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Everything is going UP--except Social Security and pensions! My homeowners and car insurance just went UP \$200.! My electric and gas has been going UP, UP, UP and I am now paying \$130+ to Verizon for simple home telephone service and internet every month! Is it just time for the Water Department to jump on the LET'S-GET-OUR-SHARE-TOO-Wagon and charge people more????

We are still not out of a pandemic in which more than half a million people have died! People are out of work and out of money! Many cannot pay for rent and some still cannot feed their children. Yes, things are slowly getting better and if more people would get vaccinated, that would go even faster. I realize our infrastructure is very bad and needs work. I avoid falling into potholes everywhere whenever I get in my car to go anywhere. Hopefully, if Joe Biden's plan can pass, improvement will happen although, the Repubs are trying to make sure NO improvements happen that Joe Biden will get credit for. They also do not want the RICH, many of whom pay NO or FEW taxes to have to pay for anything. How much money do you think the poor and middle-class have?

I have an aunt who is 88 years old and gets a big discount on all her bills because she gets very little from Social Security and has a tiny pension that pays her about \$214. a month. I make just \$2000. or \$3000. too much for that privilege but I am 68 and have been doing all my aunt's wash for the last 6 years so I get hit with the big water bills. I also take her to the dentist, her primary care doctor, the heart doctor, the eye doctor, her cancer doctor and the foot doctor every two months. I also take her to vote and do food shopping for her and I cover the cost of all the gas needed to do all this running around. I was doing the same for an uncle over in New Jersey who has since died.

It seems you have to barely be able to stay in your house and pay your bills to get any kind of a break as prices to UP and UP. Why don't you base your price increases on people's income? It's about time regular people got a break! Get the money you need from the billionaires who don't seem to pay for much of anything.  
Thanks for reading!