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Michelle Rhee talks about Governor Christie on Cavuto

TRANSCRIPT

NEIL CAVUTO: I'm thinking of Chris Christie in New Jersey --

FORMER WASHINGTON, DC SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR MICHELLE RHEE: Yeah.

NEIL CAVUTO: -- And others who have actually, maybe, shown an interest in you and, when he cuts close to home, or close to someone who doesn't want their Ox gored everything changes.

MICHELLE RHEE: It's absolutely right. I mean when you --

NEIL CAVUTO: So he's going to piss some people off.

MICHELLE RHEE: He's undoubtedly going to piss some people off. And I think he's already done so. But the governor is actually taking exactly the right steps. He's delivering the hard news. He's being very no-nonsense about it.

NEIL CAVUTO: You notice, chancellor, what he's doing, that all of the budget balancing, measures he's taken are on the backs of cuts? No revenue enhancements as the debt commission calls them or tax increases. No four to one ratio like we're seeing in England. We're cuts versus tax increases. Are you of that mind set? Can you do all this kind of stuff with just spending cuts or do you have at least entertain some increases?

MICHELLE RHEE: Well, I can only speak from the education vantage point. And if you look over the last three or four decades in America, we have more than doubled the spending on education and the results have actually gotten worse. So, if we had doubled our spending and it resulted in twice as good test score result, then I don't think anybody would be complaining. But given that we're putting so much money into this and really not getting the benefit, I actually think we should look at this time which is a really tough time but also see it as an opportunity to think a lot more efficiently and effectively about how we're spending our dollars.

NEIL CAVUTO: You make way too much sense. You're not going anywhere. Michelle Rhee's here, very good having you.

MICHELLE RHEE: Thank you for having me.

NEIL CAVUTO: And thanks for all you've done

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