

ELEVEN REASONS TO SUPPORT LOCAL INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES (IN CASE THE “RAPTURE” IS DELAYED)

- 1. Local Character and Prosperity:** In an increasingly homogenized world, communities that preserve their one-of-a-kind businesses and distinctive character have an economic advantage.
- 2. Community Well-Being:** Independent businesses build strong communities by sustaining vibrant town centers, linking neighbors in a web of economic and social relationships, and contributing to local causes.
- 3. Local Decision-Making:** Local ownership ensures that important decisions are made by people who live in the community and who will actually feel the impact of those decisions.
- 4. Keeping Dollars in the Local Economy:** Compared to chain stores, independent, locally-owned businesses recycle a much larger share of their revenue back into the local economy, enriching the whole community.
- 5. Jobs and Wages:** Independent businesses create more jobs locally. In most sectors they provide better wages and benefits than chains do.
- 6. Entrepreneurship:** Entrepreneurship fuels America's economic innovation and prosperity, and serves as a key means for families to move out of low-wage jobs and into the middle class.
- 7. Public Benefits and Costs:** Local stores in town centers require comparatively little infrastructure and make more efficient use of public services relative to big box stores and strip shopping malls.
- 8. Environmental Sustainability:** Local stores help to sustain vibrant, compact, walkable town centers - which are essential to reducing sprawl, automobile use, habitat loss, and air and water pollution.
- 9. Competition:** A marketplace of tens of thousands of small businesses is the best way to ensure innovation and lower prices over the long-term.
- 10. Product Diversity:** A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based on their own interests and the needs of their local customers, instead of a national sales plan. This guarantees a much broader range of product choices.
- 11. From embedded microchips to RFID tracking, the Word of God clearly warns of a cashless society just around the corner. Revelation 13.16-17. Christians should be ever aware and vigilant of these global changes .**
With children thumbscanning to get their lunches and amusement park goers biometrically scanning for entry, we are being trained to use our biometric signatures as payment and identification.
Trendy clubs around the globe have begun to surgically implant their VIP customers with microchips that they can use to pay for their tabs. Soon RFID tags will be in everything from pharmaceuticals to clothing. Exclusive clothiers are already using the tags to recognize customers as they walk in the door from what they are wearing.
This is a global system. Our passports will now be biometric, the information stored on an RFID chip. National ID legislation has been passed with the same big brother technology onboard.
With cameras (most biometric) already on almost every street corner and the ongoing media hurrah for all this "wonderful" technology that can "protect us" and "make life easier" ask yourself what is this all for?
Big box stores are at the forefront of this nightmare by demanding this RFID technology from its suppliers. How merciful will they be when customers refuse to have RFID microchips implanted in their bodies. Its time to rethink our priorities and start supporting local independent stores and the local economy!!

We can make a difference in our community!

“You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” -Jesus Matthew 5.13-16