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ABSTRACT

Internet markets increase available product selection versus brick-and-mortar markets, but how will this change consumption patterns? Answering this question is complicated by the obvious selection effect: if Internet consumers purchase more niche products than brick-and-mortar consumers do, is this solely due to the types of consumers who decide to use the Internet channel, or does it have something to do with the channel itself?

We address this question using customer-level rental data obtained from a national video chain as it was closing many of its local stores. This allows us to observe how behavior changes when consumers are forced to move from brick-and-mortar to online consumption.

Our results suggest that when consumers move from brick-and-mortar to online channels they are significantly more likely to rent "niche" titles relative to "blockbusters." This suggests that a significant amount of niche product consumption online is due to the nature of the channel, not just the nature of the consumers choosing the channel.

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1. Introduction

Some observers believe that the emergence of the information economy, by transforming production and distribution costs as well as affecting consumers' preferences, has the potential to greatly change the answer to fundamental economic questions such as the decisions of how and what to produce. Although the new economy's impacts on performance, productivity, and organizations have been examined in some detail for various markets (see for example Brynjolfsson and Hitt 1996, Acemoglu *et al.* 2007, Aral, Brynjolfsson, and Van Alstyne 2011, and Miller and Tucker 2011), its impact on what goods are produced or sold has received limited academic attention.

In this paper we focus on how one aspect of the new economy—online commerce might affect what goods are produced and sold. In this regard, a variety of papers and articles have documented large differences between the types of products purchased by online and offline consumers (e.g. Brynjolfsson, Hu, and Smith 2003; Anderson 2006). We observe a similar effect in our data: while the top 100 most popular DVDs make up 85% of in-store rentals for our focal company, they account for only 35% of the company's online rentals.

However, we cannot use these simple statistics to conclude that online markets change consumer behavior. These differences in purchase patterns across channels could be solely due to a selection effect whereby consumers with diverse tastes disproportionately choose to purchase through online channels. Indeed, the small amount of research on this topic has been inconclusive as to how online commerce might change the types of products that are demanded by customers and produced by firms (see for example Anderson 2006, Elberse and Oberholzer-Gee 2007, Elberse 2008, Fleder and Hosanagar 2009, Brynjolfsson, Hu, and Smith 2010, Brynjolfsson, Hu, and Simester 2011, and Oestreicher-Singer and Sundararajan 2011).

The answer to this question is important for both the academic literature and for managerial practice. If the observed differences between online and offline markets are solely due to selection, then there is no need for producers to change their behavior —

and in our context in particular, motion picture studios should continue to focus on producing blockbuster titles (Elberse 2008). However, if using online markets changes consumer behavior, then producers may wish to reexamine their current strategies and shift their production toward more "long tail" products.

From the standpoint of theory, long tail or superstar markets could derive from either supply-side or demand-side e-commerce effects (Brynjolfsson, Hu, and Smith 2006). On the supply side, the selection of products available from the Internet channel is much wider than the selection available at physical stores. Online marketplaces can offer a larger selection of products than traditional physical stores can because the online channel has lower storage and inventory costs and there are no shelf space limitations. As a consequence, the concentration of overall sales across products could decrease as transactions shift from offline to online channels.

On the demand-side, however, online commerce can change consumers' product choices even when the sets of products offered online and offline are identical. In part, this might happen because the ways consumers search for products online and offline are fundamentally different. At a physical store, finding a popular product may be easier than finding a niche product, even when both are available. Popular products typically occupy more prominent shelf space in physical stores versus niche products that are relegated to less visible positions. In online marketplaces, search tools may tend to promote the discovery of niche titles tailored to individual customer's preferences. However, personalization and recommendation engines and other search tools could also increase the concentration of product sales. For example, top 10 seller lists may tend to reinforce the popularity of already popular products. Similarly, recommendation systems may increase the concentration of product sales because they base their recommendations on actual sales and there is limited data for products that have low historical sales (see Fleder and Hosanagar 2009 and Oestreicher-Singer and Sundararajan 2011).

In short, online markets may (or may not) transform markets that have traditionally exhibited "superstar" effects, where a few top-selling products take the lion's share of all revenues (Rosen 1981). However, as noted above, while several papers have shown that a

large proportion of online purchases occur for products that would not normally be stocked in brick-and-mortar markets, it is not clear whether this difference is solely due to a selection effect based on which customers choose which channels, or whether the nature of the online channel has some impact on individual consumer's choices. To answer this question, one needs customer-level data on purchases before and after an exogenous change in the relative cost of purchasing online.

In this paper we attempt to analyze this question using just such a dataset for DVD rentals. In the market for DVD rentals, new releases have traditionally accounted for a substantial share of all DVD rental transactions. Our objective is to empirically examine how the introduction of online commerce has changed the share of transactions taken by blockbuster DVDs.

We base our empirical analysis on household-level panel data from a large video rental chain. Our approach is to examine how household-level purchase patterns for popular and niche titles change when consumers move from offline to online channels—using the exit of physical stores as an instrumental variable for the online versus offline channel choice. This instrument exploits transportation cost changes experienced by individuals located near the exiting stores (Forman, Ghose, and Goldfarb 2009, and Brynjolfsson, Hu, and Rahman 2009). We find that superstar DVD titles take a smaller share of the market as consumers shift from offline to online marketplaces.

2. Literature

Our results contribute most directly to a small empirical literature studying the effect of information technology on sales concentration patterns. While the "Long Tail" was considered one of the best ideas of 2005 by industry observers (Businessweek 2005), it is important to note that there is no general agreement in the academic literature regarding how online commerce will affect the concentration in product sales.

In this literature, Elberse and Oberholzer-Gee (2007) use aggregate data to study how online commerce affected the distribution of sales in the United States' home video industry from 2000 to 2005. They use weekly data on video sales aggregated by title, and

examine how the distribution of overall video sales changed over time. They find that, although the number of product choices increases, by the end of their study period superstar products comprised a larger proportion of sales than ever before. Partly motivated by this result, Bar-Isaac, Caruana, and Cuñat (forthcoming) formulated a model in which a reduction in search costs generates both superstar and long tail effects. However, in contrast to Elberse and Oberholzer-Gee (2007) we find that for the DVD rental market superstar products take a smaller share of the market as consumers shift from offline to online marketplaces. While our contrasting results may arise from differences between the DVD rental and retail markets (e.g. TV series represent an important share of total DVD sales, but not of DVD rentals), the differences may also arise from our ability to use detailed household-level panel data, versus their data which is aggregated at a title level.

