

In 2002, Microsoft offered \$2.3 million to the University of Waterloo on the condition that its engineering classes teach Microsoft's proprietary C# language instead of the industry standard C++ language.

In 2000, a federal court ruled that Microsoft had abused its monopoly power to stifle innovation and distort competition. In 2004, the European Commission found Microsoft guilty of breaking European antitrust law.

From Melissa to LoveLetter, MyDoom to Sasser, the most devastating computer viruses in history were all made possible by serious flaws in Microsoft Windows and Outlook. Major new security problems are found in Windows, IE, and Outlook every month.

In May 2002, Microsoft VP Jim Allchin testified in court that bugs in Microsoft software could jeopardize national security. Government sales account for billions of dollars of Microsoft's revenue every year.

Microsoft's Digital Restriction Management (DRM) features make it impossible to freely enjoy music and video within the bounds established by copyright law and also enable Microsoft to remotely disable non-Microsoft media players and revoke media content.

Microsoft was found guilty of misleading consumers about its products by the Federal Trade Commission in 2000 and again in 2001, by the South African Advertising Standards Authority in 2003, and by the UK Advertising Standards Authority in 2004.

Since Microsoft software is so widely used in government, public information is often stored in proprietary encodings, readable only by Microsoft programs. Ordinary citizens cannot verify the functioning of government because Microsoft keeps their source code secret.

Should universities sell their **academic freedom** by allowing a company to **dictate a corporate curriculum** in exchange for its money?

Why should UC Berkeley students work for a company that is known around the world for its **illegal business practices**?

Does it serve **national security interests** for government offices to use Windows and Outlook, which have **provided the means for viruses** to infect millions of computers?

Would Microsoft take responsibility if its negligence led to a **breach in national security** or a **failure in critical infrastructure**?

Why is Microsoft intent on depriving its customers of their **lawful rights** to enjoy media and their **freedom to choose** content providers?

Should universities make deals with a company that has been found **guilty of misleading** the public on multiple occasions?

Should the citizens of a democratic country have access to **public information in open formats** and the right to inspect the software their government uses?

Bill Gates will be speaking at Zellerbach Hall on Friday October 1 at 9:00 am.

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