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As Christie achieved national recognition through his aggressive and blunt manner, it is understandable some staffers were caught up in the attention and took their cues from his style.

They felt their actions should reflect the tone they perceived had been established by the administration.

The legislative investigating committee characterized their activities as being carried out with "perceived impunity." Loosely translated, it meant that some staffers felt that while the governor was not aware of their actions, in all likelihood he'd raise no objections had he known about them. Taking on the administration's critics and making them pay a price for their opposition became an accepted part of staff duties.

The committee's majority report suggested as much by conceding it