# Reducing Theft David Zokaites November 6, 2024

#### Human Qualities

- People want more, more, more!
- Better paying job, nicer house, bigger yacht, ...
- Can turn into more for me, less for thee
- Greedy sociopaths turn into CEOs, mobsters, ...
- Other people have lots of compassion
- Turn into nurses, counselors, social reformers, ...
- Evolutionary self-domestication encourages more peaceful collaboration

#### Rich Folks Steal Legally

- Bribe politicians for favorable laws, subsidies
- Political parties sell out to finance campaigns
- Some groups are far more corrupt than others
- Subtle, insidious, protected by propaganda, huge impact
- Great impediment to social and economic growth
- Causes social, economic, cultural, emotional harm

#### Some Examples

- Trickle down economics under Reagan
- Deregulate banks then bail them out upon failure
- South Dakota billionaire tax haven
- Overpriced Sioux Falls parking garage construction
- Huge local barriers to entry for medical cannabis
- Drug prohibition protects big pharma, alcohol, and prison industries while hurting minorities

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• Pollution steals wealth from future generations

## Reducing Theft By Rich

- Change election finance so politicians can work for the people
- Revise many laws, policies, and budgets
- Changes would encourage great economic and social growth

#### Poor People Steal Illegally

- Porch pirates take packages from your porch
- Unlocked bikes walk away
- People steal cars that are warming up
- Larceny of unlocked garages
- Emotionally and financially damages victims

## Reducing Theft By Poor

- Elect politicians who care
- Fix social problems that lead to poverty, despair, addiction, crime
- Announce starting a new program to reduce theft
- Find volunteers in troubled neighborhoods
- Police should know which items get stolen from which neighborhoods
- Volunteers, sensors, electronics, rapid detection and arrest

#### Reducing Theft Continued

- Hidden sensors alert police when things are stolen
- Use glitter bombs and cell phone cameras
- Use GPS trackers to find thieves
- City probably needs to hire someone to design and build custom devices
- Mark Rober created bait boxes with extra features the city does not need
- See "Car Thief Gets Instant Karma (the FINAL Glitterbomb 6.0)" on YouTube.com

#### Return On Investment

- One criminal on the loose causes tremendous economic damage
- New program should pay for itself many times over
- But that doesn't mean politicians care
- Programs that don't directly help rich people tend to never happen
- That's why election reform is needed for public safety

## Enjoy Nature

