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GO wrote:

What is the point of this thread? Have you not been reading it? It's about MS forcing people to upgrade. While I may not agree with all the points made here, the points I have made are valid and no one has been able to convince me otherwise yet. I realize they can't be fully backwards compatible, things change and that's a fact of life. What I don't like is when compatibility is broken intentionally.

Shenan Stanley wrote:

"forcing"?  
You are being forced to upgrade by Microsoft?  
They came to your home and inflicted bodily harm?  
They threatened legal action if you did not upgrade to Vista?

If you are being 'forced' by anything – it is your choice of lifestyle and interaction with others – I cannot see any other 'force' making you get Windows Vista. Hell – you don't even have to use a Microsoft OS – no one is \*forcing\* you to do that.

Forced...  
Please. If you are that easy to 'force' – just turn your wages over to me? Why?? – because I said to.

GO wrote:

Why don't you go read a dictionary? Forcing something does not always mean being coerced into it. Forced can also mean to persuade or to have the power to influence or control. But rather than nitpicking over one simple word why don't you address the real point of my message?

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Point? You stated what your point and that of 'this thread' was quite clearly – concisely – for the record... You chose your words carefully – or I assume you did because you chose to put them in type on a public newsgroup for all to see for many years to come. You said..

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It's about MS forcing people to upgrade.

I will bring the dictionary to you...

<http://www.m-w.com/dictionary/force>

Etymology: Middle English, from Anglo-French, from Vulgar Latin \*fortia, from Latin fortis strong

1 a (1) : strength or energy exerted or brought to bear : cause of motion or change : active power <the forces of nature> <the motivating force in her life> (2) capitalized — used with a number to indicate the strength of the wind according to the Beaufort scale <a Force 10 hurricane> b : moral or mental strength c : capacity to persuade or convince <the force of the argument>

2 a : military strength b (1) : a body (as of troops or ships) assigned to a military purpose (2) plural : the whole military strength (as of a nation) c : a body of persons or things available for a particular end <a labor force> <the missile force> d : an individual or group having the power of effective action <join forces to prevent violence> <a force in politics> e often capitalized : POLICE FORCE — usually used with the

3 : violence, compulsion, or constraint exerted upon or against a person or thing

4 a : an agency or influence that if applied to a free body results chiefly in an acceleration of the body and sometimes in elastic deformation and other effects b : any of the natural influences (as electromagnetism, gravity, the strong force, and the weak force) that exist especially between particles and determine the structure of the universe

5 : the quality of conveying impressions intensely in writing or speech <stated the objectives with force>

So, I doubt you mean #5...

I doubt you mean #4...

Yep, I used #3 in my explanation for emphasis – but I knew you did not mean that which is why my statement continued...

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Now you \*might\* have meant 2d...

You did specify just Microsoft – and unfortunately for you, despite what you may believe, Microsoft does not 'force' anyone (hardware/software manufacturers) to do anything.

Sure – Microsoft has the largest market share, so they are indirectly influencing the decision of all of these businesses to sell products that work on the Windows OSes – but nothing says those same manufacturers could not choose to either \*not\* sell for Windows OSes or sell a product that functions perfectly fine on all Windows OSes.

It happens – I bet there are many software and hardware packages that still do their job as originally intended from WAY back before Windows for Workgroups 3.11... All the way through now. I bet there are many more that don't because these external to Microsoft vendors chose to create a product that was specific to the way a particular component/function of a particular version of Windows worked... And then – when the new version of Windows came out they decided not to upgrade using the similar component in the next version of Windows or provide further compatibility for their product...

\*The businesses other than Microsoft decided\* to not support their products further or give their users the necessary functionality to continue using the next version of an OS. They also abandoned (or chose to never support) versions of the Mac OS, \*nix, BeOS, and who knows what else... But they \*chose\* – they were not forced to stop providing further compatibility – they \*chose\* to allow the old product to die so they could sell (and make money) off of a new product. Were they 'forced' by any definition of the word – or did they instead – take advantage of an opportunity presented to them?

Yes – 2d fits quite nicely – except you see Microsoft as some large 'force' controlling all this – when, in fact – all they did was come out with a new version of an Operating system and those who created the millions of products that ran on other Windows OSes before decide (on their own) not to continue support and the majority of them make NEW products for the NEW OS so they can make NEW money and probably improve their product in most cases. They likely (in the better cross–platform software) decided that same thing with previous versions of Mac OS and \*nix and other operating systems many times before as well – and they will continue to do so as they want to...

Now – maybe you meant something from 1... 1 a (1)? It goes along the same idea as my explanation above. Those creating the hardware/software create it so they can either make a product for the world to use because 'they want to' or they make the product so they can earn a living.

Microsoft creating a new OS does not mean everyone else has to follow suite. At some point – everyone could just say, "Bah – I need to do this and this and OS X does all that – so I am switching..." Doesn't mean that OS X won't someday become OS 11 (OS XI?) and leave those people/manufacturers/hardware components – just means that said hardware/software vendor or individual or business chose to use a different set of items thinking stubbornly that

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things they have created/bought now will always work – on all future renditions (5 years? 10 Years? 15 years? 20 years? Their lifetime?) of said product line. They are inevitably wrong – but – that is \*their choice\*.

Definition 1c maybe? "capacity to persuade or convince"... If one can be convinced or persuaded not to support their product beyond a certain point, then it is likely they just didn't want to in the first place. If one can be convinced or persuaded to upgrade their hardware – then they likely wanted to in the first place.

Why? Because if the status quo doesn't change – why should anything else have to. If you are working just fine on your Pentium II 233MHz computer with 64MB memory and you don't want to run/utilize any 'new' products, etc – you don't \*have to\*. If something dies – you can find someone with the know-how to fix it for you with all the money you saved over the years not upgrading and hopefully put away (knowing that all hardware wears out eventually) or all the spare parts you bough just for that eventuality or with all the training you went through so you would never need to change...

What is this thread about to me?

People unwilling to accept change or too weak-willed to do anything about it/continue on their own path and looking for some mythical individual/entity to shift the blame off themselves onto...

My paragraph stands...

If you are being 'forced' by anything – it is your choice of lifestyle and interaction with others – I cannot see any other 'force' making you get Windows Vista. Hell – you don't even have to use a Microsoft OS – no one is \*forcing\* you to do that.

Make your own choices in life – don't let others make them for you.

You choose what games to play, or are you being convinced or persuaded by your friends?

You choose what software to utilize, or are you being convinced or persuaded by your work environment?

You choose what hardware to utilize, or are you being convinced or persuaded by your neighbors and friend (keeping up with the 'Jones' syndrome...)?

You remind me of the bad side of one of those 'above the influence' commercials...

<http://www.abovetheinfluence.com/>

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