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Competition Law and Policy Malleability

- Competition Laws are sufficiently malleable
- Break away from efficiency-only goal
- Public Interest

Competition Law and Poverty Reduction

Tactic Strategic Enforcement

1. Low prices
2. Ladder of mobility – market entry
3. Surplus redistribution (North/South; rich/poor)

Consumer trust and surplus redistribution

- More can be done
- Put in place more active redistributive plans
- Empower the communities that suffer the most (consumers, farmers, workers, sometimes producers,...)
 - Redistributive Programs – Trusts
 - Funded through generated surplus
 - Then redistributed – ESG mandates; coupons; shareholder ownership dividends

Change the rules of the game

- Competition law encompass *overtly* poverty and distribution
- South Africa – racial justice
- “Antitrust as Public Interest Law”
- Historical accounts (US, European countries..)

Thank You!

