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## **Fiscal Realities**

The libertarian [Cato Institute](#) praised Huntsman's conservative tax policies. He was lauded for his tax cut policies. However, the Cato report also noted that he increased per capita spending at about 10 percent annually during his tenure. The state budget rose from \$16.7 to \$22.8 billion.

The most fiscally irresponsible bill in American history was the \$800 billion Porkulus (also known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 or ARAA). All the House Republicans and all but three GOP Senators (Specter, Snowe, and Collins) opposed it as did many others. Specter has been voted out of Congress since then. Snowe and Collins of Maine either need to change parties, or better yet be voted out of office and run out of town on a rail. But [Jon Huntsman](#) thinks that the problem with the Porkulus is that it wasn't large enough!