

# Government in Violation of Antitrust Laws



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Government antitrust laws have caused significant damage to consumers and businesses, all in the name of “consumer protection” and “promoting competition.” Unfortunately, government views on antitrust come from a fundamentally flawed understanding of economics – neoclassical economics, the view that is taught in most university economics courses today. In this view, anything other than a “perfectly competitive market” or “perfect competition” is deemed less than ideal. The irony is that in a neoclassical perfect competition model what is actually being described is the *absence* of competition.

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