

# **Microsoft** IS TRASHING YOUR FREEDOM

With the release of Windows 7 in October, Microsoft is selling the new version on a combination of fear and threats. They threaten to stop supporting older versions of Windows in the long-term, and because their system is proprietary, instead of free software like GNU/Linux, you are dependent on Microsoft to provide regular security updates and fixes.



With the threat to withdraw their support, they try to strong-arm you into adopting new versions of their software even when you don't need them and may have a negative consequence to your ability to operate, once again abusing its monopoly position, explicitly inducing vendor lock-in.

Like its plans to include DRM restrictions with Windows Vista, Microsoft's continued attacks against your security, privacy and freedom are no mistake. Microsoft has a history of manipulating computer manufacturers into installing its products onto the computers you purchase.

You deserve to be able to cooperate openly and freely with other people who use software. You deserve to be able to learn how the software works, and to teach your students with it. You deserve to be able to hire your favorite programmer to fix it when it breaks.

You deserve free software.

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