

I'll give you a short breakdown of how buying products from certain companies impacts yourself, the economy and businesses. There are clearly other factors involved, but I will keep things nice and simple. I will use Amazon, Temu, and GAP as examples of shopping options for clothes. I know GAP is not a local small business, but I am just using it for this example.

Amazon: If you buy clothes from Amazon, you are supporting an American business, boosting the U.S. economy, and spending an average amount of money. This leads to extra money given to the U.S. government in taxes from you and Amazon. You are also supporting the economies of the towns that the employees of Amazon work at, specifically, the higher-ups in the company.

Temu: If you buy clothes from Temu, you are supporting a Chinese company, boosting China's economy, and spending a below average amount of money. This leads to the government not getting any money from taxes. You are also allowing the Chinese government to allocate the funds wherever they like, due to their state run communist style of economics. It does not 'trickle down' like non-state run economies would.

GAP(Local Small Business): If you buy clothes from your local small business(GAP), you are supporting an American business, boosting the U.S. economy, and spending an above average amount of money(usually, but not always). This leads to extra money given to the U.S. government in taxes from you and GAP. You are supporting the economy of your local community, on top of already boosting the U.S. economy.

	Amazon	Temu	GAP(Local Small Business)
Affordability	★★	★★★★	★
U.S. Government Recieving Taxes	★★		★★★★
Supporting the American Economy(stocks & package transportation services)	★★★★	★	★★
Supporting Local Economies	★★	★	★★★★
Totals	9 x ★	5 x ★	9 x ★