

## Twitter Thread by Cory Doctorow #BLM



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Militarizing cops was a failure; and more!**

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# COMPETITION



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Competition is Killing Us: Consumer harm considered harmful.

<https://t.co/oJTENrDhFD>

How Big Business is  
Harming Our Society  
and Planet – and  
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# COMPETITION IS KILLING US

Michelle Meagher

2020 was a shitty year for most things, but it was a banner year for books about fighting monopolies, and for the fight itself.

It started (in Dec '19) with [@matthewstoller](https://t.co/qzY5dPnKRg)'s GOLIATH, a massive, comprehensive history of monopolies in America. <https://t.co/qzY5dPnKRg>

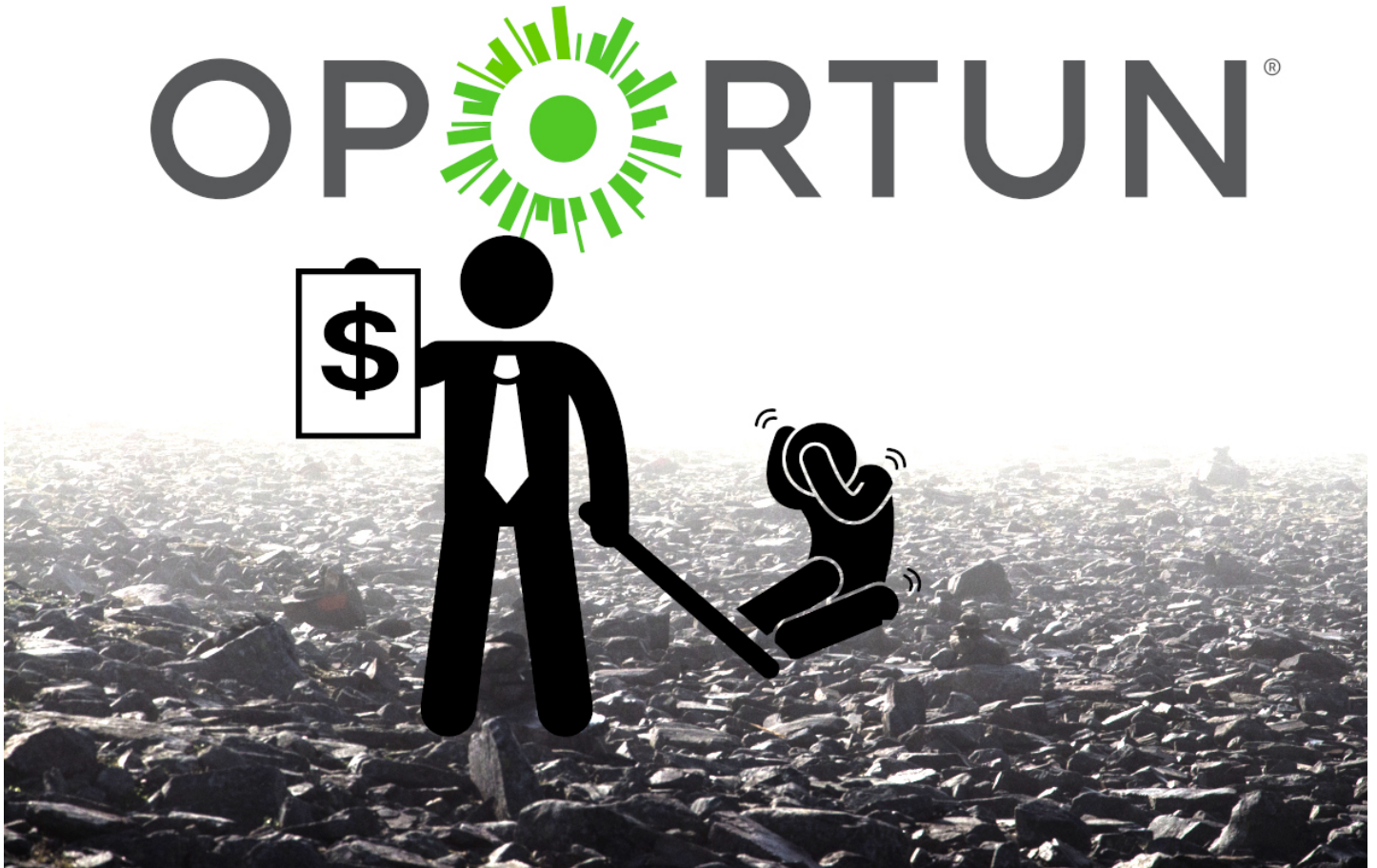
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Predatory lender seeks national bank charter: Oportun led America in suing latinx borrowers during the pandemic.

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"Partner with us today to build a better tomorrow" - that's the slogan for [@oportun](https://t.co/ULX8hBCO5a), a predatory lender that sued more poor latinx people during the pandemic than any other.

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Militarizing cops was a failure: Water still wet.

