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A New Boss Rocks New Jersey
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Leadership: New Jersey's tough new Republican governor is setting a national example for how to restore fiscal sanity. If only he had some spare time, Washington could sure use Chris Christie.

'Meet the new boss, same as the old boss,' as the Who song goes, sure doesn't apply to the principled, tough-as-nails Garden State chief executive who is fast becoming a national rock star on fiscal responsibility. Faced with revenue holes exceeding \$400 million this year and \$365 million next, Christie refuses to budge from his pledge not to raise taxes.

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Springing into action as soon as he took office, Christie signed executive orders that "aggressively utilize every authority at my disposal to ensure the maintenance of a balanced state budget."

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Having insisted on a spending freeze upon taking office, the three-quarters-of-a-billion-dollar shock the state just got isn't throwing his administration into the panic that might have been expected.

With the 2010 shortfall already covered, Christie now says of the \$365 million fiscal 2011 number, "we're going to be able to solve that problem without any new taxes at all and without any real significant cuts." He told WCBS News on Wednesday, "I think we're going to be fine."

On top of that, "we're not raising taxes," he told the New York City TV station. "That's it. It's not happening."

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What Christie understands, and what those whose mess he is forced to clean up don't, is that taxing "the other guy" isn't really taxing the other guy.

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From all indications, Christie is gutsy enough to handle the big-spending status quo-ists. On Tuesday, he told the Manhattan Institute, "you have the head of the teacher's union standing up at this rally saying, 'We are not the problem.' There have never been more incorrect words spoken in front of the statehouse in Trenton - and that is a high bar, ladies and gentlemen."

The next time some of the more cowardly Republicans in Washington forget what they were elected to do, let them look to New Jersey and listen to the boss.

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