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A report examining the ways in which the insertion of private interests into the provision of public goods and services hurts poor individuals and families, and people of color.

Ask the Right Questions Before Privatizing

Ten questions public officials, advocates, and the media should ask—and get answered—before any final privatization decision.

Dismantling Democracy: The forty year attack on government and the long game for the common good

A 2018 book by In the Public interest Executive Director Donald Cohen that analyzes shifting fundamental attitudes toward government and describes ten strategies for the progressive movement.

The Cost of Charter Schools for Public School Districts

A first-of-its-kind analysis revealing that public school students in three California districts are bearing the cost of the unchecked expansion of privately managed charter schools.

The Public School Accountability Agenda

An 11-point program to ensure that charter schools, which are publicly funded but privately operated, are fulfilling their role in public education as lawmakers intended.

Understanding and Evaluating Infrastructure Public-Private Partnerships (P3s)

A guide to help advocates, policymakers, and other stakeholders better understand and analyze public-private partnership (P3) infrastructure proposals, contracts, and related legislation.

Availability payments in public-private partnerships: Issues and implications

A research brief introducing “availability payments,” followed by issues important for policymakers and stakeholders when considering an availability payment public-private partnership.

Private Companies Profit from Almost Every Function of America’s Criminal Justice System

An infographic depicting the possible paths of people charged with different offenses, revealing the various privatized services provided by the private prison industry.

How Lockup Quotas and “Low-Crime Taxes” Guarantee Profits for Private Prison Corporations

A report describing the use of occupancy guarantee clauses in private prison and exploring how such clauses undermine criminal justice policy and democratic, accountable government.

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