

Third Age Learning Guelph Winter 2023 AM Series: Our Food: A System in Distress?

- More about the Power Structure of Canada's Food System

Andrew Nixon, who spoke about The Power Structure of Canada's Food System on February 15, 2023, sent the following links and a book list for those who wish to learn more about the subject.

An Anti-Monopoly/Competition Policy Toolkit

CANADIAN ANTI-MONOPOLY PROJECT (CAMP)

- Here is a link to the website for the [Canadian Anti-Monopoly Project](#) (CAMP). I am also (separately) sending a two page document that CAMP has put together covering the major problems with Canada's Competition Act and the solutions we propose. There will be a more detailed wishlist that will be published soon and I will be sure to update you all when that happens!

CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONSULTATION

- Here is the [link](#) to the Future of Competition Policy in Canada.
- The Competition Bureau has also released a short overview on the consultation called [Making Competition Work for Canadians](#), and has a longer discussion paper called [The Future of Competition Policy in Canada](#).

READ

- [Policy Options](#) (magazine) has a [nine-part series of articles](#) about Canadian competition policy reform. My [co-authored article](#) with Keldon Bester, one of the co-founders of the Canadian Anti-Monopoly Project, is part of this series and touches on many of the points I covered in my lecture.

- Here is a recent story in the New York Times about [consolidation in meal replacement shakes](#) and why Boost and Ensure are often the only brands you see at the hospital or in the pharmacy.

LISTEN

Over the past couple of months, Canadaland has been putting out a full season of the Commons podcast that covers monopolies in Canada - it's free to listen and you will hear from some of the people involved in the Canadian Anti-Monopoly Project!

[Canadaland COMMONS – podcast series on monopolies in Canada](#)

WATCH

The following two videos explore concentrated power in American beef processing. While this isn't about what's happening in Canada, the issues are similar, we just haven't done the work to go out and talk to our ranchers about these issues!

[Vox – How 4 companies control the beef industry](#)

[More Perfect Union – Greedy Monopolies and Farmer Suicides](#)

BETTER ANSWERS TO A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS I DID NOT GIVE A GOOD ENOUGH RESPONSE TO

- Here are a few articles on the situation with [concentration in American grocery stores](#) (hint, they are [still merging](#) and it is [not good!](#)).

- Why are milk, cheese, butter, well eggs, and chicken more expensive in the store than other items? I talked a lot about dairy being a part of Canada's supply management regime but I left out that poultry and eggs are also covered by this system too! Here's [how that system works](#).

BOOK LIST

Plenty of great books have been published in the last few years on the topic, here are my picks:

Barry Lynn - Cornered

Barry Lynn - Liberty From All Masters

Michelle Meagher - Competition is Killing Us

Tim Wu - The Curse of Bigness

Zephyr Teachout - Break 'Em Up

Sally Hubbard - Monopolies Suck

Jonathan Tepper & Densie Hearn - The Myth of Capitalism

Amy Klobuchar - Antitrust

Elizabeth Popp - Thinking Like an Economist

Jan Eeckhout - The Profit Paradox

David Dayen - Monopolized

Matt Stoller - Goliath

Philip H. Howard - Concentration and Power in the Food System (Second Edition)

Christopher Leonard - The Meat Racket