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I want to register my opposition to the misguided lawsuit against the 5 publishers trying to fix prices for ebooks - I think it is going to help destroy what is left of the bookselling industry in this country. Amazon is ruining the book business and your suit is directly supporting that. The suit is not supporting the free market, but rather monopoly capitalism. This should not be where the justice department spends its energies!

Plus, many other liberal democratic countries support price fixing (like France and Germany) in order to support a valued culture and industry - it is a subsidy for an industry we all care about and value as a nation.

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