
GOOD GOVERNANCE

Our state is suffering due to extreme power politics ruled by a new playbook. Gone are the standard norms of due process, fiscal transparency, public debate, and other requirements necessary to a fair and democratic government.

- While both parties have participated in “[gut and amend](#)” bills and backroom deals, the NCGOP took it to an unprecedented extreme during the [#backroombudgetshutout](#) by using a minor procedural process to pass the [2018 budget](#) with no input or amendments permitted from Democrats. Listen to [Sen. Jeff Jackson](#) tell it like it is.
- Since Governor Cooper’s election in 2016, the NCGOP has engaged in a series of [power grabs](#) that have weakened the Executive Branch, strengthened the Legislative Branch, and threatened the balance of power between the three branches.
- After rushing through SIX surprise constitutional amendments for the November 2018 ballot, the NCGOP called a [special session](#) to change a law they previously passed, in an attempt to eliminate ballot captions and deceive voters about their attempts to [rig the state constitution](#).
- Republicans have blocked [Democrats’ suggestions](#) for independent redistricting, advance notice for committee meetings, and more transparent government.
- Republicans have called unexpected [special sessions](#), sometimes with as little as [two hours notice](#), with legislation drafted behind closed doors, intentionally shutting the public and other legislators out of the process.