



Christie caught in the corn without a kernel of truth

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Oh, what a tangled web he weaved.

I'm talking about our governor and his efforts to portray himself on the national stage as some sort of fiscal conservative when he is in fact a borrow-and-spend liberal.

Check **this article** from the Iowa Independent:

WEST DES MOINES — Republican gubernatorial candidate **Terry Branstad** defended New Jersey Gov. **Chris Christie**'s decision to borrow to pay his state's day-to-day bills and previously established debt, despite denouncing the use of bonding in Iowa.

The article goes on to cite numerous instances of bonding by Christie despite campaign pledges not to do so:

"Our debt is just far too high," Christie said. "It was accumulated earlier in the decade by the actions of not only Democrats, but Republicans, too, and we are still paying for it.

Christie said prior to taking office, he was informed "that we had a \$500 million surplus. That was not the case at all. We came into office Jan. 19 and we discovered we had a \$2.2 billion deficit for fiscal year '10. And that was just '10."

The solution, Christie said, was to "impound, through an executive order, \$2.2 billion in planned spending."



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Chris Christie: Does he know they have the Internet in Iowa?

Not true. That \$2.2 billion was in surpluses built up by school boards, not in "planned spending." When Jim McGreevey pulled the same stunt years earlier, we conservatives lambasted him.

The article also cites Christie's decision to bond for school construction, though the correct number is \$750 million, not \$400 million. Also it wasn't "previously established debt." It is his own, brand-new debt. This broke his campaign promise not to bond without voter approval. And the money was not to clear up past debts, as the Governor implies. It will be used to build new schools that are not needed.

There is nothing stopping Christie from putting the bonding on the ballot. Well, nothing other than the fact we New Jerseyans would vote it down.

Again, we conservatives screamed when McGreevey and Jon Corzine pulled this stunt.

And just wait till the Iowans hear of Christie's **support for amnesty** for illegal immigrants as well as for **cap-and-trade**.

Hasn't this guy heard of the Internet? Governor, people can look these things up these days.

Even in Iowa.

AND BY THE WAY: Why is it that we Jersey taxpayers have to wait till the governor goes to Iowa until we get an explanation - however dubious - for that \$750 million in school-construction bonding? Why hasn't Christie explained to voters here in Jersey why he broke that promise not to bond without voter approval?