Brynjolfsson, Hu, and Simester (2011) examine the concentration of product sales for a retailer of women's clothing selling through both Internet and catalog channels. Using cross sectional data on sales, aggregated by item and channel, they find that the concentration of product sales is lower for the Internet channel than for the catalog channel. Importantly, they conclude that the differences in the product sales distributions are due to lower search costs on the Internet versus catalog channels, since the Internet and catalog channels' product selections for this retailer are identical. While Brynjolfsson, Hu, and Simester (2011) examine Internet and catalog channels our examination focuses on Internet and brick-and-mortar channels. In this regard, we note that the long tail hypothesis is most frequently associated with storage and inventory costs being higher for brick-and-mortar stores than for more centralized warehouses.

In contrast to the prior literature, our examination of superstar and long tail effects is the first to use individual-level panel data including information on consumers' transactions from both online and brick-and-mortar channels. We use these data to analyze how individuals change their consumption patterns when they are induced to move from instore to online consumption.

Our results also contribute to a growing literature on the impact of popularity and recommendation information on sales of niche and popular titles. In this literature Tucker and Zhang (2011) study the impact of popularity information on sales, arguing that titles with niche appeal may benefit from being listed in popular product lists more than general appeal products do. Likewise, Fleder and Hosanagar (2009) and Oestreicher-Singer and Sundararajan (2011) analyze how peer-based automated recommendation lists influence preferences for long tail and blockbuster titles, with the former authors finding that recommendation lists can either increase or decrease sales of "long tail" products, and the latter authors finding that product categories that are more sensitive to recommendation networks are also more likely to have higher sales of long tail titles. However, in contrast to our study, these studies focus on the online market exclusively, and do not examine sales from physical stores or cross channel choices.

Specifically, our dataset includes household-level DVD rentals from both online and offline stores from the same company, allowing us to account for unobserved household heterogeneity. In this regard our paper is related to the research examining grocery shopping using household-level data for households that shop interchangeably at online and offline stores from the same grocery chain (e.g. Chu, Chintagunta, and Cebollada 2008). In this literature, our paper is most closely related to Pozzi's (2012) examination of brand exploration in grocery shopping online versus offline. As consumption goods, however, groceries are substantially different than DVD rentals because groceries are typically consumed repeatedly. Finally, our paper touches on how Internet markets may change the types of products that are produced, and in this way is related to Waldfogel (2011) who analyzes how Internet piracy may have changed the incentives of artists to produce "quality" music — finding no evidence of such a change.

3. Data and Setting

Our data come from a large video rental company that operates both brick and mortar stores and online DVD rental channels. For a monthly flat rate subscription, the customers in our data can rent DVDs online and receive them in the mail, and then exchange these DVDs either through the mail or at a physical store.

The selection of DVD titles available for rental at physical stores is a subset of the selection of titles available for rental online. While a typical store has a rotating selection of approximately 2,000 titles, the online channel has over 100,000 titles. The Internet channel has a much larger DVD selection than the selection available at physical stores because the online channel has lower storage and inventory costs. Storage costs are even lower for video streaming services, although video streaming was in its infant stages of development during our study period, and our focal company did not offer a video streaming service during our period of analysis. Due to these storage capacity limitations, our focal company's physical stores stock more copies of new releases than of older titles. Inventory costs are also lower online than in physical stores because the company we study ships DVDs to its customers from a small number of centralized warehouses, compared with a much larger set of physical stores. Thus, as these shipping locations reach a much larger number of consumers than a physical store would, the law of large numbers indicates that the company can reduce inventory costs by more accurately predicting demand from the online channel.

Our data cover the DVD rental activity from both the online and in-store channels for all subscribing customers, and include more than 49 million rental transactions for the thirty week period from October 2, 2009 through April 29, 2010. Although consumers without a monthly subscription can rent DVDs from our company's physical stores, our data only include the information from consumers with a monthly subscription that allows the rental of an unlimited number of DVDs, with a restriction of how many DVDs a subscriber can have out at any given time. The data include the renting subscriber, DVD title, transaction date, and whether the DVD was delivered by mail or exchanged at a physical store. In addition, we have the zip code for each subscriber, the address for each physical location operated by this firm, and the closing date for the locations that were closed during our study period. For approximately fifty six percent of the subscribers we also have exact addresses, which, when combined with the address for each store in our

sample, allows us to calculate the distance between each of these customers and their closest store.¹

Table 1 presents the summary statistics for our data. The DVD rental market has experienced important changes during the last decade. Industry trends show that traditional physical stores have been displaced by online DVD rental services, and more recently by video streaming services and by physical kiosks. We do not know exactly how the number of subscribers changed during our period of analysis, because subscribers may not rent every week and we do not have a list of subscribers indicating when they signed-up for service or canceled their subscriptions. But the decrease in the number of subscribers renting DVDs by the end of our study period shown in Table 1 suggests that the number of subscribers decreased during our period of analysis (see the last column of Table 1). Our focal company did not open new physical locations during the thirty-week study period, and thus the number of physical store locations is entirely driven by stores exit. The substantial change in the number of physical rental stores will play a central role in our identification strategy, since we will use store exit as an instrumental variable for online versus offline channel selection by consumers.

Rentals via mail represent 68.3% of all rentals and DVD exchanges at physical stores represent the remaining 31.7%. Averaging our information across subscriber-week observations with positive DVD rentals (subscribers may not rent every week and our data only record the rental instances), subscribers rented an average of 2.25 DVDs per week: 0.71 DVDs from the store and 1.54 DVDs by mail.

Importantly, a monthly subscription fee allows the rental of a certain number of DVDs at a time, but subscribers do not pay a price each time they rent a DVD for either their online or offline channel rentals. Thus, for subscribers, the DVD rental price is neither a driver of the online versus offline channel selection, nor of the specific DVD title choice.

¹We have the exact address for all consumers who signed up for service after January 1, 2008. While this is not a random sample of the subscribers, using these addresses we are able to provide a finer-grained examination of how transportation costs influence channel selection than using the zip codes for all the subscribers.

