

- **Increasing costs to consumers due to monopoly ownership.** For example, some Internet providers with no competition may overcharge and provide minimal service, leaving the customer to bear the burden of exorbitant costs and poor service.
- **Limitations of size options by clothing manufacturers.** Many clothing manufacturers will only make sizes that fit the most normally sized people because it is more profitable than providing sizes for the full range of customers.
- **Increasingly unethical business practices.** For example, General Motors sold cars with known defects that caused deaths, while people in the company knew of the dangers and kept silent.
- **Increasing corporate inefficiency.** Anyone who has worked in a large company is familiar with corporate inefficiency (see the Dilbert comic strip). Health insurance companies, for example, have inefficiency costs that are very high compared with Medicare. Those inefficiency costs are transferred to consumers whenever possible.
- **Increasing corporate management pay and the pressure for short-term profits.** When the very rich get exponentially richer and everyone else exponentially loses access to wealth, there is an inevitable pressure for short-term profits. When corporate managers are in charge of managing corporate wealth, there is an incentive for them to acquire exponentially growing wealth.

To a large extent, corporations govern us and run our lives—for their profit, not ours. The list could go on and on.

To a large extent, the runaway expropriation of wealth pointed out by Thomas Piketty is a result of government by corporation. Piketty points out that a political solution is necessary, but when our politics is governed significantly through lobbying by corporations rather than the public, the possibility of this is greatly reduced.

Conservatives like to rail against “government” as taking away their liberty. But government by corporations probably does far more to take away such “liberty.”