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Trump vs. Private Property

If real-estate magnate/pink-slip impresario [Donald Trump](#) can't comb over his hair plausibly, how does he expect to convincingly coif his wheeler-dealer track record?

Over the past several months, Trump has been making disturbing noises about pursuing the GOP presidential nomination. Perhaps those encouraging him want the Republicans to remain almost as unpalatable to freedom-loving folk as the Democrats.

Trump has an atrocious track record when it comes to limited government and private property. Like many developers in collusion with bureaucrats and the tax man, he doesn't hesitate to use eminent domain to steal what ain't his. All in the name of the so-called "public good," of course, a catchall concept used to excuse almost any kind of ruthless predation.

Michelle Malkin [reminds us](#) that in the 1990s Trump "waged a notorious war on elderly homeowner Vera Coking, who owned a little home in Atlantic City. . . . The real-estate mogul was determined to expand his Trump Plaza and



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build a limousine parking lot--Coking's private property be damned. "Fortunately, the valiant [Institute for Justice](#) took up her cause. She prevailed.

Trump's comments on the 2005 Supreme Court decision *Kelo v. City of New London* are candid enough. The justices ruled that government officials could treat the Constitution as irrelevant with respect to property. Trump says he agrees "100 percent " with the *Kelo* decision.

That confession alone makes the idea of a President Donald Trump 100 percent repugnant.

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