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Subject: OT: Microsoft have a nice big fine!  
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KIRBY098K9TrooperFunny. If Microsoft's home was in Europe I would almost be certain this would have never gone to trial. I don't think any large US firm will get a fair trial in Europe because there is such an anti-American attitude there. The EU is going to try and sock it to America any way they can.

MS may not be a US gov but it does effect the economy of the US and it will open the door for other countries to hold their own trials against MS. That is where it will hurt MS. Next thing you know Japan, China, Korea, India, Mexico, Canada, Russia and many other countries will use the EU case as a building stone to take down the "Software Giant" and hurt the US economy even more.

Tempting to just pull right out of the World economy. Too bad we created it, and can't extricate ourselves without ruining the economies of these ungrateful pricks.

Tempting to just pull out of the world economy? You're joking right? Right now we rely heavily on the world economy and would be pretty much fucked if we "pulled out." Of course it would hurt them too, but to think that we're just doing a favor to other countries by participating in the world economy is ignorant.

Anyway, I doubt the fact that they're European has anything to do with it. The US government has also won several cases against MS and overall has fined them much more than the EU did. Both of them came to similar results - MS is an overbearing monopoly that shuts out the competition, so how do you figure that one legal system worked and not the other? Computers would be much better, cheaper, reliable, and more advanced if there was more competition in the market place.

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