Who pays for corporate mistakes?

Talking points
1. What do these cartoons say about who is getting hurt by Volkswagen's cheating on diesel emission tests?
2. VW faces up to $18 billion in fines over the cheating. Who would end up paying for the fines - executives or investors?
3. GM and Toyota recently paid huge fines over safety defects that killed some consumers. What happened to executives and employees involved?
4. When a corporation goes bankrupt who are the biggest losers? Who loses the least?

Between the lines
"Martin Winterkorn, who stepped down as chief executive of Volkswagen AG . . . due to its widening emissions scandal, could receive compensation of up to $66.9 million." - Wall Street Journal.
http://www.wsj.com/articles/former-volkswagen-chief-martin-winterkorn-could-receive-60m-payoff-1443103501

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