	Table 1: Summary Statistics					
Week	Number of Transactions	Number of Subcribers with Positive Rentals	Number of Stores			
Week 1	1,547,158	739,696	3,356			
Week 2	1,511,517	721,494	3,356			
Week 3	1,520,978	727,174	3,356			
Week 4	1,580,138	743,421	3,354			
Week 5	1,526,952	690,849	3,325			
Week 6	2,212,001	798,357	3,324			
Week 7	1,764,180	735,643	3,300			
Week 8	1,590,305	721,258	3,072			
Week 9	1,736,078	786,002	3,066			
Week 10	1,607,267	735,969	3,066			
Week 11	1,660,696	750,181	3,066			
Week 12	1,725,464	764,054	3,065			
Week 13	1,661,685	740,716	3,047			
Week 14	1,744,056	770,986	3,047			
Week 15	1,765,719	775,946	3,046			
Week 16	1,693,175	748,035	3,046			
Week 17	1,732,115	755,332	3,033			
Week 18	1,733,123	758,485	3,033			
Week 19	1,629,584	725,281	3,033			
Week 20	1,620,146	726,576	3,032			
Week 21	1,633,609	717,592	3,032			
Week 22	1,637,397	721,227	2,860			
Week 23	1,648,239	722,855	2,859			
Week 24	1,625,214	713,490	2,858			
Week 25	1,656,037	715,472	2,858			
Week 26	1,617,684	702,461	2,844			
Week 27	1,478,658	662,682	2,844			
Week 28	1,441,504	650,747	2,844			
Week 29	1,442,232	648,772	2,843			
Week 30	1,432,050	645,485	2,843			

3.1 Popular and Niche Product Definitions

A stream of prior research, while focusing on examining the potential of information technologies to transform the distribution of sales across products and channels, has classified products as either niche or popular. Products are typically classified as niche when they are less likely to be stocked in physical stores, or are only available after incurring a high search cost. In spite of this definition, because of data restrictions, prior studies classified products as niche or popular based primarily on product sales from the

online channel and not on product sales from the offline channel. Our data have the advantage that they allow us to define the popularity of DVD titles during a week using information from both online and offline rental channels.

Classifying goods as niche or popular based on online sales may be problematic if the distribution of sales across products online and offline are different. We know that firms choose which products to stock online and offline, and furthermore know that product availability by channel may influence consumers' channel choices. As an example of the possible problems that can occur when classifying products based solely on online sales, suppose that consumers buy a product online only when this product is not available at the physical store. If this situation is common for a given product then this product could be classified as popular using online sales, even though many consumers are buying it online precisely because it is not available in physical stores and therefore could be considered a niche product. Additionally, some online retailers, because they face low competition from physical stores, may specialize in selling only niche products that are less likely to be available at physical stores. For these retailers classifying top-selling products as popular and the remaining products as niche would also be incorrect.

Using our data, we can only provide comparisons of transactions online and offline for a single product category (DVD rentals) and within a single firm. However, within this major firm, we can compare the extent to which the selection of DVDs rented online is different than the selection of DVDs rented offline. We do this by using online and offline data aggregated at the national level, and computing the total number of rentals for each DVD title and each channel during each week. We then rank DVDs by popularity, computing two separate weekly ranks of DVDs using either online or offline rental information.

Our definition also allows for the popularity of a DVD to vary from week to week: a DVD that is popular at the beginning of the study period can become niche by the end the study period, since DVDs have short-lived popularity cycles. For example, 91 (228, 347) different DVD titles are among the top 10 (top 50, top 100) DVD titles for at least one week during our thirty-week study period.

Figure 1 shows that the rankings of DVD rentals computed using online rentals are somewhat different than the rankings of DVD rentals computed using offline rentals. For example, comparing the top 10 DVD titles based on either online and offline rental information shows that a weekly average of 7.3 DVD titles are included in both rankings, but 2.7 DVD titles are included in only one ranking. Similarly, for the top 50 and top 100 DVDs approximately 70% of the titles are included in both rankings and the remaining 30% of the DVD titles are included in only one ranking.

	Top 10			Top 50			Top 100	
Online		Offline	Online		Offline	Online		Offline
27%	73%	27%	30%	70%	30%	30%	70%	30%
	\searrow			\searrow			\searrow	

Figure 1: Commonality Between Online and Offline Popular Titles

Because DVD title assortments vary across our company's physical stores, using our data it is difficult to disentangle the degree to which differences in the online and offline rankings of DVD titles occur due to cross-channel differences on the demand-side or on the supply-side. On the demand-side, differences between online and offline rankings could for example be driven by differences in preferences between consumers who choose the online versus the offline channel; while on the supply-side, these differences could be driven by differences in the selection of DVDs available online versus offline. Another driver of the cross channel ranking differences may arise from the focal company's different display and promotional activities across channels. Specifically, popular products occupy a disproportionate amount of prominent shelf space in the company's physical stores, but the focal company does not display or promote popular products as heavily in the online channel.

3.2 Superstars: Online versus Offline DVD Rental Distributions

Because our objective is to examine how the shift from offline to online rental channels affects the aggregate selection of DVD rentals, in this study we define the popularity of DVD titles during a week using our information from both online and offline rentals. And using this definition, in Table 2 we see that superstar DVD titles take a substantially larger share of total rentals offline than they do online. For example, the top 100 DVD titles in our sample represent 84.6% of in-store rentals, but only 35.1% of online rentals.

However, although the statistics in Table 2 may be suggestive of what might happen when consumers move from offline to online markets, we must be cautious when interpreting Table 2. From these statistics alone we cannot conclude that online commerce decreases the superstar nature of the DVD rental market. The differences in Table 2 could be explained by heterogeneous tastes of the consumers who rent primarily online versus consumers who rent primarily offline. These differences may also be explained by a limited number of copies of popular DVDs available for rental online or consumers' impatience. If there are queues to rent popular DVDs online or consumers are impatient about watching a newly released DVD title, then consumers who typically rent from both channels may rent from the physical store more often than from the online store when they wish to watch popular versus non-popular DVDs.

Table 2: Cumulative Share of Weekly Top Ranked DVD Rentals by Channel						
Rented Online and Delivered by Mail Rented from the Physical Store						
Top 10	11.0%	47.7%				
Top 50	26.4%	77.6%				
Top 100	35.1%	84.6%				

To better identify the source of these observed differences, we turn to our empirical approach in examining the causal effect of the advent of IT on the concentration of total rentals.

4. Econometric Model

Our objective is to study whether changes in which rental channel a consumer uses affect their selection of DVD rental titles, and establishing whether online markets affect the consumption of superstar versus long tail DVD titles. We showed in Table 2 that the distributions of DVD rentals online and offline are quite different. Superstar DVD titles in particular take a substantially larger share of all rentals made in physical stores than they do online. However, although these distributions are certainly suggestive about what would be expected when consumers move from offline to online markets, these differences do not necessarily imply that the rental channel changes a household's selection of DVD rental titles. As discussed above, the different rental distributions online and offline in Table 2 could be explained by sample selection—i.e., heterogeneous tastes of the consumers who rent primarily online versus primarily offline. Cross-section regressions would suffer from a similar problem, because these regressions obtain empirical identification from comparing DVD rental selections across heterogeneous consumers.

