

Have the Tories lost confidence in their ability to kee...

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Who said this?

No other Chancellor in the long history of the office has felt the need to pass a law in order to convince people that he has the political will to implement his own Budget. As one commentator observed this week, there are only two conclusions. Either the Chancellor has lost confidence in himself to stick to his resolution, and is, so to speak, asking the police to help him, or he fears that everyone else has lost confidence in his ability to keep his word, but hopes that they might believe in the statute book if not in him. Neither is much of a recommendation for the Chancellor of the day.

George Osborne, [Hansard 26 Nov 2009](#).

Now he is offering a '[no tax increase](#)' law. One has to wonder what that says, using Osborne's own terms of reference.