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Column: Romney tax return issue won't go away

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In the summer and fall of 1993, I served as press secretary for the gubernatorial campaign of Christie Todd Whitman of New Jersey. Anyone who was around then will recall the issue — virtually the only issue — that year was the \$2.8 billion income and sales tax increase signed into law three years previously by Gov. Jim Florio.

Obama, his surrogates and the Super Pacs supporting him will continue to relentlessly drive the issue. It turns the debate to what they want and keeps it away from what they don't want, just as the Florio campaign attempted in 1993.

The Whitmans ultimately recognized the peril of maintaining the no-release posture. The return was disclosed, revealing a one-income spike. It turned out to be a dud, generating a one day story and disappearing almost as quickly as it was born. It was not enough in the process that Whitman could redirect the campaign debate to Florio's record, his tax increases and her proposal to cut income tax rates.

If Romney hopes to make headway attacking Obama's less than stellar stewardship of the American economy, he must put the tax re

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