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Antitrust legislation is immoral, evil and ultimately destructive. Our Supreme Court declared: "The historic phrase 'a government of laws and not of men' epitomizes the distinguishing character of our political society....[L]aw alone saves a society from being...ruled by mere brute power however disguised." This principle is completely flouted by antitrust laws that function in a completely arbitrary manner. Banning "unfair" trade practices and "unreasonable restraint of trade" is a dangerous and pernicious joke. "Unfair" to whom? "Unreasonable" by what standard? Under antitrust one can be punished if you charge less than the competition (dumping), the same as the competition (collusion) and more than your competitor (gouging). The list of companies betrayed by this vicious practice reads like a who's who of success and productive achievement: Microsoft, Intel, McDonnell-Douglas, Northrup-Grumman, Standard Oil, Alcoa, DuPont, IBM, American Airlines, Wal-Mart and many others. All these companies were vilified not in spite of their record of success but because of it.

The American spirit is embodied in the success of the individual who triumphs despite the odds - he who creates wealth through voluntary trade for mutual benefit. Our antitrust laws represent the exact opposite kind of philosophy - the philosophy of envy and of hatred of the good for being good.

Repeal antitrust laws and let Microsoft in peace.

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