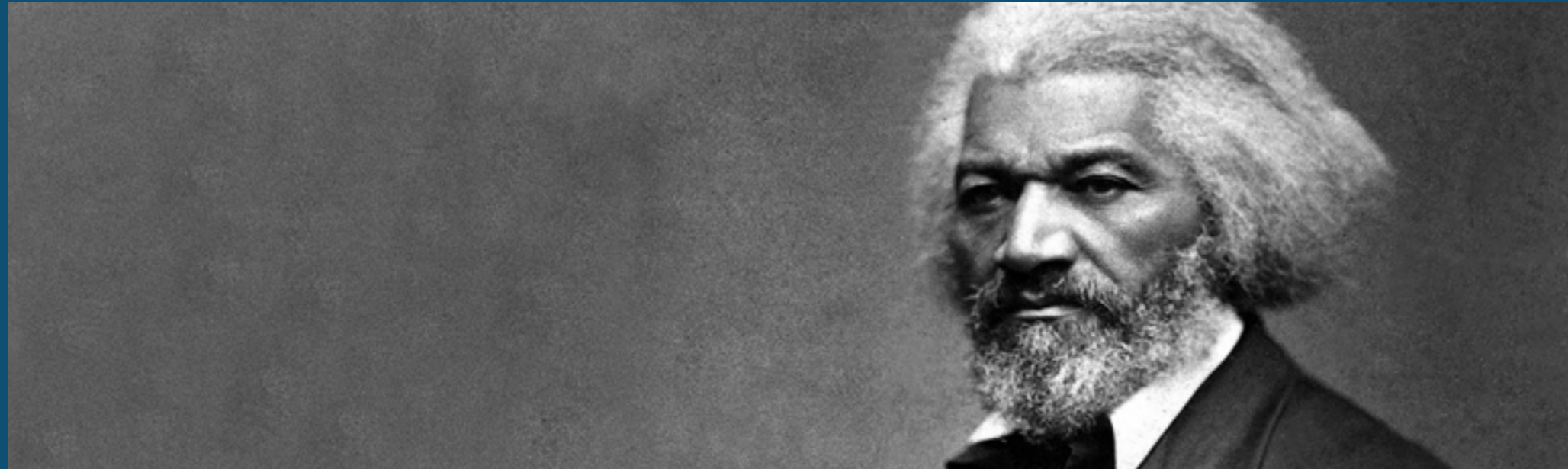


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“[Concentrated] wealth has ever been
the tool of the tyrant, the readiest
means by which liberty is overthrown.”

— Frederick Douglass



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The superstar company

A giant problem

The rise of the corporate colossus threatens both competition and the legitimacy of business



Jon Berkeley

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Sep 17th 2016





“We’re now 40 years into the experiment of letting giant corporations accumulate more and more power. And what have we gotten from it? Less growth, weakened investment, fewer small businesses. Too many Americans who feel left behind.”



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By Olivia LaVecchia and Stacy Mitchell

