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Subject: The Amazon Monopoly

Mr. Read,

Regarding the 'agent pricing' being done by Amazon:

Have you considered the repercussions which facilitating the web's takeover of real world establishments would cause? When Amazon and the other big onliners take over, and own the industry entirely, prices will skyrocket as a result. Books will undoubtedly become a 'name your price' industry which will inevitably lead to underground book sales. Sales of books which you will either not be able to tax, or will eventually inflate the prices of the books you can tax because of the resources required to police online sales on sites like craigslist in order to tax them--and that would just be a blatant waste of taxpayer money.

In either scenario the end result will be higher cost of books which will contribute to inflation, in which case the liberals and the unions are surely going to want your head on a platter.

Godspeed
Leland Mesford