

Progressives WANT You to Pay More

Progressive antitrust supporters have openly lamented that companies are keeping prices too low, and they have expressed the desire to use government force through antitrust law to expand their control and influence over the economy.

"Amazon has excelled; it has evaded government scrutiny in part through fervently devoting its business strategy and rhetoric **to reducing prices for consumers.**"

—Lina Khan, FTC Chair, irritated about companies keeping prices low to compete in her infamous Yale Law Journal article, "Amazon's Antitrust Paradox"

"We have, for the past few decades, put our faith in an economic model that insists that everyone will be better off if we do everything to make production **as cheap as possible**, keeping prices and salaries low, and make every region of the economy highly specialized."

—Tim Wu, former special assistant to the President, complaining that companies are keeping prices too low in *The New York Times*

"The antitrust laws as written by Congress should be sufficient to address products that are **free** to consumers."

—Jonathan Kanter, Assistant Attorney General of the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division, when asked about online services that offer free or low cost to consumers in his Senate confirmation hearing

"We actually have to have ongoing active policies to structure and **regulate our markets and businesses to make sure they're fulfilling all those socially beneficial functions that we want them to do.**"

—Brian Callaci, Chief Economist at the Open Markets Institute, calling for using antitrust to force consumers and companies to follow the progressive social agenda at a 2022 event

"Her vision goes beyond the incremental. Given the polarization in Washington and beyond, **the best chance to enact many progressive plans could be under a Klobuchar administration.**"

—*The New York Times*, endorsing Sen. Amy Klobuchar, alongside Elizabeth Warren, to be the Democratic presidential nominee in 2020