

# Facebook, Google Face Off Against a Formidable New Foe: State Attorneys General

*The Washington Post* **reports** that state attorneys general are initiating sweeping antitrust investigations against Silicon Valley's largest companies, probing whether they undermine rivals and harm consumers.

More than 40 attorneys general are expected to announce their plan to investigate Google, delivering a rare rebuke of the search-and-advertising giant – and its efforts to maintain that dominance – from the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court, writes the *Post*'s **Tony Romm**.

Romm explains that the states are potent actors in their own right, with the power to invoke local laws on antitrust and consumer-protection and to tap Washington's antitrust statutes on behalf of their residents.

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