Our empirical approach then is to control for unobserved heterogeneity using panel data, exploiting changes in DVD rental activity across time and across rental channel for each household. For each household *i* in each week *t* we define the following variables: *Share Popular_{it}* is the share of the number of superstar DVD title rentals (weekly top 10, top 50, and top 100) divided by the total number of rentals, and *Share Offline_{it}* is the share of rentals made offline divided by the total number of rentals made offline and offline.

We then use these variables to estimate the following fixed effect model:

(1) Share Popular_{it}= α + β Share Offline_{it}+ γ Total Rentals_{it}+ ϕ_i + ψ_t + ϕ_z ×t+ u_{it}

The variable *Total Rentals*_{it} in Model (1) represents the total number of DVD rentals made by household *i* in week *t*. The coefficient β in Model (1) measures how weekly changes in the share of DVDs rented from the physical store relate to weekly changes in the share of popular DVD rentals. We control for the weekly total DVD rentals from both

online and offline channels because our objective is to examine the effect of channel choice conditional on the total amount of rental consumption. The model includes fixed effects for each household ϕ_i and for each week ψ_t , and includes zip code-specific trends $\varphi_z \times t$.

By using a longitudinal model we can "difference out" the time invariant unobserved characteristics of each household; for example the household fixed effects capture income levels or household sizes that are unlikely to change substantially during a seven month period. The week fixed effects capture aggregate changes over time, such as changes in DVD rental consumption that can be caused by school breaks or seasons. To account for pre-existing trends at the level of the zip code, Model (1) also includes zip code-idiosyncratic trends. For example, these idiosyncratic trends may account for market-level changes, such as changes in Internet or cable television usage that might have affected rental consumption patterns during our study period. Identification in Model (1) arises from deviations from zip code-level trends in changes in the DVD rental selection and rental channel within households from week to week.

While our panel data approach allows us to control for the time invariant tastes of each household, Ordinary Least Squares estimates of Model (1) may still provide a misleading measurement of how the rental channel affects the selection of DVD rentals when a household's desire for popular versus non-popular DVDs changes over time. For example, consumers may choose to rent a popular DVD title from the physical store in weeks when they feel impatient about watching a popular newly released title and do not wish to wait for the DVD to arrive in the mail. Moreover, if there is a longer queue for renting popular DVDs online than offline, then an individual may rent from the physical store in store more often than from online in weeks they wish to watch more popular DVDs instead of non-popular DVDs. The rental channel is a choice; and individuals' changes in their desires to watch popular versus non-popular DVDs may influence their channel selection, creating an endogeneity problem. In order to identify how changes in the rental channel affect the overall selection of DVD rental titles we would need to observe changes in individuals' shares of offline rentals that are not caused by weekly changes in the desire to watch popular versus non-popular DVDs.

To break this endogeneity problem, we use the exit of physical stores as an instrumental variable. The rationale for using the exit of physical stores as an instrument is that the exit of a store, by changing the transportation cost of traveling to the store for the individuals that previously rented DVDs from the closing store, increases the relative cost of renting DVDs from the physical channel. In turn, the increase in the relative cost of renting DVDs from the physical channel may induce consumers to shift their rentals from the offline to the online channel. Our instrument is valid as long as it affects the channel selection and can be excluded from Model (1). Specifically, the exit of a physical store is a valid instrument even when store closures are related to a decrease in the total demand for DVD rentals, as long as store closures are unrelated to households' relative rental demands for popular versus non-popular DVD titles.

We will use two alternative models to test whether households change the share of transactions made from physical stores when the stores in their geographical market exit. First, we follow Brynjolfsson, Hu, and Rahman (2009) and assume that the transportation cost of traveling to the physical store increases when the number of physical stores in the zip code decreases. Brynjolfsson, Hu, and Rahman (2009), however, treat zip codes as isolated markets. By computing distances in miles among the zip codes' centroids using data from the United States Census we can extend Brynjolfsson, Hu, and Rahman (2009) in order to account for changes in the number of physical stores located in adjacent zip codes.

Specifically, we estimate the following first stage model:

(2) Share $Offline_{it} = \delta + \sum_{j=1}^{6} \theta_j$ Number of Stores in Zip Code_{ijt} + ρ Total Rentals_{it}+

$$\vartheta_i + \tau_t + \zeta_z \times t + e_{it}$$

where j equal to 1 represents the zip code where household i resides, j equal to 2 (3, 4, 5, and 6) represents zip codes with centroids located between zero and five (five and ten, ten and fifteen, fifteen and twenty, and twenty and thirty) miles away from the centroid of the zip code where household i resides. We also note that the number of stores in a zip code changes over time through store exit.

We obtained the latitude and longitude for all physical stores and for the fraction of all consumers where we have the consumer's address. For these consumers we can compute the distance to the closest store in each week, and estimate the following model:

(3) Share Offline_{it}= $\omega + \epsilon$ Distance to the Closest Store_{it}+ μ Total Rentals_{it}+ $\pi_i + \sigma_t + \epsilon$

$\eta_z \times t + v_{it}$

where *Distance to the Closest Store*_{it} represents the geodesic distance between the location of household i and the closest physical store in week t. Note that the distances to the closest store change over time for households living near closing stores.

The focal company may naturally close its least successful stores, and the selection of which stores to close may be related to local demographic characteristics or to changes in the local market environment. However, we believe that the exit of stores is unlikely to be affected by individuals' high frequency changes in their relative desires to rent popular versus non-popular DVDs, in which case our instrument is orthogonal to the error. Moreover, the zip code-specific trends in our regression control for pre-existing trends at the level of the zip code that might have induced stores closures, such as trends induced by demographics, Internet or cable connectedness, or the local market environment. In sum, our instrument is valid if the high-frequency timing of store closure is unrelated to the relative desire to rent popular versus non-popular titles.

