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Inequality has been growing steadily since 1980 under both Democratic and Republican administrations. The large majority of candidates for both are now beholden to corporations and the rich for the funding of their election campaigns. They work together however to make sure third parties are kept out of the news, out of debates and off the ballot whenever possible. This leaves voters with no representatives to promote the changes a majority of the population desires--Medicare for All, free public college tuition, and rolling back Citizen's United for example. Rank choice voting would make party connections less important and make it possible to change the stranglehold of the rich on policy and begin to reverse the one way flow of the increase in productivity from the poor and middle class to the rich. I am in favor of ranked choice voting.