

Observation :

Cloudflare Control and Manipulation of web traffic !

Freedom2 35 days ago | wrote:

When a single entity controls a significant share of internet traffic, it opens the door to various issues. Cloudflare, for instance, has the capacity to unilaterally determine who can or cannot access the internet, effectively setting the rules. While these powers often originate from well-intentioned goals, such as blocking malicious actors, they can eventually be applied in more arbitrary ways. Arguments for privacy often fall flat in this context, as robust privacy measures could inadvertently protect malicious users. The average internet user generally lacks the understanding to grasp these complexities. Even unintentional errors, like merging a flawed code update, can result in widespread internet outages, as has happened with Cloudflare in the past.

This concentration of power in the hands of a few companies, like Cloudflare, Google, and Meta, is precisely why anti-trust laws were established. Unfortunately, there seems to be a lack of political will to enforce these laws effectively. As a result, the future landscape of the internet is likely to differ radically from what we are familiar with, and not for the better.

We live in a world that is driven by a remarkably small number of massive corporations. Huge corporations acquire smaller corporations. Huge corporation merge with other huge corporations. To say this type of behaviour is not at least serving the same negative function as a monopoly is utterly disingenuous. This type of capitalism is not working well.

neodymiumphish 35 days ago wrote :

Cloudflare is half as old as Google and even younger than Amazon, yet your concern is with their monopolistic potential. Explain how that's possible if the companies at the top are maintaining all the control. We've seen significant shrinkage among the FAANG and their peers in the past few years.

Walmart was considered a massive monopolist threat before Amazon came along and ate their lunch. These are examples that fly in the face of your contention. What are some examples that support your argument that any of these businesses holds a de facto monopoly?

Again, the root cause of most of the monopolistic effects in our market are due to regulatory capture. Without regulations to set minimums for competitors, they face the threat of newcomers. This is why Walmart and other big organizations support minimum wage increases despite the negative impact on their bottom line. New supermarkets can't even begin to incorporate if they're faced with massive wage and regulatory requirements.