



## The tax revolters are watching the lawmakers

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The tax revolters tell me they are watching the way our lawmakers are voting, especially on spending issues. They say that New Jerseyans, and really most of the American public, feel severely overtaxed and worried that the current level of government spending will eventually result in even higher taxes. But, they note, voter sentiment may be enough to change the leadership.

"Look, it's not that hard to understand," a tax revolter would say. "We can't pay any more taxes. Let me say that again: We can't pay any more taxes. We pay too much already. Add up the Social Security, federal and state income taxes, sales tax, property tax and all of the hidden taxes and we find that we are working four hours a day for the government and only four hours for our families. It has got to stop.

"And the way to stop it," the tax revolter continues, "is to stop spending money we don't have. Let me say that one again, too: Stop spending money we don't have."

Tax revolters claim that this sentiment was instrumental in Gov. Christie's victory in New Jersey and U.S. Sen. Scott Brown's victory in Massachusetts. They also claim it will be instrumental in this November's election, nationally and, especially, here in New Jersey.

"Our current elected lawmakers," the tax revolter notes, "think they can just spend and spend without regard for where the money is coming from. They have been paying government workers up to 50 percent more than what is paid in the private sector. To make matters worse, they have a pension system in which an employee works for 20 years or so and then collects a pension for the next 30 or 40 years. That not only has to stop, it has to be reversed.

"But we are watching. At election time, we are going to look at al

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