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# OPINION: AS GOES CHRISTIE, SO GOES THE 2017 REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR'S RACE

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If Christie can regain some credibility, there is a chance of a GOP candidate for



His presence has been so overwhelming suffocating his critics grumble that he transcended and overshadowed party identification. The state party ceased to function as a traditional statewide organization and morphed instead into a personality driven Christie Party.

The Republican brand became the Christie brand, its legitimacy rising or falling based on the governor's performance and popul

