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[Business Coalition for Fair Competition](#) recently put together of the government either directly or through the creation of new entities engaging in commercial activities that are designed to compete with the private sector.

In these instances of government competition with private enterprise, taxpayer funds help provide subsidies to the commercial activities that in many instances would not be available to real businesses. These subsidies may range from taxpayer funded staff support to preferences in obtaining business from the government. This is not the way to ensure cost effective governance. These are also activities that the government has no business engaging in at all. Governmental control of the means of production, is, after all, the [literal definition of socialism](#).

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