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I believe the Microsoft antitrust is highly important if not central to the free enterprise and competition debate with regard to the "computer revolution". My qualifications are that I have been using the personal computer for some twenty years, have been an enrolled student of computer science for over two years. I'm 56 years old and a stockholder of MicroSoft.

I am concerned that the near monopoly that MicroSoft has on most aspects of popular computing is detrimental to the advancement of commerce and technology. While Microsoft does innovate, the pace of innovation has been slowed and quality has suffered due to their overwhelming influence. Prices remain higher than would be the case if a more competitive environment prevailed.

I feel like the government case against Microsoft soften when the economy turned down. I hope expediency will not drive this monumental interpretation of the law in this challenging new era.

I lose money on my MicroSoft stock, but, am still in favor of a critical stance against Microsoft.

Thank you,

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