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San Juan Amendment: <https://t.co/QJtiu6mHJ6>

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Volunteer with MATH Movement:

<https://twitter.com/YangDailyCast/status/1341567237371568128>

Volunteer with Humanity Forward: <https://t.co/XIsQMIDoGqS?amp=1>

Income Movement Volunteer Signup: <https://t.co/Hjg6A7umYF?amp=1>

Income Movement Volunteer Portal: <https://t.co/ExdZFGgITR?amp=1>

Sign onto the Humanity Organizing Corps!: <https://t.co/NPLDPm8RyR?amp=1>

UBI Caucus Candidate Questionnaire: <https://t.co/AlmMWbXA4N?amp=1>

Guide to stickers, flyers, cards, banners, buttons, signs, and more:

<https://yangprints.com/>

<https://t.co/wGL8ylGpQa?amp=1>

Door Hangers: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BzSTM9RyEDN6RR-u_IBm3YjibZw7tBqu/view

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CTC Petition from Mea: <https://t.co/6kCfISuWM0?amp=1>

RepresentUs Anti-Corruption Act Peitition: <https://act.represent.us/sign/what-anti-corruption-act/>

RepresentUs RCV Petition: <https://t.co/nr7RoLtgBH?amp=1>

RCV Petition: <https://sign.voterchoice2020.org/>

FfH UBI Petition: <https://fundforhumanity.org/petition/>

WA UBI Letter/Petition: <https://twitter.com/openletterbot/status/1328074085230809089>

WA UBI Letter/Petition: Text "Sign PCCEWN" to 50409

Peoples' Stimulus Petition: <https://t.co/gF0xJm3VI8?amp=1>

Trump UBI Petition: <https://t.co/jTUsfEESkM?amp=1>

DNC EUBI Petition: <https://t.co/rGldlUljr8?amp=1>

McConnel/Schumer Peoples' Stimulus Petition: <https://t.co/gF0xJm3VI8?amp=1>

Tim Ryan's BI Petition: <https://t.co/bZkEMnLOWg?amp=1>

List of Congresspeople Supporting Basic Income:

<https://twitter.com/i/lists/1254888925916782594>

Twitter Handles of All Senators: <https://twitter.com/ZarMarquez/status/1249411690350784513>

Schumer/McConnell UBI Petition: <https://t.co/TKxIjp3cEM?amp=1>

UBI Petition to White House: <https://t.co/xw3kdgBigf?amp=1>

Change.org UBI Petition: <https://t.co/pHrylfMcJm?amp=1>

Scott's Pre-Baked UBI Letter: Text "sign UBI" to "50409" or @ResistBot

Previous UBI Pre-Baked Letter: Text "sign OTBAXN" to "50409" or @ResistBot

IM's Letter to Congress: <https://t.co/pmSWWGFzCx?amp=1>

My Own Template Letter You Can Use: <https://t.co/BdzmrUnCDv?amp=1>

Poor Peoples' Police Petition: <https://t.co/BeThFhHtUj?amp=1>

Murder Charges and Anti-Choke Law Petition: <http://chnq.it/mQG8M67GXp>

Anti-Brutality Policies Petition: <https://t.co/SbyWdzKojF?amp=1>

Murder Charge Petition: <https://t.co/nP49ZOA1GE?amp=1>

Defund Police Petition: <https://t.co/5C0SQFpZjy?amp=1>

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Forward Party Store: <https://shop.forwardparty.com/>

Dani's Forward Party Store: <https://t.co/hAhxhfKwMF?amp=1>

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<https://yanggangpinkhat.com/>

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Mayors for Guaranteed Income Website: <https://www.mayorsforagi.org/who>

MGI Mayors List: <https://twitter.com/i/lists/1277639894031048709/members>

Scott Santens' Website: <https://www.scottsantens.com/>

Scott's Discord: <https://t.co/TOVb5KD3QU?amp=1>

Scott's Newsletter: <https://t.co/kt9ennSKcN?amp=1>

Scott's YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqnjxh343MA6i19crvOaZlg>

Humanity Forward Website: <https://movehumanityforward.com/>

Humanity Forward Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HumanityForward>

HumanityFirst Discord: <https://t.co/5czsLScuy4?amp=1>

Income Movement Website: <https://www.incomemovement.com/>

Economic Security Project: <https://www.economicsecurityproject.org/>

Basic Income March Website: <https://t.co/IXLn58scDI?amp=1>

YangGang Media Hub: <https://accordion-fish-cznw.squarespace.com/>

YangGang Hub on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HumanityForYang>

UBI Caucus Discord: <https://t.co/l6rbrzKdcw?amp=1>

People's Party Website: <https://t.co/yh3HnN3U2W?amp=1>

PP Twitter: https://twitter.com/PeoplesParty_US

Get Help!

IM Aid Database: <https://t.co/ixtzMSS0b4?amp=1>

Mission Asset Emergency Grants/Loans: <https://t.co/ksX0ano02n?amp=1>

United Way COVID Relief Fund: <https://www.unitedway.org/recovery/covid19> Call: 211

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Aspiration Bank Referral:

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Episode 463 Script

Welcome back to Yang Daily! I'll be your host, Alex Chaney, bringin' you all the Yang news you need to live your life right. You guys probably don't remember but this is a podcast you used to listen to, way back like 4 days ago, about news regarding Andrew Yang's policies. Rumors of my death have been greatly exaggerated. Again, I did warn the schedule will be rocky for a while! But I've got so much good news it's gonna make you forget how disappointed you are in me! Seriously, we've got 4 items to cover and they're arguably all great news! But enough teasing, let's dig in!

