

Lina Khan Explains the F.T.C.'s Aggressive Strategy | DealBook Summit 2023

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Summary

This Silo talks about Lina Khan, the chair of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and her approach to antitrust enforcement. The main goal of the FTC is to fight against illegal business practices and ensure fair competition in the market. The FTC prioritizes its enforcement efforts by focusing on areas such as healthcare, food and agriculture, and by issuing market-wide rules in addition to bringing individual lawsuits. The FTC promotes deterrence by establishing clear rules, addressing root problems, and holding both low-level players and top executives accountable for anticompetitive practices. The FTC balances the error costs by weighing the consequences of acting versus not acting, and by engaging in risk assessment based on probabilities rather than certainties. Additionally, the FTC proposed a rule to eliminate the vast majority of non-compete agreements, citing their impact on worker wages and competition within the economy.

Silo sample questions

- What is the main goal of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC)?
- How does the FTC prioritize its enforcement efforts?
- What is the approach of the FTC towards deterrence in antitrust enforcement?
- How does the FTC balance the error costs in antitrust enforcement?
- What is the FTC's stance on non-compete agreements, and what impact do they have on the economy?

Topics

FTC enforcement

Antitrust approach

Market-wide rules

Deterrence

Non-compete agreements

Key Takeaways

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