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Conservative Republicans? Someone report them to the state party so they can undergo re-education

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With Republicans riding high in the polls all over America, it's a bit depressing to think of what past Republican victories have meant for conservatives in New Jersey.

So if you want to get depressed go over to Conservative New Jersey and read **this amusing post** about recent ads by the state Republican Party claiming to be conservative. An excerpt:

What is conservative about the RGGI program? (NJ's version of cap and trade)

What is conservative about tacitly supporting Obamacare by refusing to join a lawsuit challenging it? What is conservative about Paula Dow?

What is conservative about the state taking over Atlantic City?

What is conservative about our school funding formula that an out of control state supreme court has illegally foisted upon the taxpayers of NJ?

What is conservative about continuing to fund the Coalition on Affordable Housing? (COAH)

What is conservative about having a bloated and unnecessarily large state workforce?

What is conservative about eminent domain abuse?

What is conservative about NJ citizens having the highest tax burden in the country?

And let me add a bit of history about the long line of liberal Republican governors who preceded the author of the above atrocities.

What was conservative about William Cahill, who in 1973 appointed liberal Democratic ex-Governor Richard Hughes

to head the Supreme Court, where he imposed the income tax he'd failed to get as governor?

What was conservative about Tom Kean, who raised rates to make that income tax progressive and who set up as the Council On Affordable Housing. Kean also renominated wacky ultra-liberal Democrat Robert Wilentz to head the court.

Incredibly Christie Whitman found an even wackier, more left-wing chief justice in Deborah Poritz, who gave us that the unconstitutional preschool program and the Abbott district school-construction program that could end up costing the state \$25 billion.

That's the sad history of the N.J. GOP. These guys are happy as hell to deal with liberals but they have pretty much run conservatives out of the party.

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