Insight

**The Future of Business Groups**

Business groups, or conglomerates, are powerful and influential across many countries. But the political and economic power they wield raises concerns about their impact.

Politicians continue to battle business groups. In Europe, the EU has launched antitrust probes into Google, Facebook and Amazon. In India, the government is considering overhauling corporate law to limit family influence. In the UK, a report has recommended breaking up the country’s largest conglomerates.

But is there a solution to the problem? And what might it mean for business and politics more broadly?

This issue of Insight explores these questions and more. It examines the role of business groups in modern economies, their impact on politics, and the challenges of regulating them.

**The Dilemma of Breaking Down Asia’s Business Giants**

Incremental measures might be the best way to break down the political and economic power of business groups in regions like Asia. But it’s not always easy.

— Jeremy Smith

The Economist

**ECONOMIC INSIGHTS**

The need to act on climate change is increasingly clear. But how can we make progress?

- **The US and climate change**
  - The US has a history of climate action, but what about its current administration?
  - What can be done to encourage the US to take a more active role?

- **Climate change and the economy**
  - How will climate change affect the economy?
  - What can be done to mitigate these effects?

- **Climate change and technology**
  - What role can technology play in addressing climate change?
  - How can we ensure that technology is used for the greater good?

- **Climate change and politics**
  - How will climate change affect politics and policy-making?
  - What can be done to ensure that policy-making is informed by the latest scientific research?