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I have tried to follow the Microsoft case as much as possible and I am appalled with the DoJ for settling that easily. the law states that Microsoft broke the law, why does the punishment not fit the crime. As an individual on the street I start drawing my own conclusions. Did Microsoft pay off somebody etc?

When IBM was found guilty of monopoly, they were dealt with accordingly and they could not profit from their business.
When Southwestern Bell (I forget what it was called) was a monopoly, it was dealt with too
Why is the DoJ afraid of dealing with Microsoft. Wrong is wrong.

The proposed settlement is an insult to the "poor under privileged schools." I could understand if Microsoft offered to make all these schools top of the art with new technology/hardware etc. But to offer outdated hardware/software!, all they are doing is using the schools as trash cans, because they have nowhere to put their junk. "give it to them under privileged schools, they should be grateful", and the worst part the DoJ accepted this. This is the United States for pete's sake. we are supposed to offer justice for all. Stop this atrocious settlement.

I use Windows software on my pc and I appreciate the software, it is good and to most extent reliable and easy to use (if you know what you are doing). But I do not think that should get Microsoft special favors/treatment. DoJ act like a department of Justice and not like somebody's lacky.

You read almost everyday that Microsoft is doing something bad here or there. This will continue until someone says "The Buck Stops Here Microsoft, enough is enough". A good example is a simple poll. They tried to rig a poll so that it looks like people want Microsoft, having people voting multiple times , how low can a company go to wipe out competition. Microsft cannot stand that people like something else other than Microsoft, they are now like dictator governments " Its our way or noones".

DoJ clean up your act and do the right thing.

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