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In 1997, the Clinton administration created the "1033" program, whereby the Pentagon gave away its "surplus" equipment to local law enforcement agencies, leading to the nationwide militarization of America's cops.

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#15yrsago Hollywood's Canadian MP claims she's no dirtier than the rest <https://t.co/iOEH3n3sON>

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#5yrsago Gene Luen Yang's inaugural speech as National Ambassador for Young People's Literature  
<https://t.co/mUIAvVHLvy>

#1yrago Three years after the W3C approved a DRM standard, it's no longer possible to make a functional indie browser  
<https://t.co/dG1yBUdU5W>

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#1yrago A Public Service: a comprehensive, comprehensible guide to leaking documents to journalists and public service groups without getting caught <https://t.co/5TqvsyzGSF>



Yesterday's threads: Into the breach; Revolutionary Colossus; and more!

<https://t.co/u9iFLy7PsK>



# ANATOMY OF A CAPITOL HILL INSURRECTIONIST

## PLATE CARRIER:

This is either an expensive Crye Precision carrier or one inspired by Crye design. Preferred by SOF personnel. Pouches are configured for function, not to "look cool." No wasted space. iPhone configured in protective case to record/stream video. Side pouch appears to contain possible aerosol can for chem agent and a VS-17 panel. VS-17 panels are carried on combat missions to signal aircraft (not functional here, but possible sign of pedigree). See also Punisher skull on flag.

## SERPA HOLSTER:

Appears to contain pistol, worn high and centered over hip. Doesn't feel natural to the inexperienced, but extremely effective. The way worn and the style suggests "shooter/tactical" experience. Likely trained in CQB.

## HARD-KNUCKLE TACTICAL GLOVES:

Leather or Nomex with a reinforced carbon fiber knuckles to increased striking power.

## MASK/HAT:

The tactical mask is not for COVID, but to obscure identity. Effectiveness increased with ball cap worn low (featuring MM over American flag).

## FLEX CUFFS:

Plastic, disposable handcuffs. Standard carry by police and military; used for detainees. Due to high cost, these are often replaced with modified zip ties.

## RIGGER BELT:

Designed for military, multiple tactical uses. Standard item worn by tactical personnel. Can be configured for modular items carried in pouches. Bears weight of pistol with no issues/sag. This one is properly worn/secured.

## TACTICAL COMBAT CLOTHING

Kryptek - Expensive item. Camo pattern was created to compete for government contract for new pattern for special operations soldiers (lost to Multicam). Limited fielding to special operators, but available for civilian purchases (this appears to be the Typhoon color option). Most LARPers are going to get Multicam pattern gear as it is more well known to civilians; this is obscure. Pants/shirt are designed to be worn with full mission kit and under body armor, screams real



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My latest novel is Attack Surface, a sequel to my bestselling Little Brother books. [@washingtonpost](https://www.washingtonpost.com) called it "a political cyberthriller, vigorous, bold and savvy about the limits of revolution and resistance."



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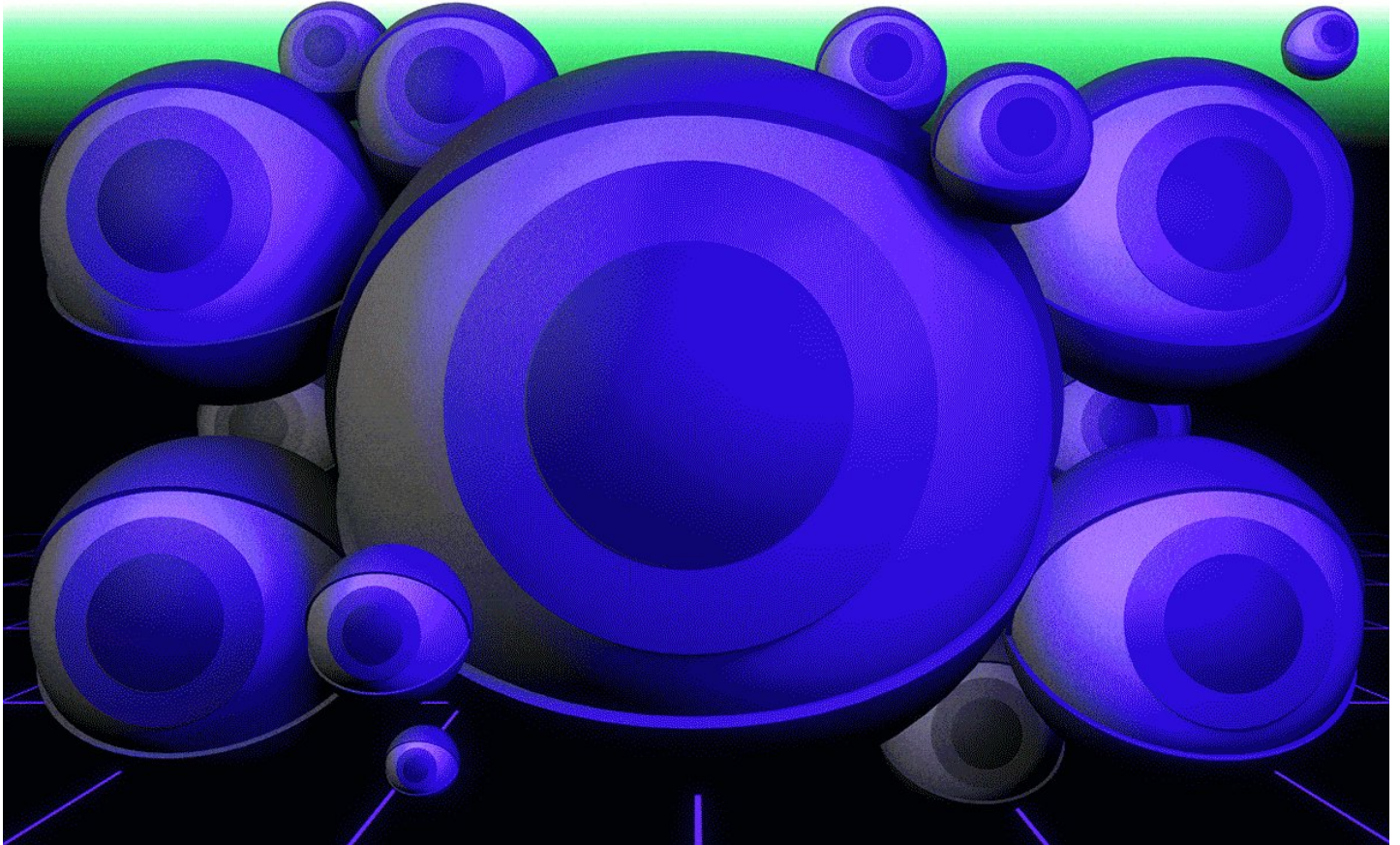
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I have a (free) new book out! "How to Destroy Surveillance Capitalism" is an anti-monopolist critique of Big Tech that connects the rise of conspiratorial thinking to the rise of tech monopolies and proposes a way to deal with both:

