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i think the settlement reached between the DOJ and Microsoft should stand and the matter closed. Some may see Microsoft not as anti-competitive but as super-competitive. They have established cutting edge products priced to consumer satisfaction and are maximizing their profits. This is a textbook economic business model.

If competitors want to earn a bigger share of the market they should come out with a better product or a cheaper one. Computer users are sophisticated enough to recognize a better value and generally well able to afford it if they choose. In every industry if you want to capture more market share you should have to earn it.

As far as the dissident states, i think they are headline seekers attempting to get some unrestricted funds from the "cash cow" much as was the case with the tobacco industry.

I don't think anybody gains by continuing this legal battle. Businesses who feel aggrieved can spend their own time and shareholders' dollars fighting with Microsoft. They might be better advised to spend the efforts in making a better product.