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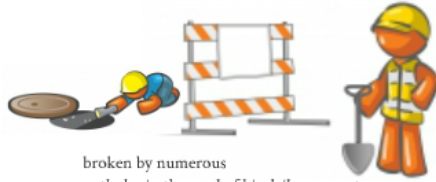
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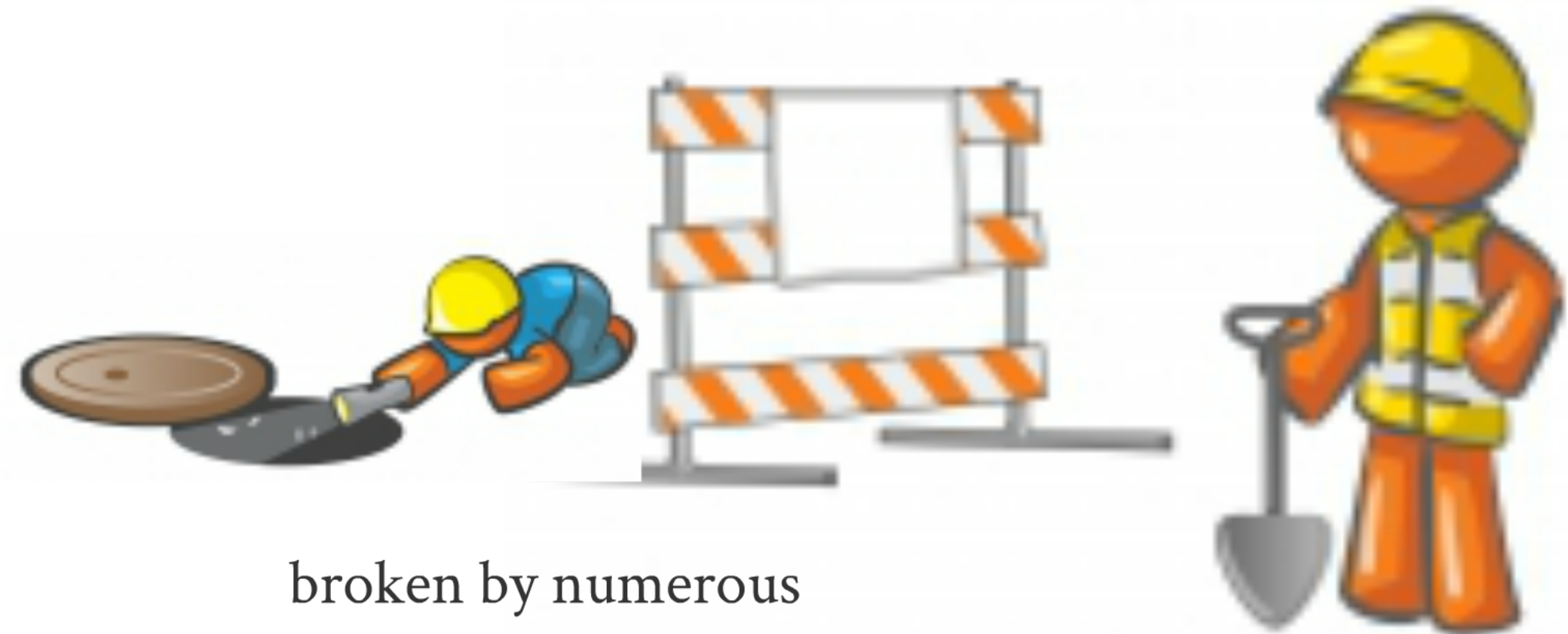


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and a doctor, and a professor, and a headmaster and a businessman--they all give and take bribes without ever thinking of the full consequences of their actions :-)

are they bad people?, or generally honest, sometimes falling (in)to temptation?!?

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now, think of a local community,
a small city of 12,000 people,
whereof only 10,000 voters,
but 4,000 are working abroad

- we may have about 1,000 such communities in Romania



the polls show a split electorate,
with 50-50 chances to both the
incumbent mayor and the challenger

statistics show about 50 families on
social aid from the city hall, namely
about 100-150 votes to "play" with...

at 30% voter turnout (about 2,000+
voters), having "bought" 100 votes
ahead of time, may well tip the scale
in favor of the incumbent



social aid may be obtained upon a doctor's notice

- the doctor gets bonus points for more patients in care
- the "citizen" gets "aid" money on a bogus condition
- the mayor gets favorable votes in the next elections



so who do you think would complain?!?

the civil servant prefers to turn a blind eye or to join the scheme, because s/he needs to keep the job...

capture and vote-buying actually happens long before the elections!



indirect proof from
campaign finances:

at 18 mln. voters nation-wide, expect at least

€ 18 mln. fundraised by all political parties, right?

- only € 4 mln. reported by all parties combined!
- x 3 rounds of elections in 2012, still € 6 mln. missing





so, how to provide incentives for integrity?

- € 2.5 bn. lost only in rigged procurement
- € 20 bn. lost in tax evasion (corrupt or not?)
- a mere € 6 mln. lost in campaign finance

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2006 study claims € 1 mln./year investments in training and human resources may bring € 1 bn./year increase in absorption capacity for/of EU funds

for the missing € 22+ bn./year lost to corruption & white-collar crime, at least € 20 mln./year should be invested in integrity training and/or other education



€ 20 mln./year is just 0.04% of Romania's state budget, while a full 1% of the budget is usually recommended for an effective financing of anticorruption policies, in any country...



scary stories?

- chain of corruption
- election campaign finance

expensive solution?

- bribe market may help :-)

Unde (nu) se dă șpagă?

Toate județele



Toate localitățile



Toate domeniile



Cautare

Harta

Listare șpăgi

Statistici

Pentru criteriile selectate șpaga minimă e 0 €, medie 54 € și maximă 10000000 €

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