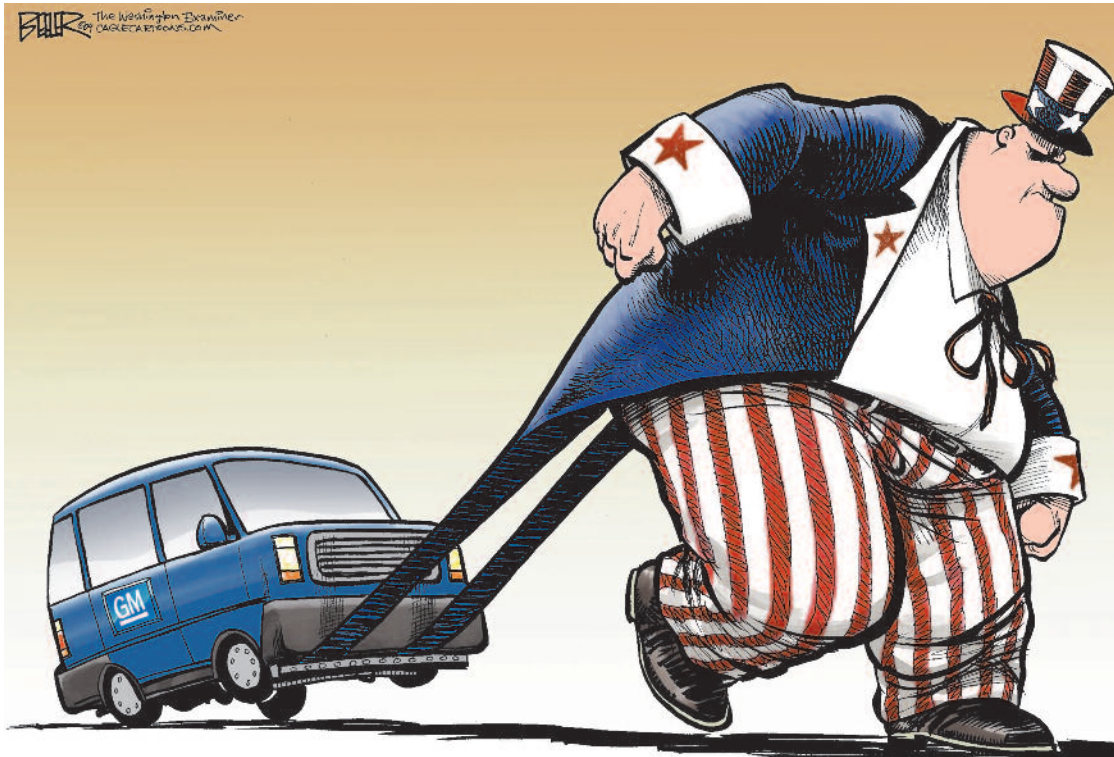


Cartoons for the Classroom

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Government Motors



Cartoon by Nate Beeler, The Washington Examiner / Courtesy Caglecartoons.com

Between the lines

General Motors, once the world's most powerful corporation, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in order to reorganize as a smaller, more viable company. In the mid-1960s, G.M. made half of all vehicles sold in the U.S. and employed more workers than any other company in the nation. Now taxpayers will own approximately sixty percent of a smaller G.M. when it emerges from bankruptcy.



Cartoon by Jeff Parker / Courtesy Caglecartoons.com

Talking points

1. in Nate Beeler's cartoon, Uncle Sam isn't happy about having to tow General Motors now that the giant corporation has entered bankruptcy. Who does Uncle Sam symbolize in this cartoon? President Obama? The government? The taxpayers? Why is there no driver visible in the car?
2. President Obama hands a wary Uncle Sam the keys to a car loaded with crash dummies. Once again, who does Uncle Sam symbolize in this cartoon? What about the crash dummies in the car, who do they represent? Why is Uncle Sam unhappy?
3. G.M. is expected to emerge from bankruptcy as a smaller corporation. How would you show that concept in a cartoon? What symbols come to mind?

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