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## Why isn't Appian in jail?



Czechs who still think the corrupt environment they live in is somehow special should read Rolling Stones' "[Why isn't Wall Street in jail?](#)" or watch the recent documentary "[Inside Job](#)" from Charles Ferguson. They use slightly different language to get their point across, but the message is the same, "Everything's fucked up, and nobody goes to jail." And the reason, they state, is that those who "tried to burn the world economy to the ground" are protected by the very system supposedly meant to punish them. The other message is that this is a global phenomenon, or at least one afflicting the Western world. The late 20th and early 21st centuries, as we've argued before, are the era of the globalization of corruption. How else could Appian/Škoda win multibillion-crown no-bid contracts to provide faulty or overpriced rolling stock and receive the blessing of the EU in the form of hefty subsidies for the buyers?

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