October 2014



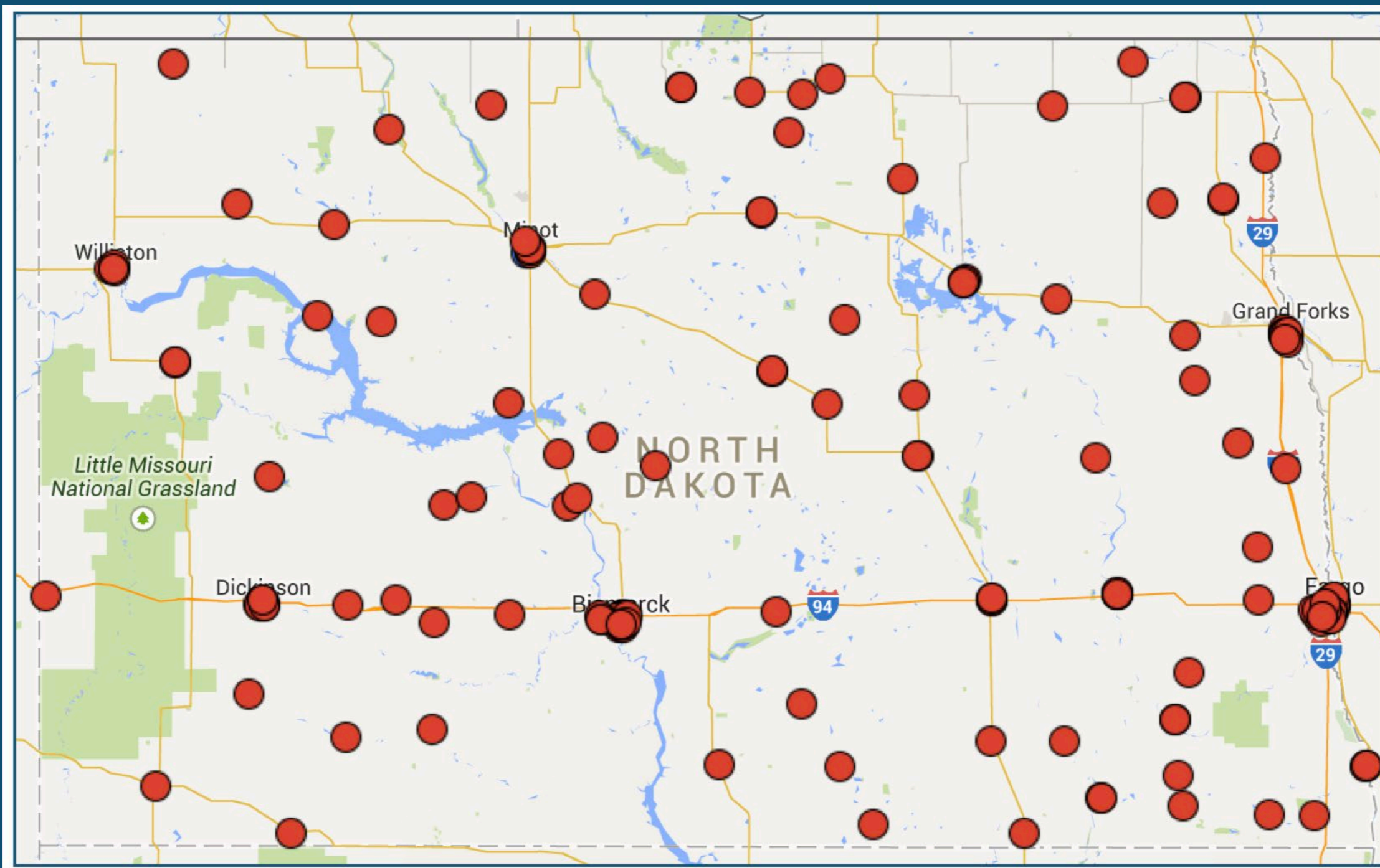




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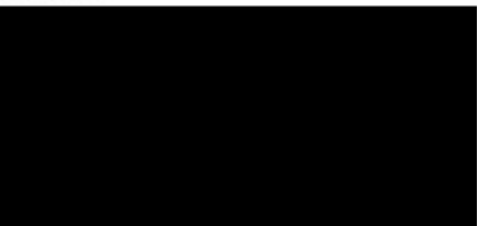
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You've put a lot into your pharmacy. Maybe now's the time to sell.

I look forward to speaking with you soon.

