# CREDIT MARKETS AND MACROECONOMICS

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#### PLAN FOR TODAY

Escaping the price taking world

Competition and regulation Monopoly practice

Money and time

What is macroeconomics?

Money

#### **Capitalism**, markets, and public policy

Growth Social dilemmas

Measurement Fairness



#### Scarcity, power, and inequality

Preferences Institutions Rights



# ECONOMY, SOCIETY, AND PUBLIC POLICY

#### **Evaluating and implementing policies**

Cost-benefit analysis Experiments

Causal inference Politics



#### Market failures, governments, and politics

Externalities Public goods Rent seeking Monopolies Government intervention



#### **Economic models**

Firms and markets Credit markets

Labor markets Macroeconomics

# ESCAPING THE PRICE TAKING WORLD

## Escape with market power!

Ability to influence market prices

This is why people get MBAs; move market away from perfect competition price

#### WAYS TO ESCAPE

**Price discrimination** 

Monopolies

Switching costs

Branding and differentiation

Cost and input controls

**Government regulation** 

#### SWITCHING COSTS

Make it harder for consumers to switch away from you

**Brand-exclusive benefits** 

**Technology constraints** 

Search costs Network costs

#### BRANDING + DIFFERENTIATION

#### Make your stuff nonsubstitutable

Advertising

**Brand loyalty** 

#### BRANDING + DIFFERENTIATION

If people are stuck with you (or like you a lot, or believe in your product, or if your stuff generally isn't substitutable) you can charge them more

Markup depends on elasticity

#### COST AND INPUT CONTROLS

Own the means of production

**Control scarce inputs** 

Control cheap supply chains

#### GOVERNMENT REGULATION

Make the government stop others from competing with you

Patents and intellectual property

Licensing

Prohibition of competition

# COMPETITON AND REGULATION

# Sometimes you have to mess with capitalism and competition to make markets more capitalistic and competitive

#### Price-making firm

Sets P and Q to maximize  $\pi$ 

MC < P

Deadweight loss

Advertising and marketing

Lobbying to influence politics

Research, innovation, prevention of copying

#### **Price-taking firm**

Sets Q to maximize  $\pi$ , given P

MC = P

Pareto efficient

Little advertising (public good)

Little lobbying (public good)

Little incentive for innovation because of risk of copying

#### FIXING MONOPOLIES

State ownership

Pro: Better Q Con: Waste (x-inefficiency)

Regulated monopolies

**Pro: Incentive** to be efficient

Con: Incentive to maximize capital (gold-plated water coolers)

