

the closer you look at his six years in Albany, the more you realize George Elmer Pataki has tried to turn the executive branch of our state government into a patronage paradise, a vehicle to promote privatization schemes and a playground for his well-heeled political pals.

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nurses, doctors, teachers, health and safety inspectors, transportation engineers, parole officers and many other skilled state workers.

And why are we doing this? Because we know that working for you, the public, is an important responsibility that is both honorable and fulfilling. But Pataki and his cronies are working on something else entirely.

Please read what's inside. Think about it. Then ask yourself: Are these guys serving the public interest, or just raiding the public treasury?