It is important to note that our company faces competition from other DVD rental companies, and during our study period other companies rented DVDs exclusively "by mail," from kiosks, and from physical stores.² The entry of DVD rental kiosks (and even the mere existence of rental kiosks prior to our study period) and competition from other physical DVD rental stores might be thought to represent a challenge to our identification strategy, because households living near closing stores may rent popular DVD titles from other companies while they continue to rent niche DVD titles from our focal company. If this happens we would observe a change in the relative demand for popular versus niche

² The market could also be defined more broadly as consumers may consider DVD rentals as a substitute for cable television, DVD purchases, movie theaters, or other entertainment options such as playing games or using the Internet.

titles associated with the exit of stores, when the unobserved consumption bundle of niche and superstar titles from both the focal company and the competitors might remain unchanged.

However, as noted above, our data only include information from consumers with a "Rent by Mail" subscription, and these subscribers do not pay a separate price each time they rent a DVD from either the online or offline channel. Although in theory the consumers in our data may simultaneously have subscriptions with our focal company and may pay extra to have subscription with other competing companies or to rent DVDs from competitive outlets, we are doubtful that this is a common practice. In this regard, we note that the market leader in rentals via kiosks, Redbox, considers that, "people who use the kiosks tend to be casual viewers who don't want to be tied down to subscriptions or membership fees" (Green 2009). More importantly, in the Appendix, we use historical data on Redbox locations to show that our conclusions in the main text are robust to restricting the analysis to locations without a local Redbox kiosk.

Of course, it is also true that households living near closing stores may decide to cancel their subscriptions from the focal company, and begin renting from other companies in which case their rentals will not be recorded in our data. For this reason, we analyze the sensitivity of our results to attrition using a balanced panel of consumers.

5. Results

5.1 Ordinary Least Square Results

Table 3 presents the OLS estimation results for Model (1). The standard errors are clustered at the household level to allow for the possibility of serial correlation over time. The regressions include fixed effects for each week, over a million and a half fixed effects at the household level, and approximately twenty five thousand zip code-specific trends. The results show that households increase the fraction of rentals of popular DVDs when they rent more DVDs from the physical store. The coefficient estimates on the fraction of offline rentals are both statistically and economically significant.

The sizes of the coefficient estimates on the fraction of offline rentals indicate that a household that decreases the fraction of DVDs rented from the physical store from twenty eight percent to zero, as might be the case when all physical stores are eliminated as a choice for consumers (note that the mean of the share of offline rentals in Table 3 is 0.28), would decrease the fraction of top 10 (top 50, top 100) DVD rentals by 10.2 (13.9, 13.1) percentage points. This effect is substantial. For example, the bottom of Table 3 shows that the top 10 DVD titles represent twenty percent of all rental transactions. Given this, the coefficient estimate on the share of offline rentals in Column I of Table 3 indicates that top 10 DVD titles would take approximately ten percent of all transactions if all physical stores go out of business, which represents a fifty percent decrease in the share of transactions taken by the top 10 DVD titles.

Table 3: Share of Popular Rentals - OLS Estimates						
	Ι	II	III			
	Top 10	Top 50	Top 100			
Share of Offline Rentals	0.3650***	0.4967***	0.4682***			
(mean 0.28)	(0.0003)	(0.0004)	(0.0004)			
Total DVD Rentals	-0.0120***	-0.0090***	-0.0066***			
(mean 2.25)	(0.0001)	(0.0001)	(0.0001)			
Constant	-0.0142***	-0.0202***	-0.0118***			
	(0.0004)	(0.0004)	(0.0005)			
Observations	20,249,021	20,249,021	20,249,021			
R-squared	0.3251	0.4248	0.4268			
Includes fixed effects for both w	eeks (30) and individuals	(1,529,028), and ZIP cod	e-specific trends (24,648).			
Standard errors in parentheses a	re clustered by househo	ld.				
The mean of the dependent varia	able is 0.20 in Column I, 0).39 in Column II, and 0.4	7 in Column III.			
* significant at 10%; ** significa	ant at 5%; *** significan	t at 1%				

The sign of the coefficient estimates on total DVD rentals per week is negative and economically small. The negative sign is unsurprising because individuals may tend to rent top DVDs first, and rent DVDs that are further down the popularity distribution during weeks when they increase the number of DVD rentals. Renting an additional DVD in a week reduces the fraction of top 10, top 50, or top 100 DVD rentals by between approximately one eighth and one fifteenth of a percentage point.

5.2 Instrumental Variable Results

The regressions in Table 4 present our first stage results examining how channel choice is affected by the exit of stores. In the data, zip codes have between zero and three stores. The results in Column I of Table 4 show that when one store exits from a zip code, consumers living in that zip code decrease their share of offline rentals by an average of 2.2 percentage points (or approximately 7.8% of the transactions made at physical stores). This result is expected because, by increasing the transportation cost, the exit of a store from a zip code increases the relative cost of renting from the physical store for households that reside in that zip code.

Table 4: Share of Offline Rentals	I	П
Number of Stores in the Zin Code Where the	0.02239***	
Number of Stores in the Zip Code Where the Household Resides (mean 0.52)	(0.00078)	na
		Па
Number of Stores in Zip Codes between Zero	0.00304***	na
and Five Miles Away (mean 2.17)	(0.00031)	na
Number of Stores in Zip Codes between Five	-0.00004	na
and Ten Miles Away (mean 5.23)	(0.00019)	na
Number of Stores in Zip Codes between Ten	0.00004	na
and Fifteen Miles Away (mean 6.56)	(0.00017)	na
Number of Stores in Zip Codes between Fifteen	-0.00004	na
and Twenty Miles Away (mean 6.89)	(0.00017)	na
Number of Stores in Zip Codes between Twenty	-0.0001	na
and Thirty Miles Away (mean 12.80)	(0.00011)	na
Distance to the Closest Store in Miles	na	-0.00898***
(mean 3.6)	na	(0.00035)
Squared Distance to the Closest Store in Miles	na	0.00012***
	na	(0.00001)
Total DVD Rentals	0.02605***	0.02518***
(mean 2.25 in Columns I and II)	(0.00008)	(0.00011)
Constant	-0.02364***	-0.02841***
	(0.00042)	(0.00062)
Observations	20,249,021	9,141,694
F-test (global test for the excluded instruments in the second stage)	155.5	399.7
R-squared	0.2935	0.3199
Includes fixed effects for both weeks (30) and individuals (Column I 1,529,028;	Column II 855,996), and	
ZIP code-specific trends (Column I 24,648; Column II 19,233). Standard errors in	parentheses are clustered	d by household.
The mean of the dependent variable is 0.28 in Column I and 0.25 in Column II.		
* significant at 10%; ** significant at 5%; *** significant at 1%		

Our first stage results are consistent with the prior literature showing that the likelihood of purchasing products online decreases as the number of stores in the zip code increases (Brynjolfsson, Hu, and Rahman 2009). However, Brynjolfsson, Hu, and Rahman (2009) treat zip codes as isolated geographic markets, while we can also provide information regarding the size of the geographic market.³

Column I of Table 4 shows how the impact of the exit of a store on channel choice dissipates for households living further away from the closing store. The results in Column I of Table 4 indicate that the closure of a store within the zip code where a household resides has an impact on the household's channel choice that is seven times larger than the impact of the closure of a store in other zip codes with centroids located less than five miles away from the centroid of the zip code where the household resides. The results in Column I of Table 4 also show how the exit of stores in zip codes located further away have no impact on households' channel choices.

