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The Microsoft settlement is a joke and an insult to the American consumer. Ordering Microsoft to donate software and hardware to the poorest schools will push traditional educational product providers (like Apple) and completely out of them out of the market. The idea of giving a punishment is to make someone want to stop what they are doing. You're not punishing Microsoft, your helping them tighten their grips on the market.

I'm a Computer Scientist. I fear for the computer industry. Every year Microsoft takes over larger segments of the industry. Most of their product are poorly written, large, slow and buggy, but as the consumer, we have no choices. We have to buy what's available, and in most cases that means Microsoft.

I think the DOJ drop the ball on this law suite. No company should have the power Microsoft has. I think Microsoft's punishment should be a 5 Billion dollar fine, all of their Operating System's code should be made available as open source, and Microsoft needs to be split up.

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