail to pass short-term budget bill that



has become entangled in immigration debate.

**Democrats want President Trump to protect 800,000 "Dreamers" – people brought to U.S. illegally as children, who face deportation**