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Gentlemen:
I have resided on this planet for a series of decades. I have managed to live through the era of governmental regulation of monopolies such as railroads, steel, oil, airlines, telephones, and utilities. And I have seen the results. Competition unfet-tered by regulation works well, as Adam Smith predicted. But when the legal system enters the economic arena, it is a sore losers contest where only the legal profession benefits.

I have used and abused both browser systems, and like Beta-Max and V H S, one will survive....BUT LET IT BE THE CONSUMER, not the courts which determine this end. I have always had a distinct distaste for the mink in the duck pond which destroys purely for the sake of destruction. And that is the aim of AOL in this matter...Despicable at best.

Sincerely,
Craig

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Trinidad Brown

Note: Our family does own shares in both corporations...I may dump AOL on ethical grounds alone.