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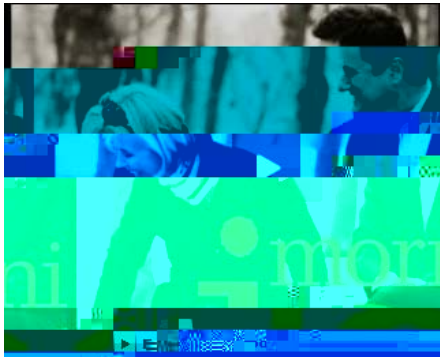
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Chris Christie the reverse Robinhood

Joe Scarborough has a man-crush on Chris Christie. And who can blame him?

“The day of reckoning is here!” Announces New Jersey Governor Chris Christie in a theatrical voice dripping with doom. Joe Scarborough loves him for it, squealing that Chris Christie makes him feel like a 14 year old girl at a Beatles concert. Ah, Republicans. You gotta love them. Against gay rights but very pro man crushes especially for the dooms-dayers because nothing spells GOP recovery like a suffering American economy. And nothing says desperate party like pushing Chris Christie as the next great white hope.

Today on “Morning Joe”, Scarborough jumped the Chris Matthews “Thrill up my leg” shark when reacting to a clip of Republican Governor Chris Christie dramatically suggesting that the day of reckoning was here, that he had no more money, that no one has any more money and that they just can’t spend anymore. Joe “loves this guy”



“A close look at the \$28.3 billion budget Christie signed to much fanfare in June, however, finds a more complicated storyline than the one the governor and his acolytes have articulated since Christie took office in

January.

Some of Christie's budget fixes look a lot like tax hikes to the people on the receiving end of them. They include the working poor who will pay higher income taxes due to reductions in the state earned-income tax credit; homeowners who didn't get their customary rebates on property taxes this year; transit riders who are paying substantially higher fares; and university students who must pay higher tuition. And although Christie promised in March to "not shove today's problems under the rug only to be discovered again tomorrow," his plan leaned heavily on the familiar Trenton budget trick of skipping a required payment to the state's pension fund, which is already \$48 billion underfunded.

What's more, some of Christie's spending reductions aren't as clear-cut as they might seem. As Stateline

Joe obviously sees in Christie a man who can sell this crap and come off like a populist but not an embarrassment like Palin because poor Joe is so desperate to take back his party from the nutjobs who've hi-jacked it that he has obviously decided to use his show to push any relatively reasonable (I say relatively because if you compare Chris Christie with Sarah Palin, well, he looks reasonable) Republican he can. But what Joe isn't saying is that Christie has only been in office for a year. A year into Palin's term, she was the state's most popular governor. She quit two and a half years into her term when she couldn't cope with the mess she'd made and the fame that came a-callin' looked like it would be so much more fun.

"As Christie's budget cuts force tax hikes at the local level and many residents begin to recognize that they are paying more for less state government, Christie's next three years in office could be more challenging than the first." Maybe Scarborough is hoping that if Christie pulls a Palin and runs for President just two years into his term, the full effects of his huge budget slashes and tax hikes on the middle class will remain hidden and allow Christie to run a populist campaign of fiscal conservatism that appeals to the very rich corporate donors he'll be needing.

Gee, I feel like a 14 year old girl at a Beatles concert who just got told that as a result of "spending being out of control" (translation, the Republicans don't want their corporate multi-millionaire friends to have to pay taxes) my school just got hit with a 64% reduction in aid, my parents can no longer afford their home, I can't afford to go to college and by the way, that pension is gone. Chris Christie is the conservative reverse Robinhood, stealing from the middle class to subsidize the rich.

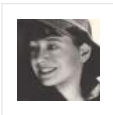
Sure the day of reckoning is here. But for whom, that's the question.

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historygoddess/ GrandmaWat says:

December 20, 2010 at 1:42 pm

I watched the whole Morning Joe crew squeal and groan in ecstasy over Christie's 60 Minutes clip this morning. It was disgusting. Christie is a bully. Remember that clip that kept getting replayed during the last election when he "stood up" for Meg or Carly? at a townhall type meeting? Joe thought he was so manly, but I thought it was an insult to whichever rich lady

is just so insane that it defies definition.

I think you are right Sarah that morning Joe with coffee on his tie is looking for the next Obama someone who will stand up and really command attention. the unfortunate part is even if you have a good one like Obama you have to face whatever the economy and deficits throw at you. the difference between Obama and a Republican Obama is that Obama didn't have to lie like Christie.

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Hrafnkell Haraldsson says:

December 20, 2010 at 5:13 pm

Great article, Sarah, and this is why I don't like Joe, even if he is sometimes more reasonable himself than some of his fellow conservatives. When a reverse Robin Hood is the best hero Joe can find, conservatives are in trouble.

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neil says:

December 21, 2010 at 1:21 am

How about the 400 million that Christie lost on the Race to the Top. He's going around chopping on teachers and blowing this federal grant because his people were too incompetent to fill the paper work out correctly. First he comes up with the strategy of blaming Obama and when that didn't fly he said the paper work was too lotl 110.46 69.94f the