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To whom it may concern,

I've watched with interest the unfolding of the Anti-trust case against Microsoft, and found the original recommendation fo a Microsoft split up travesty of justice. That Anti-trust should be such a potent force in the USA is in itself bizarre. Here's a country that has shown the rest of the world that Capitalism actually works. Capitalism works because it has its own inbuilt system of checks and balances i.e. the free market, and, properly implemented, isn't weighed down by tons of regulation. This is especially the case in the IT industry where Microsoft has been and continues to be such a positive force. From my knowledge, no IT company has ever effectively monopolised an industry segment. If an IT company found itself in a monopoly position and chose to compromise prices and/or quality, its monopoly position would be temporary at best - technology is changing far too quickly for someone to take an uncompetitive position.

I'd like to finish by stating that Microsoft should be lauded for its contribution to the IT industry and to America as a whole, and not be dragged through a costly (to American taxpayers and Microsoft), unnecessary court case; it should not be punished for its success. Microsoft is a very positive example of what can be done when Government is the instrument not the controller of the people.

Come on guys, let America pump its chest with pride not resort to punitive insecurity.

Yours sincerely,

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