

We pay for lobbyists

The recent news from the Detroit auto industry is disturbing. Government Motors (formerly GM) is once again hiring Washington lobbyists and handing out political campaign contributions, despite being 61% owned by U.S. taxpayers at a cost (so far) of \$52 billion.

This does not include the billions shoveled out to subsidize "green" vehicle development.

Although Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are no longer permitted to hire lobbyists and contribute to politicians since they were officially taken over by

Uncle Sam, for some obscure reason GM has avoided this proscription.

Our "partner" in the ownership of GM, the United Auto Workers Union, continues to be a wholly owned subsidiary of the Democratic Party.

Over at Union Motors (formerly Chrysler, soon to be Fiat), also partly owned by U.S. taxpayers, we have seen on TV some video clips of some UAW workers enjoying a lunch break at a Detroit public park. In this case, lunch consisted of guzzling beers and smoking dope, before hurrying back to the assembly line to produce quality vehicles. In case you are in the market for a new Jeep or Dodge, just remember to look for their union label.

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