We also use the geodesic distance from consumers' locations to the closest physical stores as an alternative instrument. We acknowledge that some consumers may use stores that are not the closest to their home address (e.g. stores nearby their working location or in the way when running errands), but we still believe that using the closest store to the home address is useful as an approximation for the transportation costs of using the offline channel. Comparing unconditional means, households living less than one mile away from a physical store make 29.4% of their rentals offline and households living more than 20 miles away from physical stores make 10.3% of their rentals offline. Column II of Table 4 shows the estimates for Model (3) using the square of the distance to the closest store as an additional covariate to account for non-linear transportation costs.⁴ For example, the results in Column 2 of Table 4 indicate that households residing near a closing physical store will decrease average rentals from physical stores by 8.8 percentage points (or approximately 35.2% of the transactions made from physical stores) when the new closest store for these households is ten miles away. Moreover, the sizes of

³ Other differences between our first stage regressions and Brynjolfsson, Hu, and Rahman (2009) are that they do not observe transactions from physical stores, and they use cross sectional data rather than panel data to examine catalog versus online channel choice.

⁴ We note that excluding the square of the distance from the first stage (or alternatively including higher order polynomials) causes no substantial change in the second stage results.

the coefficients indicate that households that reside near a closing physical store will decrease the transactions made from physical stores to approximately zero when the new closest store for these households is thirty miles away.

The results for the second stage of Model (1) in Table 5 still show that individuals increase the fraction of popular DVD rentals when they rent more DVDs from the physical store. The first three columns use Column I in Table 4 for the first stage regression and the last three columns use Column II in Table 4 for the first stage regression. In the first three regressions in Table 5 the sizes of the coefficient estimates on the fraction of offline rentals indicate that when a household decreases the fraction of top 10 (top 50, top 100) DVD rentals decreases by 10.7 (10.0, 7.3) percentage points. In the last three regressions in Table 5 the sizes on the fraction of offline rentals decreases by 10.7 (10.0, 7.3) percentage points. In the last three regressions in Table 5 the sizes of the coefficient estimates on the fraction of offline rentals decreases the fraction of DVDs rented from the store from twenty eight percent to zero, the fraction of top 10 (top 50, top 100) DVD rentals decreases by 10.7 (10.0, 7.3) percentage points. In the last three regressions in Table 5 the sizes of the coefficient estimates on the fraction of offline rentals indicate that when a household decreases the fraction of DVDs rented from the store from twenty five percent to zero (note that the mean of the share of offline rentals for the last three columns of Table 5 is 0.25), the fraction of top 10 (top 50, top 100) DVD rentals decreases by 10.4 (9.9, 8.9) percentage points.

	Ι	П	III	IV	V	VI
	Top 10	Top 50	Top 100	Top 10	Top 50	Top 100
Share of Offline Rentals	0.3856***	0.3597***	0.2638***	0.4184***	0.3969***	0.3594***
(mean 0.28 in Columns I through III	(0.0372)	(0.0457)	(0.0473)	(0.0391)	(0.0511)	(0.0524)
and 0.25 in Columns IV through VI)						
Total DVD Rentals	-0.0125***	-0.0054***	-0.0013	-0.0129***	-0.0068***	-0.0044***
(mean 2.25 in Columns I through VI)	(0.0010)	(0.0012)	(0.0012)	(0.0010)	(0.0013)	(0.0013)
Constant	-0.0137***	-0.0234***	-0.0166***	-0.0092***	-0.0177***	-0.0086***
	(0.0010)	(0.0012)	(0.0012)	(0.0013)	(0.0016)	(0.0017)
Observations	20,249,021	20,249,021	20,249,021	9,141,694	9,141,694	9,141,694
Includes fixed effects for both weeks (30) and	individuals (Colum	ns I through III 1,529	,028; Columns IV thr	ough VI 855,996), and	1	
ZIP code-specific trends (Columns I through	III 24,648; Columns	IV through VI 19,233). Standard errors in J	parentheses are clust	ered by household.	
The mean of the dependent variable is 0.20 in	Column I, 0.39 in Co	olumn II, 0.47 in Colu	mn III, 0.19 in Colum	n IV, 0.38 in Column V	V, and 0.46 in Column	VI.
* significant at 10%; ** significant at 5%; **	* significant at 1%					

Comparing the Instrumental Variables results in Table 5 with the OLS results in Table 3, we observe that the size of the coefficient estimates on the fraction of offline rentals are similar for top 10 titles and smaller, but still significant both economically and statistically, for top 50 and top 100 titles.

As in Table 3, the coefficient estimates on total DVD rentals per week in Table 5 are negative and economically small.

5.3 Sensitivity of Results to Attrition

Table 1 suggests that our focal company lost subscribers during our study period. Additionally, the customer base exhibits a high churn rate likely fueled by free of charge trial period offers. Our panel of data is therefore unbalanced. An unbalanced panel does not generate biased estimates when the reason for having missing observations is not correlated with the regression error term. For example, subscribers that rent DVDs in only one week during our study period do not bias the estimates since time demeaning for such observations yields all zeros. But in order to examine whether or not our previous empirical results are driven by the changes in the customer base we ran our regressions using a balanced panel of subscribers.

Table 6 presents OLS results analogous to those in Table 3, but only including the information from subscribers who rented at least one DVD in both the initial and final four weeks of our study period. There are 764,875 such subscribers, or approximately half of the total number of subscribers compared with Table 3. In Table 6 the coefficient estimates on both the fraction of offline rentals and the total DVD rentals per week variables are very similar to those in Table 3.