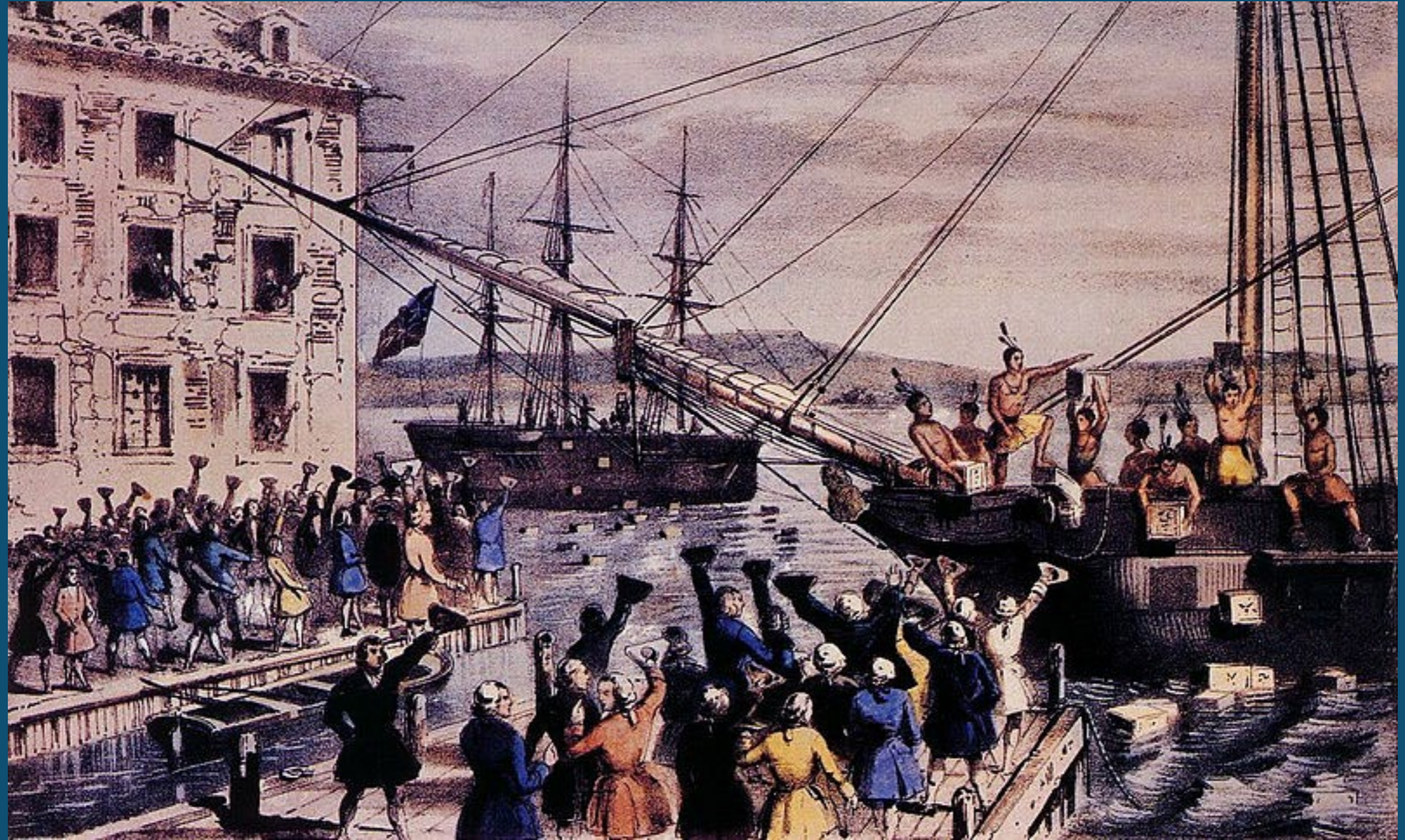
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A VERY BRIEF
HISTORY OF ANTITRUST





