# Hey Government..... What have you done for me lately?



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The United States Government supports marketplace competition. Why?

Lower <u>Prices</u>



• Better **Quality** 



■ More <u>Choices</u>

#### **Promoting Competition**

• Enforcing **Anti-Trust** legislation





eBook price-fixing

illegal exclusive search services

■ Discourage **Monopolies** 









John D. Rockefelle Standard Oil

Andrew Carnegie Carnegie Steel Co.

Microsoft

#### **Promoting Competition**

Government supports start-up <u>small business</u>



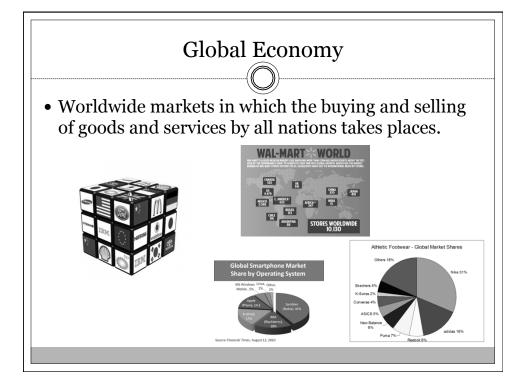


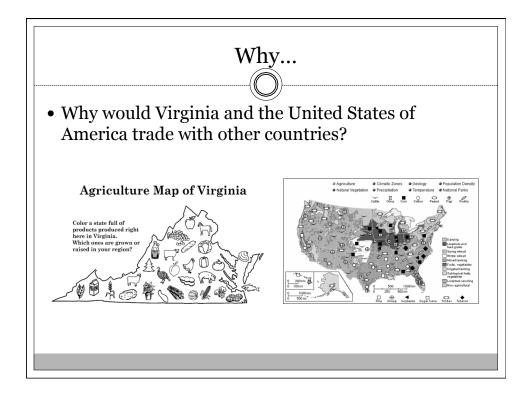
■ Government also encourages **global trade** 



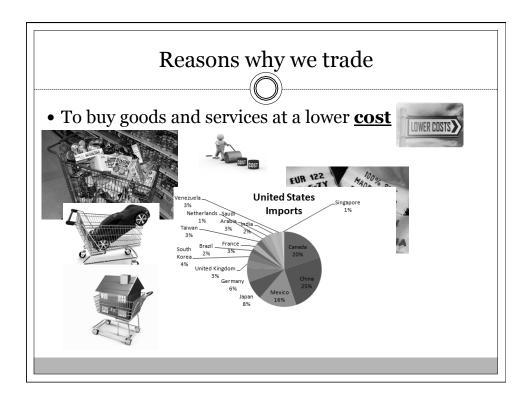




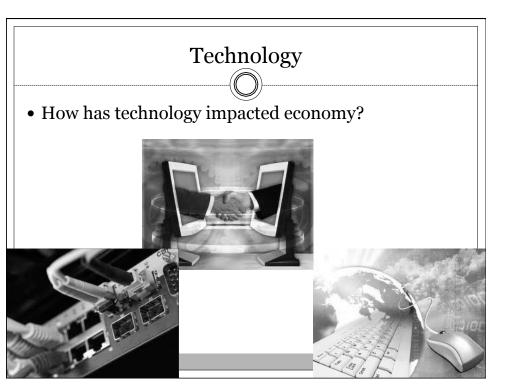


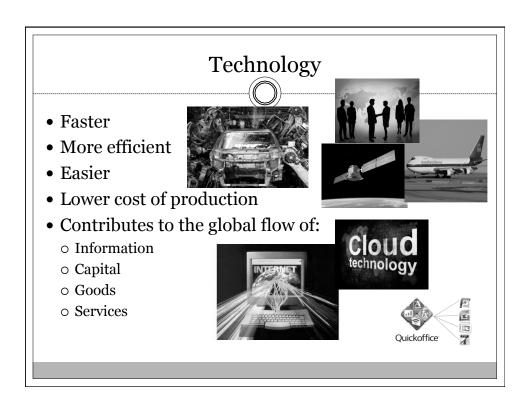


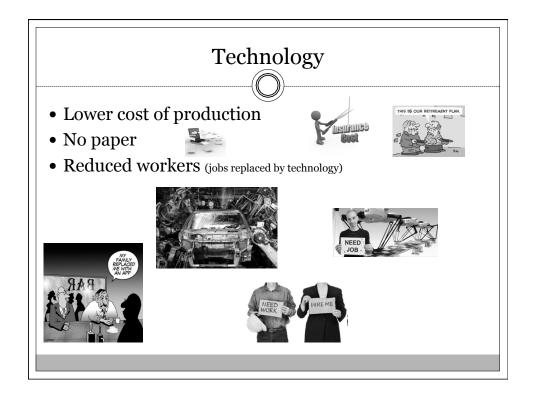


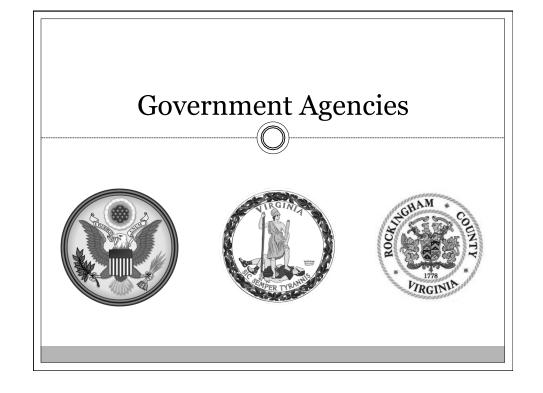












### Regulation for the People

• One role of the government is to oversee the way **individuals** and **companies** do business.



#### Enforcement for the People

- Government creates laws
- Establishes **agencies** to **enforce** the laws
- Many of these agencies promote **competition** through:
  - o Health and Safety
  - o Advertising laws
  - o **Private property**
  - o Consumer rights

#### FTC Federal Trade Commission

- Protect Consumers rights
- Enforces the Truth-In-Advertising Laws
- Enforce Anti-Trust Laws to discourage monopolies
- Fights identify theft and harmful marking practices





#### EPA **Environmental Protection Agency**



- Develops and enforces regulations that protect the environment
- Ensure citizens protected from environmental health risks





#### **FDA** Food and Drug Administration



- Assure safety of human and veterinary drug and medical devices
- Also monitor food supply of nation
- Cosmetics and dietary supplements

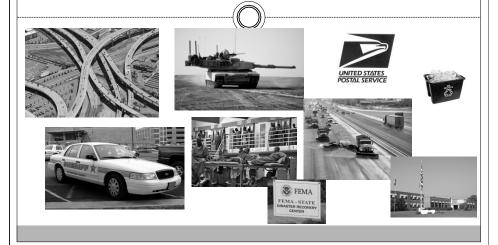






### FCC Federal Communication Commission • Regulate interstate and international communications o Radio $\circ$ TV o Satellite o Cellular Phones o Two Way Radios

# Government Provides me with Goods and Services



#### Where does all my tax money go?

- Public goods and services provided to individuals and business **simultaneously** (at the same time)
  - Things not likely to be available if <u>individuals</u> had to provide them



911







- The Government pays for these through <u>taxes</u>, <u>borrowed funds</u>, and <u>fees</u>.
  - $\circ\,$  example fees include park entrance and Postal Services fees.









