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microsoft's intentions for its monopoly on personal computer operating systems are clear: to leverage it into a control of networks and of software distribution.

any software they have under their roof is nearly impossible to compete with. any computer standards they gain majority control over quickly become impossible to keep up with for other vendors, unless they agree in contract to accept the piece of the pie microsoft has reserved for them.

it astounds me that a conservative republican administration is settling a case of such clear anti-competitive ramifications.

there will be things, basic important things, about networking, about using computers, about LIVING in our era, that people will not be able to do unless they are working for microsoft. this is a bad way to ensure flexibility in the future of the network, and the computer. this is a violation of your job to enforce anti-trust law.

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