Corruption In Politics

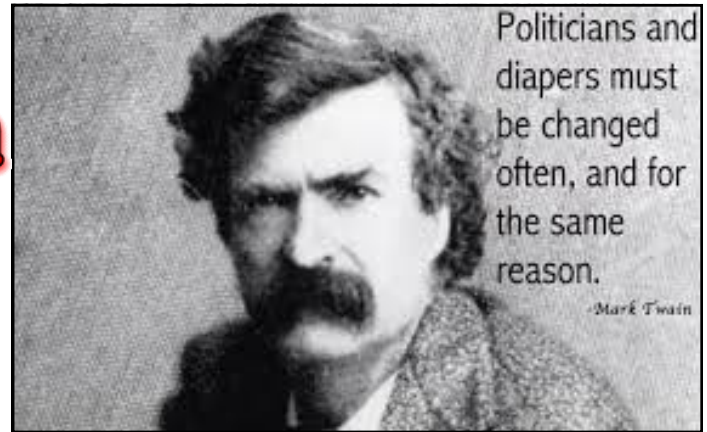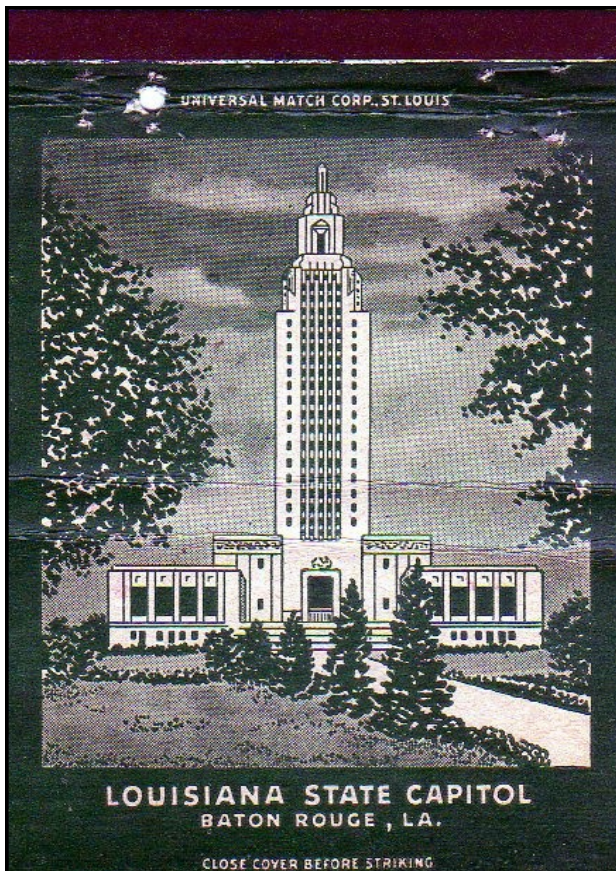Politicians and diapers must be changed often, and for the same reason.
-Mark Twain

President Trump's recent pardons for various crooked politicians got me to thinking....hmmmm!

"In a perfect world, we wouldn't have to worry about corruption. We could rest assured that our local, state, and federal governments are looking out for the best interest of its citizens. Unfortunately, many nations around the world deal with corruption – including the United States. Although the United States may not be as corrupt as some other nations in the world, there have been some notable scandals and evidence of corruption throughout the years. In some states, this is more prevalent than others.

Measuring how corrupt a state is can be difficult, and it's not a perfect science. However, the University of Illinois at Chicago released a report in early 2019 that ranked the most corrupt states based on data from the Department of Justice. For the report, titled "Corruption in Chicago and Illinois," data from the Public Integrity Section was used to determine which states were the most corrupt. This report based its rankings on the number of public corruption convictions in each state. These numbers were further broken down into number of convictions per capita."

Using this formula, the nation's three most corrupt states are: Washington, DC *[there's a surprise!],* Louisiana, and Illinois. Washington, DC isn't a state, but it is the nation's capital. *[http://worldpopulationreview.com/states/most-corrupt-states/]*

Based on cities that topped the charts in federal corruption convictions over the past decades, compiled by researchers at the University of Illinois at Chicago, supplemented with reports of recent abuses (2018), here are the most corrupt cities in the US, although all the violations here are not necessarily from politicians: *[https://www.cheatsheet.com/culture/15-most-corrupt-cities-in-america-for-2018.html/]*

1. Washington, DC
2. Chicago
3. Philadelphia
4. Baltimore
5. Miami
6. Houston
7. New York City
8. Detroit
9. New Orleans
10. Newark
11. Richmond
12. Los Angeles
13, Wichita
14. Cleveland
15. Las Vegas

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