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The Candidate's Job

- Determine what people want
- Promise
- Don't necessarily deliver
- See what rich donors want
- Deliver

Crime, Perennial Issue

- Always on the rise
- We must “Get tough on crime, empower police”
- What does that really mean?
- More cops? More jails? Longer sentences?
- Who pays for it?

We're Not Supposed To Know

- USA #1 in prisons
- Huge bias in enforcement
- Candidates did not mention
- No forum questions
- Media ignores
- Protects prison, pharmaceutical, alcohol industries

Money In Control

- “Economic incentives” for builders, businesses
- Most candidates advocate TIFs
- Tax Increment Financing, developer subsidy

Media Supports Developers

- Argus Leader, KSFY forum
- “What economic incentives for developers ...?”
- “If this is not another record year for development, how badly ...?”

New Parking Ramp

- Candidates don't want to cancel
- Massively overpriced construction
- Disreputable builder
- Why is this OK?

We're Not Supposed To Know

- TIFs, development incentives
- Subsidies for rich
- Taken from regressive taxation

Some Progress

- Candidates advocate drug treatment
- Advocate transparency
- I've been talking about this for years

Recommendation

- We need leaders, not followers
- We need political teachers
- Educate, awaken populace

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