<https://t.co/Us0SPxlcmD>

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Upcoming appearances:

\* What if the future of our public lives online looked like \_\_\_\_? (panel at New\_ Public), Jan 13, <https://t.co/PoSqIrbIL8>

\* Keynote for <https://t.co/Lr61KpUI3e>, Jan 22 (US) 23 (Australia) <https://t.co/7dfEFubGFn>



Recent appearances:

\* Hedging Bets on the Future (Motherboard):

<https://t.co/7YeNDajLfc>

\* Applying the Pandemic Mindset to Climate Change:

<https://t.co/syTXEF1gFz>

\* 2020 Beaverbrook Lectures:

<https://t.co/SGDUBRVAC1>

\* Bibliotherapy/Shelf Healing:

<https://t.co/nPJvYlpa9S>

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My first picture book is out! It's called Poesy the Monster Slayer and it's an epic tale of bedtime-refusal, toy-hacking and monster-hunting, illustrated by Matt Rockefeller. It's the monster book I dreamt of reading to my own daughter.

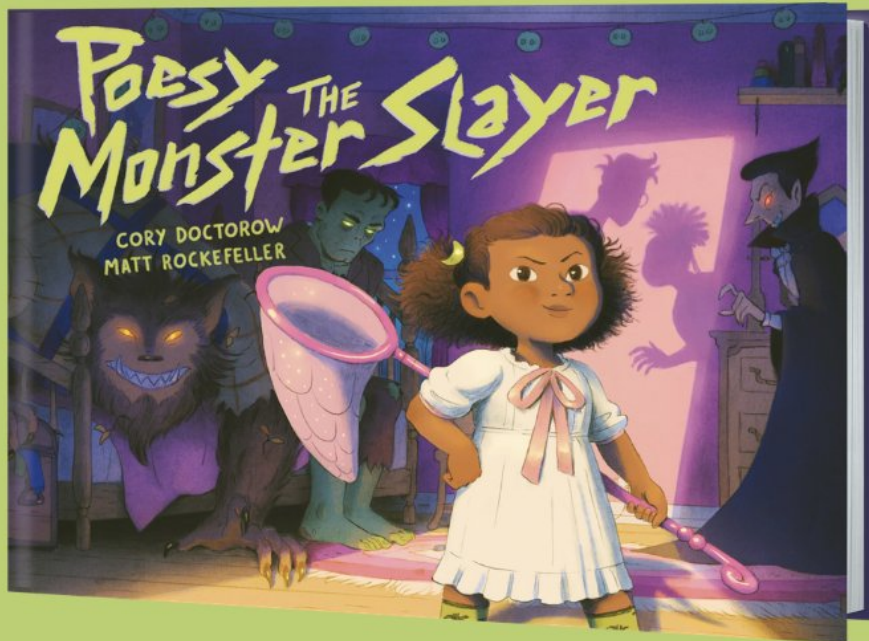
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Today's top sources: Boing Boing (<https://t.co/TrJ3nmo0o2>).

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