John Sherman



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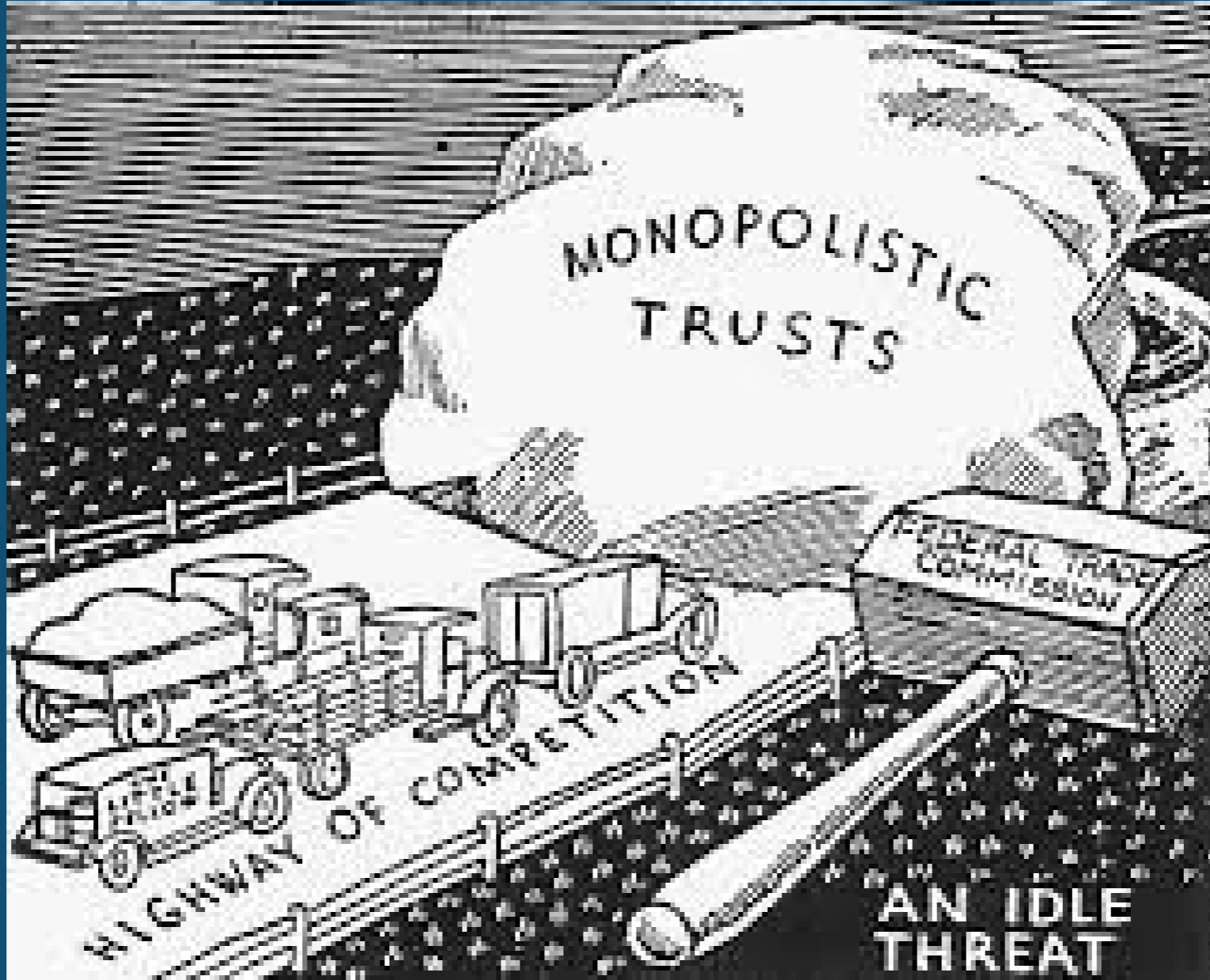


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#2
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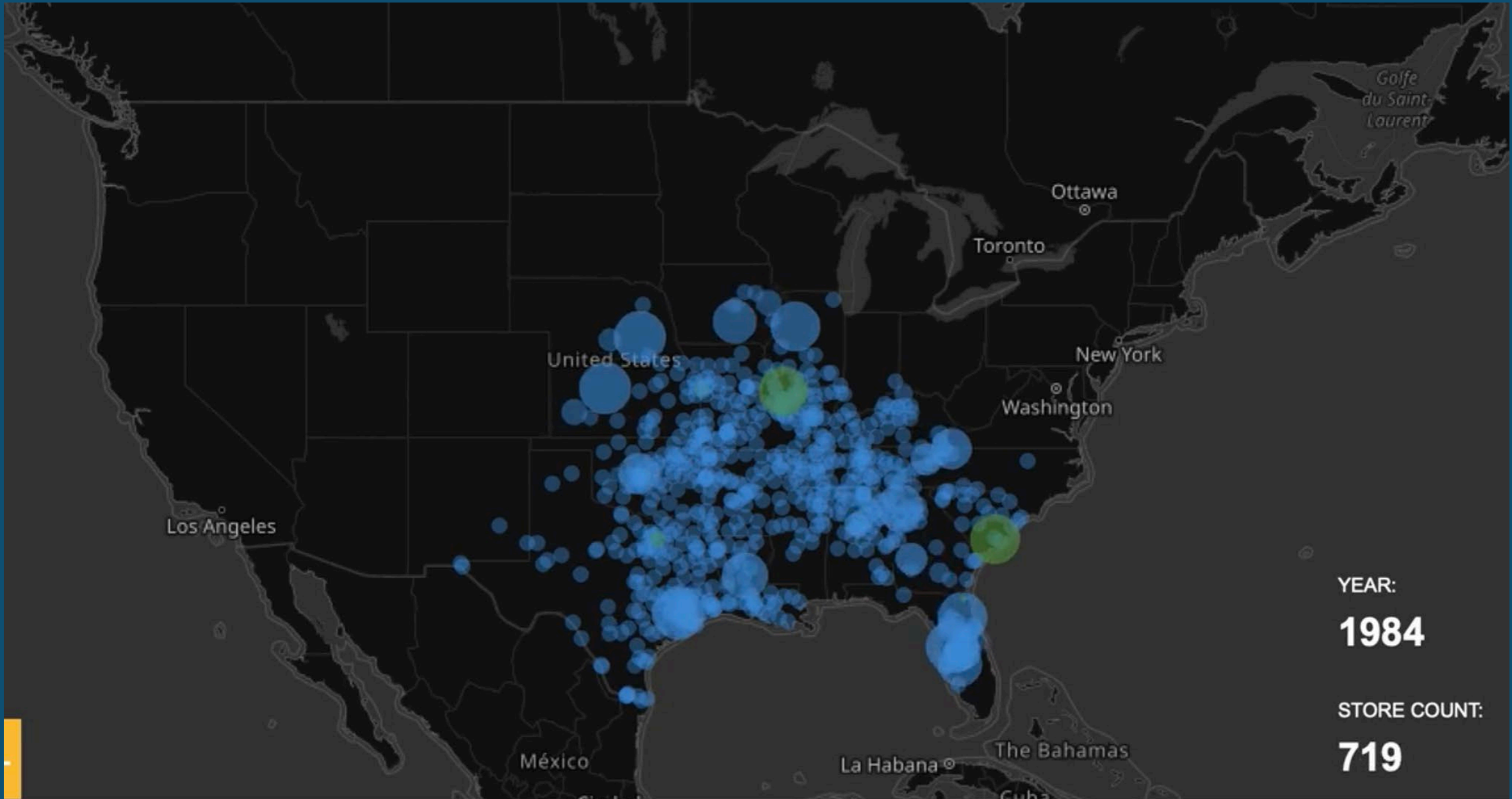


