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Throughout this process Microsoft and Bill Gates have shown no remorse or even signs that they have infringed on the rights of others in the marketplace. The current settlement is a sellout to Microsoft. They concede nothing and give nothing. The day after this settlement concludes Microsoft will continue to bully and coerce smaller competitors protect their programs and deny what everyone thought that they were supposed to yield. Their lawyers will find protection in the small print. Microsoft gained leadership through shrewd business alignments initially and afterward by borrowing technology from others. Did Microsoft introduce the mouse or pull down screens? No! If it weren't for other competition Microsoft would still have us using DOS. Microsoft has continuously introduced mediocre software and mediocre upgrades that crash and crash again. If they were building automobiles no one would buy a second one. Microsoft has dominated the personal computer software field with poor products solely because they have muscled every competitor into submission. The proposed settlement does nothing to stop this still arrogant corporation from continuing as it has in the past. Break up Microsoft! Give the Nation an honest and fair playing field for all. Thanks !