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Do billionaires buy the big breaks?

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1. What do these cartoons say about billionaires compared with the majority of Americans?
2. President Donald Trump and his administration brag about high stock prices. Have rising stock markets helped your family cope with the growing cost of living?
3. Billionaires are the biggest contributors to politicians. What do they get in return? Large tax breaks? Government contracts?
4. The top 10% of Americans own 67% of the nation's wealth, while half of Americans share just 2.5%. Why has the U.S. wealth gap exploded since the 1980s?
5. Despite all the promises to help working people, do governments always protect the wealthiest?

Between the lines

"Wealth in America is now more concentrated in a few hands than it was during the Gilded Age ... Money has always been a potent source of political influence, so this vast increase in concentrated wealth at the top inevitably translates into increased power." – Paul Krugman, economist.

https://paulkrugman.substack.com/p/billionaires-gone-wild

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