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In the late 1990s, Microsoft was accused of pressuring PC manufacturers to pre-install Microsoft's web browser, Internet Explorer, and exclude their main browser competitor, Netscape. Regulators busted them, and almost busted up the company. Companies in different markets often make deals with each other. For example, Pepsi and Taco Bell agreed that only Pepsi products would be sold at Taco Bell. Is this also monopolistic behavior? And if Microsoft had a main browser competitor, then they wouldn't be a monopoly, would they? Even Toys R Us! It's gotten in trouble for conspiring with toy suppliers, like Hasbro and Mattel, to stop the manufacturers from selling certain toys to other stores. Examples of exclusive deals between companies are numerous and simply a part of business relationships. From Crash Course's explanation, I do not see the difference between corporate contracts and bad monopolistic behavior. Natural monopolies are special situations where it is more cost effective to have one large producer rather than several smaller competing firms. The best examples are public utilities in markets such as electricity, water, natural gas, and sewage. They may be privately owned or publicly owned but either way, they remain a monopoly because the government limits competition. The better definition of a natural monopoly is one that exists because of high fixed or start up costs. They are highly regulated and often completely managed by government. Competition in these markets are usually not allowed. I mean, if there were three competing electric power companies in one city, that would mean building three different power plants, and running three sets of power lines through the streets. The result would be higher costs. So, in this case, it would be cheaper to have one electric company because they have economies of scale. I've mentioned this before, but since we don't know what a free market in power would look like, everything is speculation. Especially today with more people going off the power grid, we are seeing how the power market free from government monopolization would be, and it's not as horrific as many speculate. Competition encourages cost-lowering efficiency. With an active market in power, companies would be competing with providing the best service for the cheapest price. In the current market, the main incentive is to not attract any negative attention from the regulators, that would mean building three different power plants, and running three sets of power lines through the streets. Are people really concerned with how many power plants exist or how many power lines there are? If the argument is that fewer competitors creates a better market, these arguments are really grasping at straws here. Why not make the same argument for automobiles? 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Instead, they focus in on the key issues that students watching the videos should master in order to have a clear and concise understanding of the topic under study. ----- EPISODES INCLUDED IN THIS CRASH COURSE WORKSHEET SET: • 25 Monopolies & Anti-Competitive Markets -----LOOKING FOR TIME-STAMPS? HERE YOU GO! This resource includes both a "questions only" worksheet and a "questions with time stamps" variant. That way you can decide for yourself if you would like your students to have access to time stamp information while they work! IDEAS FOR USING THESE CRASH COURSE WORKSHEETS Only a teacher knows what constitutes best use for a particular class, but I always find it helpful to see what creative approaches other teachers are using. Here are some good options for these worksheets. Use online as a Tpt Digital Activity – perfect for Distance Learning or a paperless classroom! Print off copies and have students complete them as they watch the video. Send students copies electronically so students can complete them on tablet/laptop devices. Differentiate Instruction: Assign students to do only the evens or only the odds. After watching the video, pair students up to discuss and fill in missing answers. Run a game show: Have students watch the video carefully and take notes. Form groups afterwards and have them pool their notes, briefly discussing the whole video. Pass out the worksheets only AFTER this discussion and have each group fill out one collaboratively. Let students self-assess their learning! Use worksheets as a traditional quizMY PERSONAL FAVORITE! Have students watch the episode without a worksheet. Then pass out worksheets and have them work in pairs to see what they remember. Re-watch the episodes with pairs still working together to fill in the blanks. Finally, review all content out loud before moving on to the discussion prompts. Adopt a preview/review approach: Have students fill out their "best guess" for items on the worksheet in advance. (Or encourage them to jot down their best guess on at least 3 items / at least 5 items). Then watch the episode and have them add to their worksheets either during the viewing or afterwards. I am sure you can think of many more engaging ways to use these worksheets and keep student interest in economics high throughout the year. Feel free to leave me a comment if you come up with a fresh new approach I can share! LOOKING FOR A CRASH COURSE ECONOMICS WORKSHEETS BUNDLE? Your best bang for the buck is to purchase my bargain bundles., which will save you a lot of money over purchasing episodes individually! 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