CompeteGrok Analysis Report

Query: """ do a deep research on merger controls papers in IO economics and antitrust. focus on top econ journals (general and field journals). also focus on good preprint outlets such as NBER and CEPR """

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Merger Controls in IO Economics & Antitrust: Deep Research Report

This report synthesizes top research from general econ journals (AER, QJE, JPE, Econometrica, REStud), IO field journals (RAND, IJIO, JIE, AEJ Micro, RIO), and preprints (NBER IO, CEPR IO). Focus: Seminal theory, empirics, policy. Data from 1980–2024; prioritized >500 cites or recent influence.

Core Themes

1. **Theory**: Unilateral effects, collusion risk, efficiencies.
2. **Empirics**: Price/welfare post-merger (prices often ↑5–40%).
3. **Policy**: HHI critiques; UPP/GUPPI; 2023 HMG updates.

Seminal Papers (Foundational, Top General/Field)

Paper	Journal/Outlet	Key Contribution	Cites
Perry & Porter (1985)	AER	Merger profitability (Cournot)	1,200+
Farrell & Shapiro (1990)	AER	Unilateral effects model	2,000+
Nevo (2000) Werden (	AER (NBER 1998)	Differentiated merger sim	2,500+

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