

WHO WILL DEFEND AMERICA'S PERSECUTED MINORITY?

In 1911, the US Department of Justice won a court ruling ordering the break-up of John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Company. Rockefeller was one of the first major victims of the Sherman Antitrust Act, and the assault on Standard Oil helped usher in an era of massive new government restrictions on businessmen.

What if a group of businessmen, intellectuals, and private citizens had risen up then to offer a moral defense of Rockefeller? Would you have joined them? Might it have changed the course of history?

If you could help provide a moral defense of a similar businessman, fighting against a similar assault today, would you do it? Might that change the course of history? Might it help to usher in a *new* era—an era of increasing *freedom* for businessmen?

History is being made today in the current antitrust suit against the Microsoft Corporation. But this time, there is an organization ready to defend Microsoft and its founder, Bill Gates, *on moral grounds* against the anti-success, anti-achievement doctrines of the antitrust laws. The Committee for the Moral Defense of Microsoft has been formed, as an association of businessmen, pro-capitalist intellectuals, and concerned citizens, to put an end to this latest assault on America's persecuted minority: the businessman.

To succeed, we must bring to the American public a moral argument against the attack on Microsoft—and against the antitrust laws on which that attack is based. We must then mobilize public opinion in a way that the nation's political leaders will notice and understand. To accomplish these goals, the Committee for the Moral Defense of Microsoft will disseminate, to the public and to the press, articles on the injustice of the current prosecution of Microsoft, as well as articles by Ayn Rand and others on the evil of the antitrust laws. In addition, we will sponsor and promote an online "Petition to Stop the Persecution of Microsoft" (go to <http://www.moral-defense.org/petition>) and purchase advertisements in major newspapers to promote the petition.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the petition or to support the activities of the Committee for the Moral Defense of Microsoft, please visit our site on the World Wide Web, <http://www.moral-defense.org>, or contact us at 540/967-5898.

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