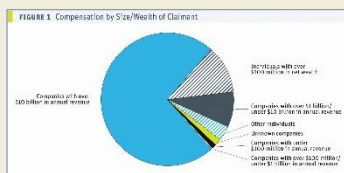


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Foreign investor protections in the Trans-Pacific Partnership

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Abstract

Like most of Canada’s trade agreements, but unlike the World Trade Organization’s multilateral trade agreements, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) would give foreign investors special rights to protect their assets by suing countries for compensation when they are affected by laws, regulations, and other decisions that the foreign investor thinks are unfair. Why should foreign investors have this special status and, in effect, a generous public subsidy for assuming economic risks of democracy and regulation that apply to everyone?

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