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I am glad to see some action being taken. Microsoft has been trying to convert the internet, set up on open/"public domain" standards such as TCP/IP network protocols, HTML and JavaScript, as well as "semi-public" ones like Java, into it's own private domain by means such as forcing proprietary standards into networking and web browsers. Reading through as much of the documentation that I did, I may have missed it, but is there anything addressing Microsoft getting into the cable and web-portal business? Wasn't AT&T ordered to spin off the "Baby Bells" (local phone service) when they wanted to go the opposite direction, from telecommunications into cable and computers? This last point may be irrelevant in light of mergers such as AOL-Time-Warner [-Netscape], but the other large semi-monopolies aren't trying to make the internet proprietary... at least so blatantly.

Thanks for protecting Freedom of Communication,

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