

AOL and FTC; Live by the Sword Die by the Sword

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Remember when the Federal Trade Commission made a very poor choice in attacking Bill Gates and Microsoft. Why, well because competitors complained about Microsoft and one of those competitors was AOL who hired lobbyists and finagled a way to get the Federal Trade Commission to intervene in a competitive business industry; suffice it to say the FTC attacked Microsoft. But now after all of AOLs shenanigans the FTC maybe looking into AOLs misdeed and consumer issues.

You see, The Electronic Frontier Foundation filed complaints with the FTC about AOL and their privacy policies, because it seems that AOL gave away 20 million search records of some 666,000 AOL Subscribers. Whoops, so much for your right to privacy and the Federal Trade Commission's rules and regulations on deceptive trade practices and privacy for consumers?

Will the FTC do the right thing and investigate and fine them and sue them in Federal Court or will the FTC let them slide, as it appears someone is obviously on the inside there with AOL? How can the American Public trust this little Justice Department forgotten agency of the Federal Trade Commission with all their perceived or purported selective prosecutions? Quite frankly I do not trust the FTC one bit and how can the consumer trust them now? Consider all this in 2006.Lance Winslow - Online Think Tank forum board. If you have innovative thoughts and unique perspectives, come think with Lance; www.WorldThinkTank.net/wttbbs/