

## SHARED DATA SCANDAL



Some of the staff members who have been working for the governor of North Carolina, a democrat, have been accused of using some banned data for their own advantage when it comes to politics. These staff members are now at risk of being in trouble and can face some serious jail time. This information comes from e-mail messages that have been found through the John Locke Foundation, according to The Daily Caller. Republicans who are in constant competition with democratic parties are now demanding explanations from the governor, Beverly Purdue, who was dealing with a decrease in poll ratings as it is. The director for the Republican Party, Scott Laster, made a statement saying, "It appears that Governor Perdue and her staff have some secret insider-trading of government data that Purdue has attempted to manipulate for political advantage." Laster believes that all of the people who vote have the right to know what is really going on and they also deserve to know what role Purdue had with the whole data-sharing scandal and situation at hands. Laster says, "What did Purdue know, and when did she know it? She owes it to the voters to come clean." Purdue has become the center of quite a few controversial situations. In September, a claim was made that stated that these elections should not take place until the legislators were able to figure out a budget and deficit plan that would work long term. Obama, the current President of the United States, won out North Carolina by over 14,000 votes. Now that he is working on being reelected as President, he has been using a lot of resources possible to attempt to win over the state of North Carolina for the second time in a row. It will be hard for Obama to reach such success ins me of the other most important states, such as Virginia and Florida. The campaign that has been created for Obama has actually helped several Democrats win their race for political office, such as mayors and governors in different areas. In the mean time, the e-mail messages that the Carolina Journal uncovered via the John Locke Foundation showed proof that Purdue, along with various staff members, were actually sharing the data and statistical numbers. There has already been a rule, set in 2004, that states that anyone who is associated with the data and statistical information that shares or releases such information or commenting on it publicly and prematurely will face fine and possibly even jail time. These means that Purdue and staff members may be dealing with some serious consequences for such behavior. Even The Locke Foundation themselves found e-mail messages after taking notice that Purdue was discussing job data in a public meeting before the data was even released to the general public.

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