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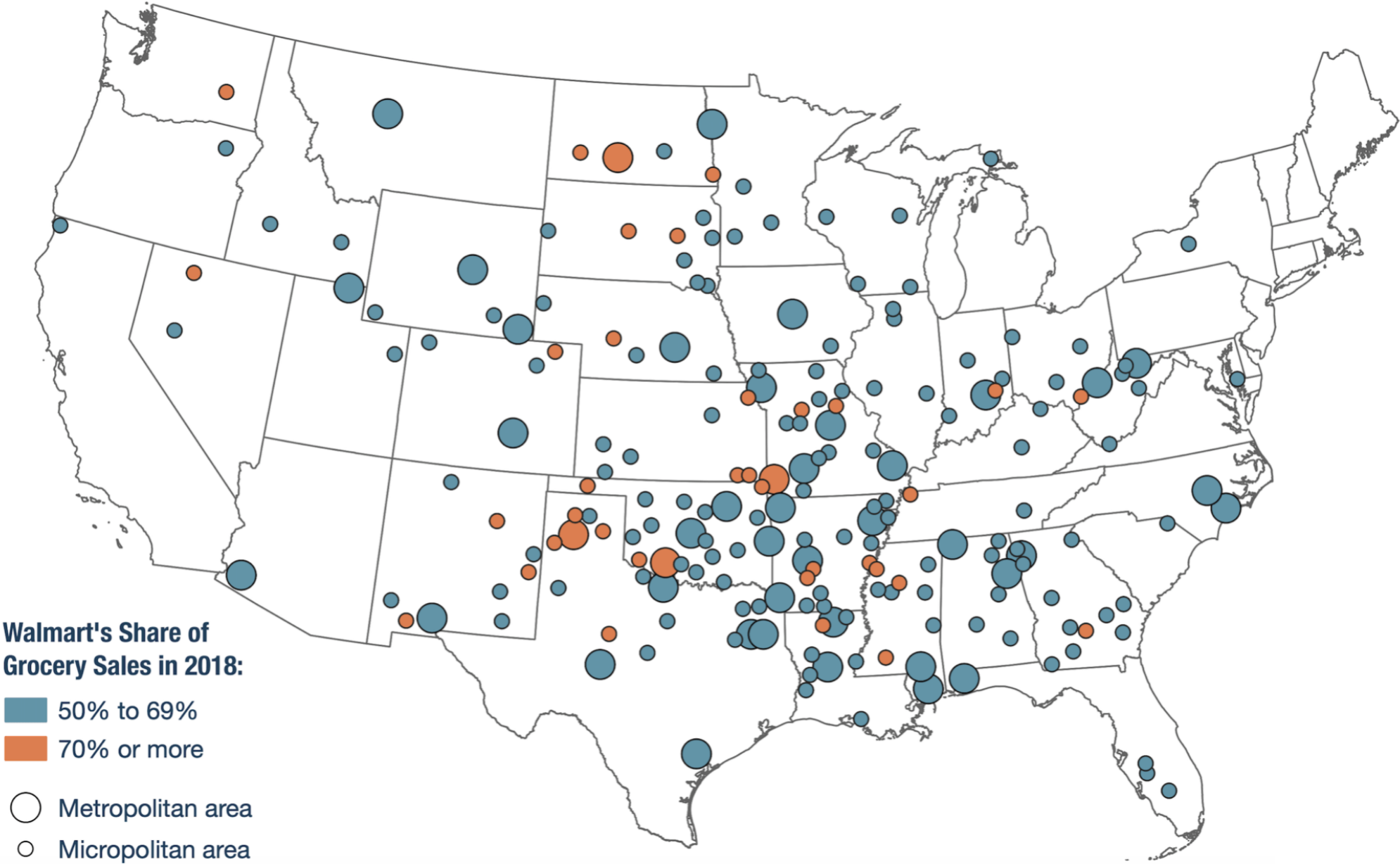
BUSINESS

