

5. All the attacks on the poor and working poor are actually designed to create more jobs for low-income families.

NO THEY ARE NOT!

- The NC GOP rewards GOP corporate campaign contributors and panders to their right-wing base and the hatred they have for President Obama.
- The NC GOP passed draconian cuts to unemployment benefits which cut off emergency federal benefits to 70,000 laid off workers
- Lobbyists for the N.C. Chamber of Commerce, folks who have long railed against the state's reasonable unemployment system, wrote the laws and used the debt incurred during the Great Recession as an excuse.
- The NC GOP refused to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act and provide health care coverage for 500,000 uninsured low-income adults—even though the federal government pays the full cost of expansion for three years and 90% after that.

6. NC GOP says: The dismantling of environmental protections will also create jobs and will not damage our natural resources.

NO THEY WON'T!

- North Carolina managed to have both one of the best climates in the country year after year and effective protections of our land, water, and air that made the state a destination for tourists and business executives looking for a high quality life for their families and employees.
- This administration and legislature have declared war on the environment in dozens of ways, many of them in the "regulatory reform act" that rolls back protections from everything from dangerous coal ash to leaky garbage trucks to pollution of our lakes and streams.

7. NC GOP says: The dramatic changes in voting laws are only about restoring integrity and public confidence in our elections. NO THEY ARE NOT!

Changes made by the NC GOP are designed to make it more likely that Republicans will win elections by making it harder for people who support Democrats to vote. That is the strategy behind the unnecessary and disenfranchising voter ID law, and the more than 20 other voting changes that were tucked into the elections bill at the last minute:

- Reducing the number of early voting days;
- Ending same day registration;
- Ending pre-registration of 16 and 17 year olds;
- Allowing big donors to give more money to candidates and to give money more secretly to shady independent groups.

These changes have nothing to do with integrity of the process and are designed to make it harder for certain people to vote. The voter suppression bill is the NC GOP's insurance policy.

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