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I'm tired of the anti trust politicians wasting our money on suits that have no value and are meaningless in a free market economy anyway.

The only place there can be a real monopoly if the government intervenes and restricts competition. As long as there is a free market, the best/highest value/most desirable product will ultimately win. Only government can give a monopoly to a company or companies and keep this from happening. The government should not be in the business of siding with or bailing out companies that could not compete in the marketplace so are looking for the courts to do for them what they couldn't do for themselves.

Microsoft has done more for the average technology consumer than any company in the history of the industry. They have built better software, provided better service, and done it for less than any competitor. They have increased the quality and reduced the cost of desktop software faster than any other product of any sort has ever done. THAT is why Microsoft is the giant it is - because its products and service are better than the alternatives.

The government wasted billions of our dollars pursuing IBM for naught. By the time anything happened, IBM was no longer a dominant player. The same could happen to Microsoft if they let the competition get ahead of them. As long as they know that (and they live and breathe it every day), they will continue to build more value for the consumer. Leave them alone and let them do it.

The anti trust cops who claim to have the consumer's interest at heart are hurting those same consumers more than Microsoft ever will.

1. The drain on Microsoft's time and resources detract from their ability to build the software we all want and can't get from lesser rivals.
2. The drain on Microsoft's finances reduces the value of their stock which is one of the most widely held in the nation.
3. The government is wasting billions of our tax

dollars to support this boondoggle and to effectively subsidize competitors who can't compete on the merits.

DROP THIS SUIT!!!

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