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#### David Boaz

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Polls show voters don't much like Republicans, as the unpopularity of the Bush administration lives on. But if Republicans are the only alternative to the Obama Democrats, then voters - from the election of Bob McDonnell and Chris Christie in November 2009, to Scott Brown in January 2010, to the House in November 2010, to the impossible-to-imagine victory yesterday in New York - are going to vote Republican to stop the Democrats. After all these electoral rejections in the wake of the bailouts, the stimulus, and the health care takeover, President Obama proposes to tax and spend another \$500 billion. At this point the Republican victories are just sort of a scream for help.

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