

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

3/21/2019

RESOLUTION 2019.14

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to Unfair Business Practices in the Technology Industry

WHEREAS, companies like Amazon, Facebook and Google have become borderline monopolies that infiltrate every aspect of our lives and disrupt our communities, often without Americans even knowing; and

WHEREAS, these large tech companies violate their users' data privacy, disregard their workers' rights, and maneuver to crush their competition at public expense and without sufficient accountability; and

WHEREAS, Google, Facebook and Amazon closely track their users data, violating their consumers privacy and exposing them to massive data breaches by hackers; and

WHEREAS, Amazon exploits its warehouse workers, and Facebook and Google get away with not giving their employees basis benefits like health insurance by hiring them as contract workers, not direct employees; and

WHEREAS, Amazon, Google and Facebook are the new monopolies, and all three companies use their customers' data to create barriers to entry for other competitors, hurting consumers and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, Amazon, the country's second-largest employer, has aggressively resisted any attempts by U.S. workers to form a union.

THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Lane County resolves:

SECTION 1: To call for sensible regulations that will protect our privacy; protect human and workers' rights; guard against antitrust behavior; and promote fair wages for fair work.

SECTION 2: Communicate our position to Senator Wyden, Senator Merkley and Congressman DeFazio.

SECTION 3: Raise awareness of this issue through traditional and social media if opportunities for action present themselves.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, March 21, 2019**