



Minnesota facing both political and budget crises, U political scientist says

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Larry Jacobs, director of the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance at the [Hubert H. Humphrey Institute](#), University of Minnesota, discusses how a major political crisis in Minnesota is leading to an economic crisis in regard to the state's budget.

A down economy, evaporating stimulus money, differing political priorities and an upcoming gubernatorial election are only adding to the state's budget-balancing problems, Jacobs said. Unless the two parties are able to find common ground on taxing and spending, Jacobs sees the future of Minnesota as "not a bright one."



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