#### FIXING MONOPOLIES

#### Competitive bids

Pro: Incentive to be efficient

Con: Incomplete contracts

**Antitrust laws** 

Pro: Increases competition

Con: Bad for natural monopolies

#### FIXING MONOPOLIES

Let the market go wild

Pro: If monopolist can price discriminate, probably okay

Con: Perfect price discrimination not possible + raises equity concerns

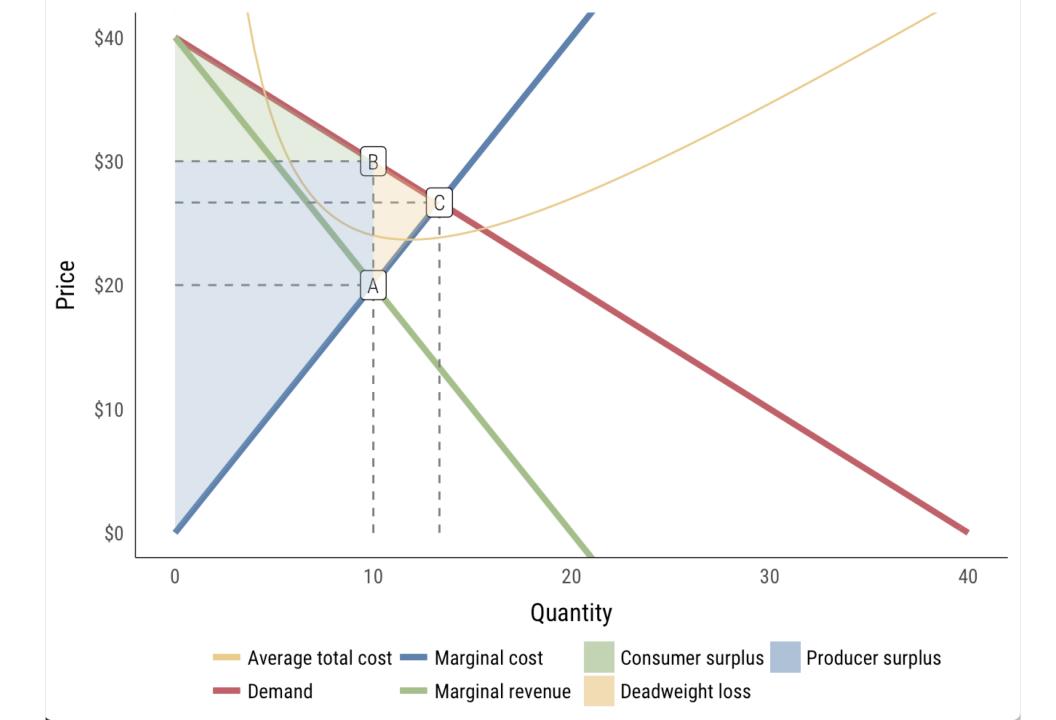
# MONOPOLY PRACTICE

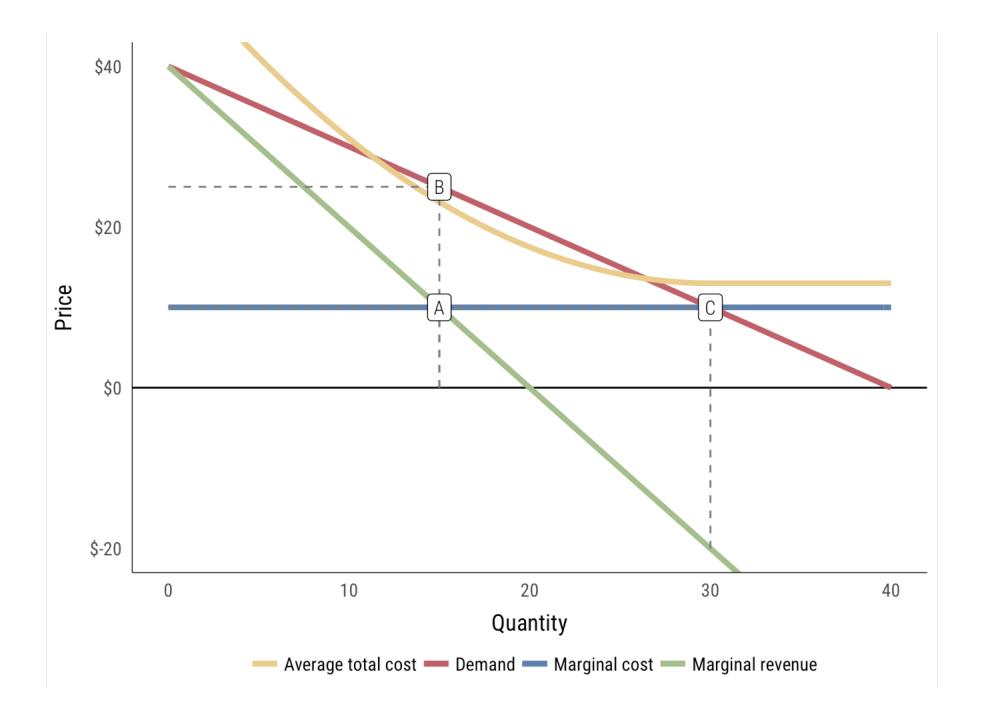
# Firms should set MR to MC to maximize profit $(\pi)$

Under perfect competition, MR is the preexisting price

Market power lets firms use their own MR curve

Monopolies will underproduce and overcharge





#### THINGS YOU NEED TO FIND

#### **Demand** P = -0.25Q + 50

## Total revenue (TR) TR = PQ

$$TR = PQ$$

$$TR = (-0.25Q + 50)Q$$

 $TR = -0.25Q^2 + 50Q$ 

#### Marginal revenue (MR) MR = -0.5Q + 50

### Total cost (TC) $P = 0.1Q^2 + 3Q + 10$

## Marginal cost (MC) MC = 0.2Q + 3

#### SPECIAL POINTS

Maximum revenue MR = 0

Social Q and P MC = Demand

Maximum  $\pi$  MR = MC

Max π for monopolist

Q from max  $\pi$ ; P from demand

#### ELASTICITY

$$\varepsilon = -\frac{\% \text{ change in demand}}{\% \text{ change in price}} \quad \varepsilon = -\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta P} \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