Table 6: Share of Popular Rentals - OLS Estimates - Balanced Panel					
	Ι	II	III		
	Top 10	Top 50	Top 100		
Share of Offline Rentals	0.3713***	0.5003***	0.4701***		
(mean 0.30)	(0.0003)	(0.0004)	(0.0004)		
Total DVD Rentals	-0.0123***	-0.0093***	-0.0070***		
(mean 2.33)	(0.0001)	(0.0001)	(0.0001)		
Constant	-0.0079***	-0.0161***	-0.0089***		
	(0.0004)	(0.0005)	(0.0005)		
Observations	15,239,005	15,239,005	15,239,005		
R-squared	0.3105	0.4094	0.4075		
Includes fixed effects for both we	eks (30) and individuals (7	64,875), and ZIP code-sp	pecific trends (21,396).		
Standard errors in parentheses are	e clustered by household.				
The mean of the dependent variable	ble is 0.22 in Column I, 0.41	in Column II, and 0.49 in	n Column III.		
* significant at 10%; ** significar	nt at 5%; *** significant a	t 1%			

The similarity of the results in Tables 3 and 6 indicates that the effects of the online versus offline channel choice on superstar DVD rentals are not significantly different for transient subscribers versus subscribers who maintained subscriptions during the entire length of our study period.

However, the value of a subscription may be greater as the distance to an offline store decreases, since having a physical store nearby provides the additional value of exchanging DVDs at the store. Since attrition in our data is likely correlated with the exit of physical stores, attrition might bias our instrumental variable results. Tables 7 and 8 present first and second stage regressions analogous to those in Tables 4 and 5, but using the balanced sub-sample of our data.

	Ι	II
Number of Stores in the Zip Code Where the	0.02114***	na
Household Resides (mean 0.53)	(0.00085)	na
Number of Stores in Zip Codes between Zero	0.00277***	na
and Five Miles Away (mean 2.17)	(0.00034)	na
Number of Stores in Zip Codes between Five	-0.00009	na
and Ten Miles Away (mean 5.23)	(0.00020)	na
Number of Stores in Zip Codes between Ten	0.00013	na
and Fifteen Miles Away (mean 6.58)	(0.00018)	na
Number of Stores in Zip Codes between Fifteen	0.00002	na
and Twenty Miles Away (mean 6.93)	(0.00018)	na
Number of Stores in Zip Codes between Twenty	-0.00011	na
and Thirty Miles Away (mean 12.88)	(0.00012)	na
Distance to the Closest Store in Miles	na	-0.00863***
(mean 3.49)	na	(0.00043)
Squared Distance to the Closest Store in Miles	na	0.00011***
	na	(0.00001)
Total DVD Rentals	0.02518***	0.02406***
(mean 2.33 in Column I and 2.34 in Column II)	(0.00009)	(0.00014)
Contant	-0.00741***	-0.00026
	(0.00046)	(0.00073)
Observations	15,239,005	5,667,199
F-test (global test for the excluded instruments in the second stage)	114.5	256.7
R-squared	0.2737	0.2888
Includes fixed effects for both weeks (30) and individuals (Column I 764,875; Co	olumn II 288,845), and	
ZIP code-specific trends (Column I 21,396; Column II 15,770). Standard errors in	parentheses are clustered	d by household.
The mean of the dependent variable is 0.30 in Column I and 0.28 in Column II.		
* significant at 10%; ** significant at 5%; *** significant at 1%		

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	I	II	Ш	IV	V	VI
	Top 10	Top 50	Top 100	Top 10	Top 50	Top 100
Share of Offline Rentals	0.4129***	0.3147***	0.2042***	0.4125***	0.3800***	0.3546***
(mean 0.30 in Columns I through III	(0.0443)	(0.0539)	(0.0556)	(0.0502)	(0.0650)	(0.0658)
and 0.28 in Columns IV through VI)						
Total DVD Rentals	-0.0133***	-0.0047***	-0.0003	-0.0129***	-0.0068***	-0.0047***
(mean 2.33 in Columns I through III	(0.0011)	(0.0014)	(0.0014)	(0.0012)	(0.0016)	(0.0016)
and 2.34 in Columns IV through VI)						
Constant	-0.0076***	-0.0174***	-0.0108***	-0.0044***	-0.0128***	-0.0051***
	(0.0005)	(0.0007)	(0.0007)	(0.0007)	(0.0008)	(0.0009)
Observations	15,239,005	15,239,005	15,239,005	5,667,199	5,667,199	5,667,199
Includes fixed effects for both weeks (30) an	d individuals (Colur	nns I through III 764,	875; Columns IV thro	ough VI 288,845), and		
ZIP code-specific trends (Columns I through	h III 21,396; Columns	IV through VI 15,77	0). Standard errors in	parentheses are clus	tered by household.	
The mean of the dependent variable is 0.22 i	in Column I, 0.41 in C	Column II, 0.49 in Col	umn III, 0.21 in Colun	nn IV, 0.40 in Column	V, and 0.48 in Colum	n VI.
* significant at 10%; ** significant at 5%; *	** significant at 1%					

The results for both the first stage and second stage regressions in Tables 7 and 8 using the balanced sub-sample are similar than those in Tables 4 and 5 using the entire sample. This similarity suggests that our previous results using the entire sample are not driven by changes in the profile of customers over time.

6. Discussion

As the proportion of commerce conducted online increases, will producers and retailers need to re-evaluate their investment and inventory choices? Answering this question is complicated by endogeneity surrounding the types of consumers who purchase online and the observed purchase decisions between online and offline channels. While early research has observed a large proportion of sales online in niche products—products that would not normally be stocked in brick-and-mortar stores—it is unclear whether this change is merely a reflection of the characteristics of the consumers who select the channel, or whether it might reflect a change caused by the characteristics of the Internet channel.

Breaking this endogeneity requires an exogenous shift in the cost of purchasing online, and the ability to observe customer-level purchase decisions before and after the shift. Our data provide us with just such an opportunity. Our data document customer-level rental decisions for consumers before and after their local video rental store closes, and our empirical analysis suggests that when consumers move online they are much less likely to rent blockbuster titles than they were previously. There is no agreement in the literature regarding whether online commerce will increase or decrease concentration in product sales. Furthermore, the small amount of prior research on this topic has used either aggregate data (Elberse and Oberholzer-Gee 2007) or studied online versus catalog channels using cross sectional data (Brynjolfsson, Hu, and Simester 2011). Our examination uses a unique consumer-level panel dataset to analyze how online commerce may change the concentration in DVD rentals in online versus brick-and-mortar channels, extending and complementing previous research questions by examining a different market and different channels.

