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Think about this a moment. The FDOC has turned over control and management of its Medical, Mental Health, canteen and food service to private corporations.

The argument is these private for-profit corporations can do the job cheaper and better. Is that really the case?

Corizon Medical Care Services Inc., which runs many of the FDOC’s Medical and Mental Health services has repeatedly been cited for a poor job — nearly losing their contract under former FDOC Secretary Michael Crews. The quality of care has gone down, yet, under the new FDOC Secretary, Julie Jones, Corizon just received a huge new budget.

Why would you need a private corporation to run a canteen? In Oregon — and most other states—the prison runs it and reaps huge profits which go to prison programs. In Florida the for-profit Kehe gets a huge contract, reaps massive profits and only gives the FDOC a small kick-back in return. Then the FDOC complains about having no budget.

If the FDOC ran its own canteens it could make massive profits for itself and wouldn’t have to
hit the tax payers for more money.

The food service is run by one of the worst for-profit corporations in the nation. So bad that in Oregon the company has lost contracts to prisoners at the Oregon State Penitentiary who took over contracts for laundry services at hospitals. The food is not even low quality — it is shit. Corrections Officers at the Florida State Prison (FSP) state when prisoners ran the food services the food was better, and prisoners never complained.

Of course, politicians who push for these companies get a kick-back also, a fat donation. The tax payers pay the state, the state gives the money to these corporations, who make huge profits and in return cut off a chunk back to the state.

Rick Scott, Governor of Florida and alleged biggest medical fraudster in the U.S. loves these companies. That should send up red flags for any sane citizen.

Here is my question: Are FDOC employee’s so incapable and stupid that they cannot run a canteen, food service, Medical or Mental Health? If that is the case they shouldn’t have a job to begin with.

Maybe that’s why so many prisons are falling apart in Florida — the money is going into the pockets of for-profit companies and politicians.