Wal-Mart Ratchets Up Pressure on Suppliers to Cut Prices



Walmart's Monopolization of Local Grocery Markets

In 43 metropolitan areas and 160 smaller markets, Walmart captures 50% or more of grocery sales. In 38 of these regions, Walmart's share is 70% or more.



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Source: Chain Store Guide, Grocery Industry Market Share Report, 2018 | Map by Hannah Bonestroo for IILSR 06.11.2019
Notes: The federal government delineates 392 Metropolitan Statistical Areas and 546 Micropolitan Statistical Areas. A metro area is a region with a relatively high population density at its core and close economic ties throughout the area. A micropolitan area is, likewise, an economically integrated region, but has a smaller urban core of between 10,000 and 50,000 people. Because some micropolitan areas extend over a large territory, despite having a relatively small population, this map uses two differently sized circles to represent each type of region, rather than showing their geographic boundaries. Figures for Walmart's grocery sales include Walmart-owned Sam's Club outlets.



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“We need to address rampant consolidation and the dominance that it has enabled across markets.”



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FTC Launches Inquiry Into Prescription Drug Middlemen Industry

Agency to Scrutinize the Impact of Vertically Integrated Pharmacy Benefit Managers on the Access and Affordability of Medicine

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Orders Walmart, Amazon, Kroger and other large wholesalers and suppliers to turn over information to help study causes of empty shelves and sky-high prices

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**UPDATING ANTITRUST LAW
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Amazon is squeezing Arizona small businesses. Will Congress level the playing field?

Opinion: Amazon and other Big Tech companies are making it difficult for small retailers in Arizona to compete. Bipartisan federal legislation could help.

Kimber Lanning opinion contributor

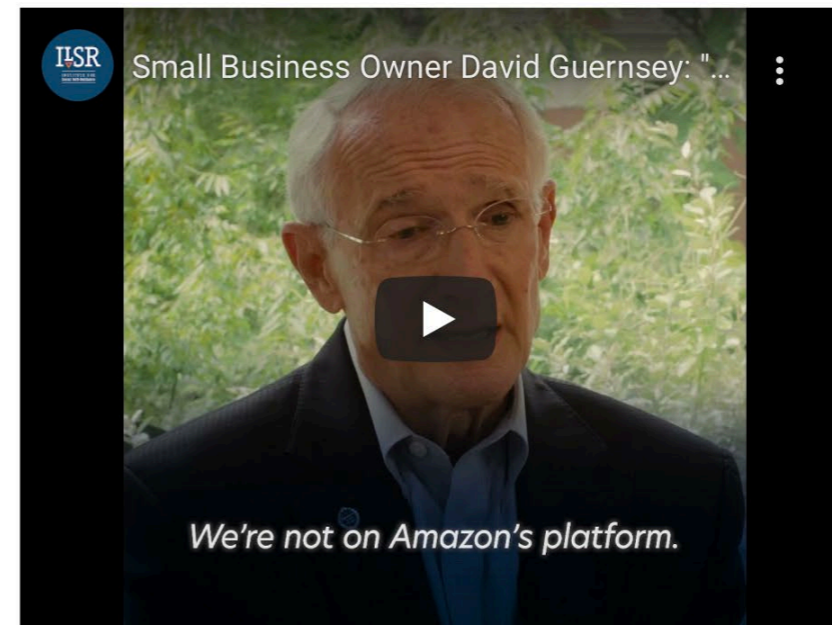
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