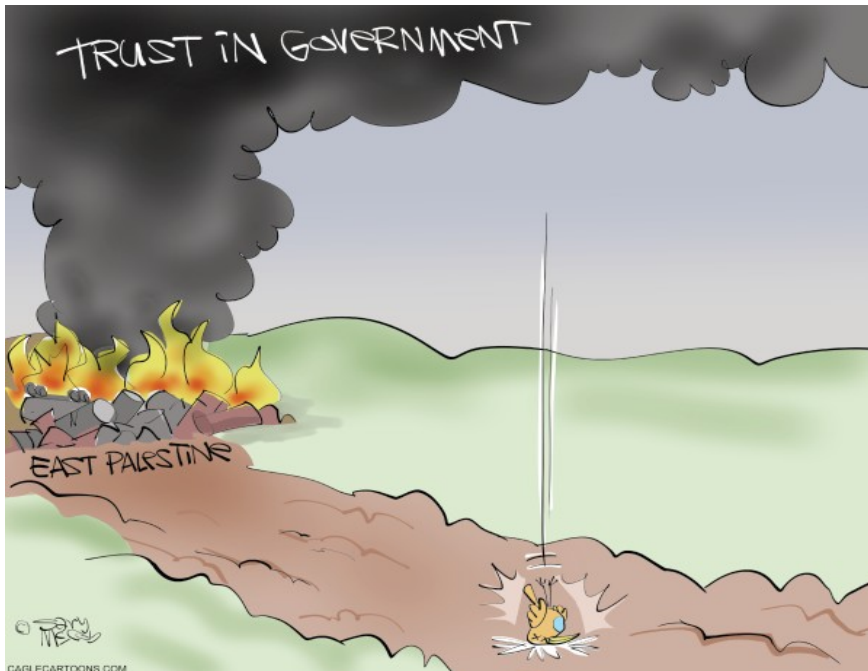# Who do you blame in a disaster?

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1. What are these cartoons saying about who should be blamed over a train derailment that released toxic chemicals in the small Ohio town of East Palestine?

2. Did state and national governments ignore the accident?

3. Did decisions over rail safety regulations impact the accident?

4. How does a person's political views influence who they'll blame for their troubles?

5. Do we need more or fewer rules to prevent industrial accidents or cope with environmental woes?

6. Why do people look for someone to blame even in natural disasters like storms or wildfires?

Between the lines

"Enough with the politics on this … I don't understand why this has gotten so political. This is a community that is suffering. This is not about politics." NTSB chairwoman Jennifer Homendy.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2023/02/25/derailment-east-palestine-culture-wars/

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