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DOJ Anti-Trust Division:

I am deeply troubled by the recent DOJ decision to settle the anti-trust case against Microsoft. Guilty or not, Microsoft is the most dominating presence in the operating system and the software market today. For years they have bought out or pushed out competition not by superioriety of the software, but by money and lawyers. Microsoft does not promote fair competetion, their goal seem to be eliminate all competetion. Every new technology or company comes up with new and cheaper ways that benefits customers have been targed by Microsoft as enemies. I do not believe behaviors such as this will be curbed by this settlement, if anything else this gives Microsoft more confidence to destroy their competitors, because what's the worst that will happen? a slap on the hand to microsoft.

what will this settlment accomplish? by making microsoft providing computers to poor schools in the country? How will this punish microsoft? All they have to do is buy in mass quantity refurbished computers which manufactures are gladly to get rid of. The software of course will be windows. This will not punish microsoft, instead it helps them breaking in to previously Mac dominated education market share. This settlement is not punishing Microsoft, it is helping them gaining publicity and market share.

It is amazing to me that this cased started hard and heavy in the late 90s when microsoft had no presence in washington. but it ended with less of a whimper after microsoft dumped millions if not billions of dollars in to washington's political arena. I believe this is the wrong decision by the DOJ to settle with Microsoft, and their monopoly will only get worse... I fear the day that Microsoft conquers all.

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