

## The Dollar

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When I was a child I used to hear this expression coming often from my father's lips. "They are just concerned for the almighty dollar and don't give a damn about who they hurt in order to get it." I did not know who "they" were and I had a vague idea that the ones who were hurt were the general public like our family but I had no idea how we were hurting. I imagine if he were alive today he would still be making that same statement and I would be agreeing with him. Also I would know who "they" were.

When I see charts of how the income distribution lies in our nation it is absolutely mind blowing that almost 97 percent of this nation's wealth is owned by about 2.3 per cent of the population and that group of people pay very little of their income in income taxes due to the absurd tax system that we use.

In addition they have huge corporate tax write offs that make them pay even less of their share to the support of the federal government operations who then have to take more money from the middle class to operate.

And now we have one of those really wealthy Americans running for the highest office of the land. I can only hope that there are enough alert Americans left in this country who will vote to elect someone who at least has the concern of the people in his mind and that not only will he be reelected but that Congress will have a majority that will pass legislation to try to bring this country out of the worsening depression due to the Republican filibuster of every job creating bill introduced and who have had in mind as their only goal to see to it that the president we have now will not be reelected. It is a sad state of affairs that our great country has fallen so low that this should be the goal of the governing body of our land.