



## Press Release

# The Challenges of Breaking Up Big Tech

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Is breaking up big tech a realistic policy option? In a *Wall Street Journal* op-ed published today, AAF's Director of Technology and Innovation Policy William Rinehart explains the challenges inherent in breaking up the largest tech companies through antitrust action.

An excerpt:

*Here's the problem: Breaking up tech companies means that the government would have to split up their teams and their underlying technology. It would also require a legal and regulatory system to keep each targeted company separate from the others' markets. These restrictions would pose challenges for any company. But for highly integrated tech firms, they'd be a death sentence.*

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