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Re: Drop Biden's Political Antitrust Cases

Dear Attorney General Bondi and Chairman Ferguson,

The Biden Administration's weaponization of the Department of Justice against President Trump was a national disgrace. Seeking to deflect blame for the administration's economic mismanagement, the Biden-Harris DOJ and FTC also weaponized antitrust against American companies for Bidenflation's higher prices and against tech companies that would not do their bidding on censorship.

The Trump administration can end these politically-motivated lawsuits against American companies started by Biden. Several cases have been brought that fail to demonstrate any harm to consumers, revealing the political motivation behind them. **To ensure the economy can grow and flourish in the new Golden Age, the DOJ and FTC must drop Biden's politically motivated cases.**

With the dollar losing 20 percent of its value in Biden's spending binge, the FTC moved to block the Kroger-Albertsons grocery store merger, claiming that greed had raised food prices despite their [razor thin profit margins of 1 to 3 percent](#) vanishing under Bidenflation. It could not be Biden's anti-energy policies raising the cost of shipping or electric vehicle subsidies inflating the dollar – it had to be a merger of two companies that each controlled [less than 15 percent of the market](#).

The Biden DOJ likewise went hunting for a scapegoat for the housing. It could not possibly be rising interest rates, rent control, excessive environmental reviews, restrictive zoning laws, or COVID lockdown-induced supply shortages that raised rents and mortgage rates – it must have been AI algorithms that some property management companies used. Attorney General Merrick Garland even tried to [blame credit cards](#) for rising prices, which they apparently decided to do just because Biden was in office.

And this is to say nothing of the [censorship-industrial complex](#) set up by the Biden administration that relied on the FBI pressuring social media companies to censor posts that opposed Biden's agenda. When that did not work, the Biden administration followed through on [longstanding Democrat threats](#) to break up tech companies.

It is now a new day in America. Tech censorship is receding with competition from Truth Social and X and new policies at Meta. Inflation is [down](#). Most importantly, Joe Biden is out of office. Yet holdovers from his administration are still in court trying to break up Google and Meta.

Despite no evidence of harm to consumers, [Google was deemed a monopoly in search last year](#). They are now on trial to determine their punishment, which might include losing their search engine or AI development at the precise moment the US needs to lead the world in AI so the Chinese communists do not. Separately, [another DOJ case](#) alleges that Google monopolized ad tech, despite not breaking the law to attain its market position. Google is being punished not for holding an unassailable monopoly that harms consumers, but for not being totally obedient to the Biden administration.

Meta also remains under the gun, on trial for supposedly having no competitors. But this is clearly not true as they compete with TikTok, SnapChat, X, and Google-owned YouTube for views social networking. Like Google, Meta is being punished for not censoring *enough* conservative speech at the behest of Biden bureaucrats. And again, no harm to consumers has been proven resulting from their non-existent monopoly.

Meanwhile, Kroger and Albertsons remain separate chains, unable to merge and lower prices for consumers with a more cost-effective economy of scale. Visa is still in litigation with the DOJ for its position in the debt market, which is hardly a monopoly. All of these cases must be dropped to enable Golden Age Growth.

The Left uses the threat of antitrust suits to deflect blame for inflation, impose censorship, force unionization, shake companies down for campaign cash, and advance DEI. Republican administrations should drop these political suits when they inherit them to ensure strong economic growth and job creation. Good policy is good politics – doing the right thing on antitrust by returning to the consumer harm standard and ensuring a level playing field will be rewarded by consumers, workers, and industries at the ballot box.

The Trump administration has already made great strides in reversing the worst policies of the Biden years. But allowing these holdover cases – which are politically motivated, have failed to demonstrate any consumer harm, and seek to deflect blame or impose censorship – threatens to undermine the president's success before it gets started. **I urge you to drop these Biden holdover cases and end the weaponization of government against Biden's enemies.**

Onward,



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