

PRIVATIZATION – a great idea for the investor class but not such a deal for the working class.

Privatization is one of the five cornerstones of a failed conservative economic ideology that is in fact based on the rants of a fiction writer named Ayn Rand from the 1930's.

PRIVATIZATION: Sell state-owned enterprises, goods and services to private investors. This includes banks, key industries, railroads, toll highways, electricity, schools, hospitals and even fresh water. Although usually done in the name of greater efficiency, which is often needed, privatization has mainly had the effect of concentrating wealth even more in a few hands and making the public pay even more for its needs.

Privatization is sold to the public by Wall Street and Congressional sharks in such a way as to leave the impression that corporations, led by men “who know how business works”, will take over these inefficient government bureaucracies and save the taxpayers billions of dollars. But it won't work that way folks.

We will still be paying taxes—only more, and instead of paying taxes to government workers over whom we do have a modicum of control, we will be paying all of our taxes to corporations. We are almost to that point already, but there are few public institutions left for them to seize: Social Security, public education, the remaining fragments of our prison system, and of course anything that we may have left of our public transportation system and roadways.

Your tax dollar will be supporting their Wall Street Ponzi schemes. Private interests will take our taxes and used them to build our roads and then we will pay them for the honor of driving over these roads that we paid them to build. Sweet deal—for the investor class, but it's not such a deal for the working class.

Justice? No problem! We can just dispense with our judicial system entirely. That will save a lot of bucks right there. In the alternative universe in which the conservatives live, corporations will dispense justice in their arbitration courts. How efficient.

No they won't just handle civil cases. These corporate kangaroo courts will also try criminal cases as well. That's exactly where the investor class are steering us with their privatization schemes. No less than 30 Republican Senators were openly advocated that our courts be taken over by corporations in October of 2009.

[If 30 Republican Senators](#) had gotten their way, corporations like Halliburton would be trying cases involving the gang rape of young women by their employees. That's correct. With these jokers, you can forget about habeas corpus. You can forget about a trial by jury—even for the most heinous of crimes. Corporate America and its trial lawyers will be the judge and the jury under the Republican wet dream of privatization.

Government? The legislative and executive branches will go the way of the judicial branch—to corporate America, to Wall Street. Perhaps the President of the Chamber of Commerce will be the new president. We won't have to waste our times going to the polls to vote because voting will be dispensed with as well.