Shout-out to our Tier 3 Patrons, Shae Meehan and Nathan Stankowski, as well as all our other Patrons! You keep us all informed and engaged. If anyone out there wants to join these advocates of Humanity First and independent journalism, head over to Patreon.com/YangDaily. It would only take a couple bucks a month from each listener to keep this podcast and community going and growing! On to the news!

-We obviously talk a lot on this podcast about improving democracy through legislation but Yang recently shared a fascinating alternative, in the form of an article, by William Kovacs. In it, he describes another avenue of attacking the duopoly – a judicial front. Anyone who knows anything about economics knows that monopolies are bad business. They suppress the competition that is the font of innovation and efficiency. This is no less true in politics. Political parties suppressing competition are bad for democracy. We have anti-trust laws to prevent the former. Could they also apply to the latter? Kovacs, and many others, believe so.

Anti-trust laws were written to prevent and correct monopolies in commerce but, as it turns out, they don't really define "commerce," which means it's really up to the courts to interpret what those laws apply to. Kovacs argues there's a very good case to made for actions of political parties qualifying as anti-competitive to commerce.

It's no secret at all that the duopoly intentionally opposes the rise of other political parties, in addition to their primary rival. Countless laws have been passed to make it difficult for third parties to get on the ballot, get public funding, or otherwise gain traction. Deals are cut with vendors and advertisers to bar the way. Access to debates and media is denied. Districts are gerrymandered. Non-pluralistic voting is sabotaged.

And, while political parties may technically be non-profits, it's hard to argue they don't control commerce. They make the laws that govern commerce, and those laws often give advantage to one company over another. They also directly employ companies of their choosing to do work with federal funds. A 2014 report, from Andrew Prokop, cites studies that found "companies can get as much as a 22k% return on lobbying," meaning that businesses pay these parties for a service. Not only is the exchange of money for services clearly commerce, but the service is often to advantage that company, or industry, over another – an inherently monopolistic act.

David Dodson – challenger to an incumbent Senator – wrote that Democrat and Republican campaign committees blacklist companies that do business with challengers – again, a monopolistic act.

It's very clear that there *should* be anti-trust laws for politics and it seems as though the courts could rule that there *are*. While the parties claim to be exempt from anti-monopoly laws, Kovacs, and others, disagree, on a legal basis. The only way to find out is to bring the case.

I wasn't able to easily locate a base of operations for this lawsuit effort but I will contact the author and look around some more. If I find an organization, I'll let you know. If you find it first, let us know! In the meantime, spread the idea around. We need to stop treating anti-competitive behavior in politics differently from in economics. It's not okay and it needs to stop. WE need to stop it.

Thanks to Killer Kristi, on Twitter, for bringing this to Yang's, and my, attention!

-This next bit of great news comes courtesy of FairVote Washington. Quote: "We're thrilled to share that the San Juan County Charter Review Commission has placed Ranked Choice Voting

on the 2022 ballot! Congratulations to all the advocates who made this happen. Now, let's get to work talking to voters!" End quote.

Now, FairVote didn't actually provide a source for this news, and I had no luck finding one on the net, including trolling through San Juan County's website. Fortunately, Faye was better at navigating the website than me, and directed me to the amendment document! So, I can confirm it... kinda.

After looking through the document, it appears FairVote slightly overstated the situation. The amendment appears to say that it WILL add RCV to the ballot, AFTER the bill is passed through the Washington state legislature that would permit localities to utilize RCV on their ballots. That state bill is still working its way through the House.

So, if you live in Washington, as I do, or know someone who does, tell your state legislators to get SHB 1156 passed so we can improve our elections! And make sure to explain to the people in your life why RCV is important, so they can join you in advocating for it and, hopefully, make an informed decision when it's on the ballot next year!

-New Jersey's Governor has signed a state Child Tax Credit expansion, which passed the state legislature with unanimous approval! It raises the means-tested income limit from \$60k to \$150k, including approximately 80k more residents. This program is in addition to the federal CTC, and provides 10-50% as much, or around \$300-1500 a year.

Does your state have a CTC? If not, tell your legislators to get one! If so, let's keep stripping off those conditions! Congrats to New Jersey families, and all the advocates who made this win happen!

-A new study, led by researchers at Washington and Appalachian State Universities, using data from the Census Household Pulse Survey, for the first 3 months of the new CTC's implementation, found that the monthly payments had negligible impact on employment numbers and DID allow many people to shift from private sector jobs to self-employment or non-profit work! Those earning less than 50 grand annually saw the biggest increase. The share of those self-employed went from 13% to 16% - a massive 23% increase in entrepreneurship!

The survey also found that adults were far less likely to list child care as a reason for unemployment, dropping from 26% to below 20% - a 30% decrease in child-care-induced unemployment! Over 60% of those earning less than \$50k reported using the CTC on food, while over 20% used it on other essentials. Those earning over \$150k were more likely to save or invest the money.

That increase in entrepreneurship is enormous, for the amount of income investment. More small business – all else being equal - means more competition, fair pricing, innovation, flexibility, locality, and general prosperity. Imagine if this were expanded to everyone. Imagine if the amount were increased to \$1k a month, or more, as well! The benefit to both the economy, and the welfare of the humans within it, would be huge. Let's do it!

-And that'll do it for today's Yang Daily! Bookmark and the Duopoly anti-trust, San Juan RCV, New Jersey CTC, and CTC entrepreneurship threads, Flood congress with calls, tweets, faxes, and letters, using the easy volunteer contacts below, If you need help, Consult the Income Movement aid database, the Mission Asset Fund, or United Way. And, don't forget, to Yang Daily.