Our objective in this paper has been to examine how channel selection affects consumption patterns. Nevertheless, our results from the first stage regressions, showing how the impact of the exit of a store on channel choice varies depending on where consumers live relative to the closing store, also complement and extend the prior literature on transportation costs and channel selection (Brynjolfsson, Hu, and Rahman 2009 and Forman, Ghose, and Goldfarb 2009). Specifically, our data are more granular than in previous work studying this question: We use a panel of consumers and know the zip code for all consumers and exactly where consumers live and how far they are from physical stores for a fraction of consumers. In contrast, Brynjolfsson, Hu, and Rahman (2009) use cross-sectional data and Forman, Ghose, and Goldfarb (2009) are only able to use cities as the definition of where consumers live (e.g. the largest city in their data is Los Angeles, California). We also observe household-level transactions from online and from physical channels as opposed to sales from online and catalog channels as used in Brynjolfsson, Hu, and Rahman (2009), or as opposed to city-level sales ranks from the online channel only as used in Forman, Ghose, and Goldfarb (2009). Although our results extend the prior literature on channel selection and transportation costs, our examination of how changes in home-store distances affect channel selection in this paper is presented in the context of a first stage regression and not the main research focus. Conducting a more detailed investigation of how transportation costs influence the online versus offline channel selection using our data is a potential avenue for further research.

Our main result, suggesting that consumers who move to online channels decrease their likelihood or purchasing popular titles, is of course not without limitations. First, our

results only provide evidence about a specific market, and are not necessarily generalizable to other markets. In particular, online commerce could have heterogeneous impacts across markets, and transform different markets into either "long tail" or "superstar" market based on the specific nature of each market. For example, our focal company does not display or promote popular products as heavily in the online channel as it does in the brick and mortar channel, and while this characteristic is typical across various online versus brick and mortar channels, it might be more pronounced for the specific market we study. In addition, even focusing on a single market the results could vary over time; for example early adopters of "Rent by Mail" subscriptions might be more interested in niche DVD titles than late adopters. In this regard, we do believe that our analysis of a mature market provides a more useful examination of the market level impact of online commerce on product concentration than an analysis of a nascent market would.

Another limitation of our study is that we focus on examining how the shift from offline to online rentals affects the share of transactions taken by superstar versus long tail titles, but we do not examine whether these changes are caused by demand versus supply side effects. Identifying how the effects are determined by supply versus demand side effects is an important avenue of future research. Finally, our data are limited in that we do not observe whether the customers in our dataset decide to purchase through "head-heavy" retailers such as Redbox, while also paying for an "all-you-can-rent" subscription with our focal company. However, we have been able to show that our results are robust to restricting our sample to only customers who do not have a local Redbox kiosk.

Our finding that online channels may shift consumer movie consumption away from blockbuster titles and toward more niche titles may also have implications for movie producers. Specifically, movie producers have typically faced a market where a small number of hits made up the lion's share of industry profit. Our results suggest that this historical pattern of highly concentrated movie sales is not necessarily due to homogeneity of consumer preferences, and this historical pattern may for example be driven by the limited selection offered in the theatrical window and subsequently in the DVD window through brick-and-mortar stores. Our results suggest that the increased stocking capacity of online movie channels, combined with different promotional opportunities offered through Internet markets may change the incentives of movie producers and allow for the production of more niche titles.

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Appendix: Sensitivity of Main Results to Redbox Kiosk Locations

In this appendix we use historical data on the location of Redbox kiosks as of April 28, 2010 (the end of our study period is April 29 2010). Tables A1 and A2 show that the conclusions in the main text are not affected when using only the information from individuals living in zip codes where Redbox was not present during our study period. Approximately one fourth of the focal company's consumers lived in zip codes without a Redbox's kiosk; these consumers made on average 26% of their transactions from physical stores (compared to 28% for all consumers) and rented a similar fraction of top 10, top 50, and top 100 DVD titles as other consumers do (comparing the mean of the dependent variables in Tables 5 in the main text and A2). Table A1 shows that Redbox had substantially more presence in the zip codes where our focal company also had physical presence (the variable "Mean Number of Stores in the Zip Code Where the Household Resides" is 0.52 in Table 4 in the main text compared to 0.20 in Table A1).

Table A1: Share of Offline Rentals - First State	
	Ι
Number of Stores in the Zip Code Where the	0.02727***
Household Resides (mean 0.20)	(0.00244)
Number of Stores in Zip Codes between Zero	0.00494***
and Five Miles Away (mean 2.15)	(0.00064)
Number of Stores in Zip Codes between Five	-0.00103***
and Ten Miles Away (mean 5.01)	(0.00036)
Number of Stores in Zip Codes between Ten	-0.00027
and Fifteen Miles Away (mean 6.33)	(0.00034)
Number of Stores in Zip Codes between Fifteen	-0.00064*
and Twenty Miles Away (mean 6.57)	(0.00034)
Number of Stores in Zip Codes between Twenty	-0.00030
and Thirty Miles Away (mean 12.56)	(0.00022)
Total DVD Rentals	0.02604***
(mean 2.23)	(0.00016)
Constant	-0.02346***
	(0.00082)
Observations	4,897,442
F-test (global test for the excluded instruments in the second stage)	30.6
R-squared	0.3026
Includes fixed effects for both weeks (30) and individuals (378,160), and ZIP co	de-specific trends (16,8
Standard errors in parentheses are clustered by household.	
The mean of the dependent variable is 0.26.	
* significant at 10%; ** significant at 5%; *** significant at 1%	

Table A2: Share of Popular Rentals - IV Estimates - Second Stage						
	Ι	II	III			
	Top 10	Top 50	Top 100			
Share of Offline Rentals	0.4471***	0.3042***	0.3202***			
(mean 0.26)	(0.0819)	(0.1021)	(0.1061)			
Total DVD Rentals	-0.0139***	-0.0039	-0.0026			
(mean 2.23)	(0.0021)	(0.0027)	(0.0028)			
Constant	-0.0135***	-0.0239***	-0.0140***			
	(0.0021)	(0.0026)	(0.0027)			
Observations	4,897,442	4,897,442	4,897,442			
Includes fixed effects for both weeks (30) and	d individuals (378,160)), and ZIP code-spec	cific trends (16,861).			
Standard errors in parentheses are clustered	by household.					
The mean of the dependent variable is 0.20 in	n Column I, 0.39 in Co	olumn II, and 0.47 in C	Column III.			
* significant at 10%; ** significant at 5%; **	** significant at 1%					