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Deb,

Yes, management certainly does dumb things. In addition, they are probably overpaid. Management is responsible for that part. But they really don't have any control over what the union employees are paid, or even how many are on the payroll. They can't even lay off workers when they don't have anything for them to do. GM has between 5000 and 6000 employees in the JOBS Bank, where they are paid full wages to either do charity work or do nothing.

Management has no control over their workforce because the UAW tells them what to do, and if they don't go along, the UAW can shut them down and drive them into bankruptcy. Right now, the UAW is threatening to do just that with Delphi.

Steve

--- Debbie Wilson <deberda@yahoo.com> wrote:

> And...the workers aren't the ones who made the dumb
> decisions about what product to build. They didn't
> decide to keep building gas guzzlers while the
> foreign companies made more efficient cars...they
> aren't the ones who let quality go to hell. If the
> management doesn't take responsibility for that, who
> should?