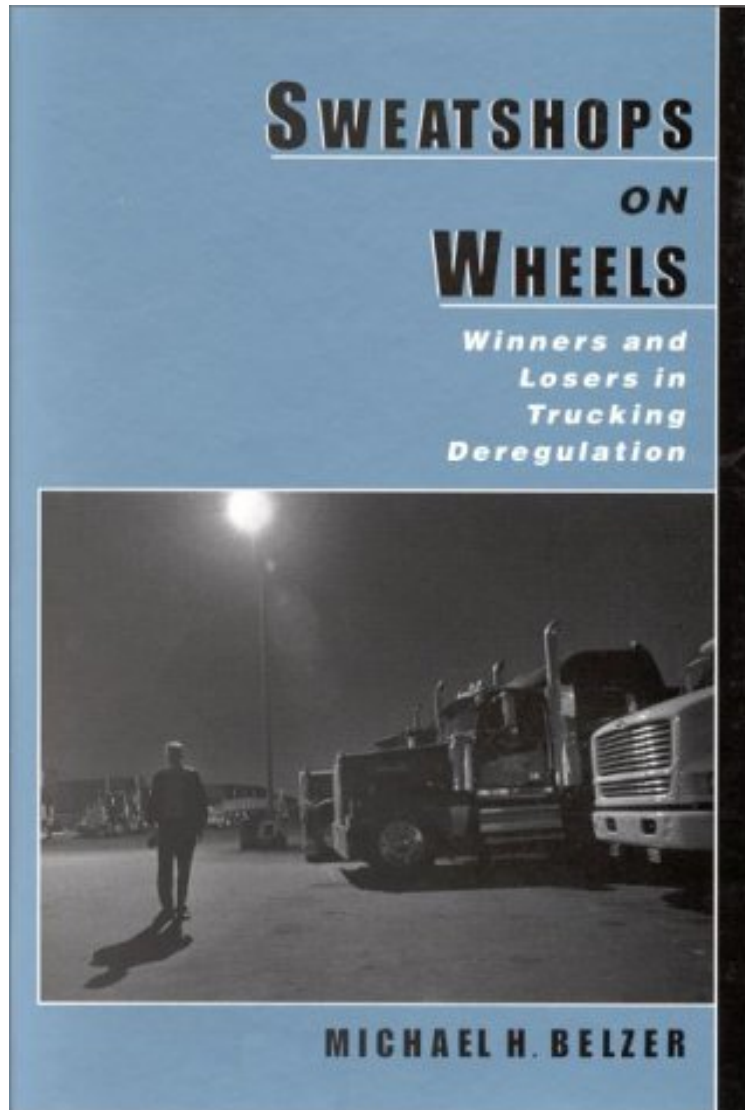


# Sweatshops on Wheels: Winners and Losers in Trucking Deregulation

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"dry" at first, quoting a lot of facts and figures. which the novice may find intimidating. However, if you look closely, you can find the real reasons that an entire industry is in a "race to the bottom of the economic scale". Mr. Belzer points out quite accurately how a formerly middle class occupation has been destroyed. He also makes the point that de-regulation may not be the "cure-all" that everyone envisions. Is a few cents off that box of "Wheaties" worth destroying hundreds of thousands of formerly good paying jobs ? As a long time driver I found the book to be truthful and accurate. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The demise of Trucking By R Dwayne Dr. Belzer goes into depth about how the trucking industry has changed for the worse. What was once a good and steady job is nothing more than that which his title says-sweatshop on wheels. The changes in the laws that he documents puts you in the drivers seat like no other book about this subject that I've read. Truly an outstanding book. 9 of 38 people found the following review helpful. This Book Blows! By myxomycota If you are looking for some help in deciding whether to start a career in trucking, this book won't help you (unless you need some emergency toilet paper for the ride). For one...it's outdated and two...it's full of whining and moaning about the good ole' days before deregulation. A thinly disguised "analysis" of what happened turns into a full fledged tantrum about the injustice of it all. If you don't want to truck then DON'T...go work at the Waffle House!

Long hours, low wages, and unsafe workplaces characterized sweatshops a hundred years ago. These same conditions plague American trucking today. *Sweatshops on Wheels: Winners and Losers in Trucking Deregulation* exposes the dark side of government deregulation in America's interstate trucking industry. In the years since deregulation in 1980, median earnings have dropped 30% and most long-haul truckers earn less than half of pre-regulation wages. Work weeks average more than sixty hours. Today, America's long-haul truckers are working harder and earning less than at any time during the last four decades. Written by a former long-haul trucker who now teaches industrial relations at Wayne State University, *Sweatshops on Wheels* raises crucial questions about the legacy of trucking deregulation in America and casts provocative new light on the issue of government deregulation in general.

"Is low pay in the trucking industry making the nation's roads unsafe [?] With the U.S. economy booming and the demand for drivers mounting, why haven't working conditions for truckers improved? [This book] argues that trucking embodies the dark side of the new economy." - "Sweatshops on Wheels," U.S. News and World Report "Conditions are so poor and the pay system so unfair that long-haul companies compete with the fast-food industry for workers. Most long-haul carriers experience 100% annual driver turnover. The case for reform is made exhaustively [in] *Sweatshops on Wheels*." - The Washington Post "The first credible cry in the wilderness describing the pitiful state to which the American trucking industry has fallen." - Land Line "The cabs of 18-wheelers have become the sweatshops of the new millennium, with some truckers toiling up to 95 hours per week for what amounts to barely more than the minimum wage. [This book] is eye-opening in its appraisal of what the trucking industry has become." - Atlanta Journal-Constitution "The first credible cry in the wilderness describing the pitiful state to which the American trucking industry has fallen." - Land Line About the Author Michael H. Belzer, a nationally-known expert on the trucking industry, is Associate Professor of Industrial Relations and Director of the Graduate Program in Industrial Relations at Wayne State University and an assistant research scientist at the University of Michigan Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations. He is currently conducting two major government-funded research programs on truck safety. Prior to earning his Ph.D. at Cornell's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, he spent eight years as a Teamster driving a tank truck over-the-road.