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The people who think Microsoft did nothing wrong are simply average, uninformed people who did not read any of the text of the DOJ's case against Microsoft. They form their opinions without information; indeed, it is ridiculous to count the views of the uninformed as an opinion at all.

That said, you should know that there are very many of us, some involved in the open source software community and some not, who know specifically many of Microsoft's unethical tactics and simply illegal business practices. It is your responsibility to rectify some of these injustices; indeed even the American legal system, where money is everything, could not avoid a judgment against Microsoft - and now you think that we won't notice that you waffle on the sentence. The proposed "solution" does not even guarantee that We the People will be protected from similar actions in the future, let alone force Microsoft to account for previous heavy-handed tactics in maintaining their monopoly. In fact it benefits Microsoft in several ways and is not a punishment but a government-sponsored product promotion.

One letter, indeed many letters, makes no difference to those who will make the decisions; only money matters I know. But let it be said that there are some of us with an extremely profound understanding of the workings of the computers that run our world, and that these machines run your world too. We, the Intellectual People, may not have the sheer numbers of the Ignorant Masses but one of us is worth a thousand of them, and we are the ones who will be watching you.

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