Coefficient for P if demand curve is written as Q = aP + b

Demand : P = -2Q + 60

Total cost :  $P = 0.25Q^2 + 10Q + 100$ 

#### Max revenue Q and P

Social Q and P

Max π Q and P

 $\epsilon$  at P = 20  $\epsilon$  at P = 5

Producer/consumer surplus & DWL

#### MONEY AND TIME

# What is money?

Something that stores value

Something that can be converted into goods and services

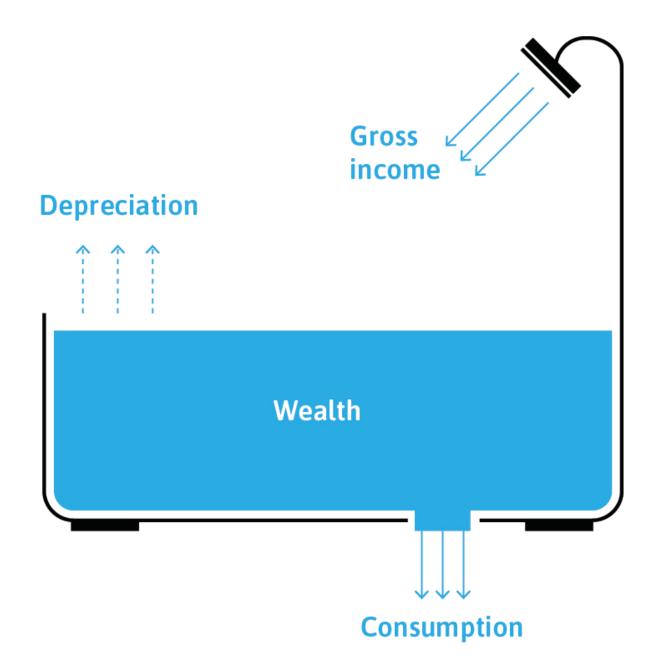
#### STOCKS AND FLOWS

Wealth Stock

Income Flow

**Depreciation** Flow

Consumption Flow



# WHAT IS MACROECONOMICS?

#### Whatchya Doing?



#### MICRO AND MACRO

#### Microeconomics

How individuals and firms make decisions and interact and influence markets

#### Macroeconomics

How national and global economies work

#### THINGS MACROECONOMISTS WORRY ABOUT

Output Income Growth

Unemployment Inflation

Interest rates

Fiscal policy | Monetary policy

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Money - whether its a tangible piece of paper or a number on a screen - is intrinsically worthless, yet it fuels the modern world. In America the ultimate control of money rests with the bankers of the Federal Reserve System. Because of this it is detrimental that we as citizens understand how this shadowy - private - organization works and how it's ultimate goal is to forever enslave us in a descending pit of debt that we will never crawl out of.

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## MONEY

# Where does money come from?

## Welcome to Smallville, USA

Home of XYZ Corporation and its subsidiaries

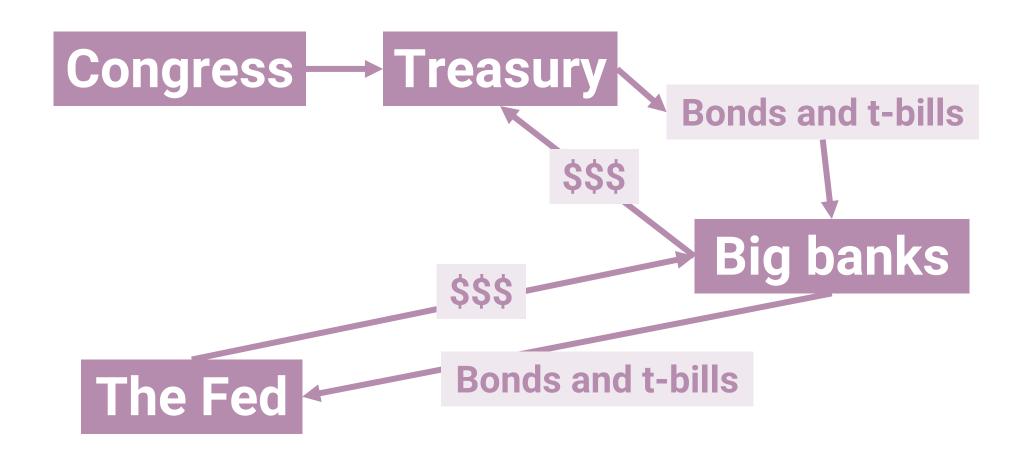
#### FRACTIONAL RESERVE BANKING

## Money is created through lending

# What happens when lending doesn't match risk?



#### FUNDING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



#### RESERVE REQUIREMENTS

#### **Reserve Requirements**

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	Requirement			
Liability Type	% of liabilities	Effective date		
Net transaction accounts <sup>1</sup>				
\$0 to \$16.0 million <sup>2</sup>	0	1-18-18		
More than \$16.0 million to \$122.3 million <sup>3</sup>	3	1-18-18		
More than \$122.3 million	10	1-18-18		
Nonpersonal time deposits	0	12-27-90		
Eurocurrency liabilities	0	12-27-90		