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Why are Microsoft's competitors allowed to influence the outcome of a court case? No matter what the outcome, they would say it's not enough (of course they would!). \$1 Billion in computers to low income schools is bad? Apple isn't happy because that's their market - OK, then have Apple supply those schools with computers and software.

Has anyone looked at AOL/Time Warner lately - how about instant messaging, isn't this an FCC issue, yet I hear nothing about it.

All I ever hear from AOL, Sun, Oracle, etc. is bad mouthing of Microsoft. If their product(s) were better we would be using them - period. And please don't tell me they can't compete, these guys OWNED the server market, but Microsoft built software to COMPETE with them. They didn't cry, they created & innovated. Don't tell me \$100 Billion dollar Corporations can't compete.

Linux, Palm, and a myriad of other OS's exist, but I'm not going to use them if they don't do what I need and I need business ready applications. Windows is extremely rich in what it provides, and Office does everything anyone could possibly need. Word Perfect and Lotus didn't evolve fast enough, so how is that Microsoft's fault?

I would have had a problem if Microsoft stood still and didn't improve their products, but every one of their releases takes huge leaps forward. They hire some of the brightest minds in our country, and their "ex" employees have gone on to create untold numbers of jobs by starting other technology companies.

Microsoft continues to provide leadership and direction to an entire industry, and believe me not everyone hates this company, in fact many of us are big fans.

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