

Google lashes out at EU regulators' record \$5B antitrust fine over Android's dominance

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The news: Google appealed the \$5 billion antitrust fine levied by the European Union, [according to](#) The Wall Street Journal. EU regulators claim Google abused its market

dominance, but Google argued **Apple** is the real monopoly threat. A verdict isn't expected for months, and it can be appealed to the EU's Court of Justice.

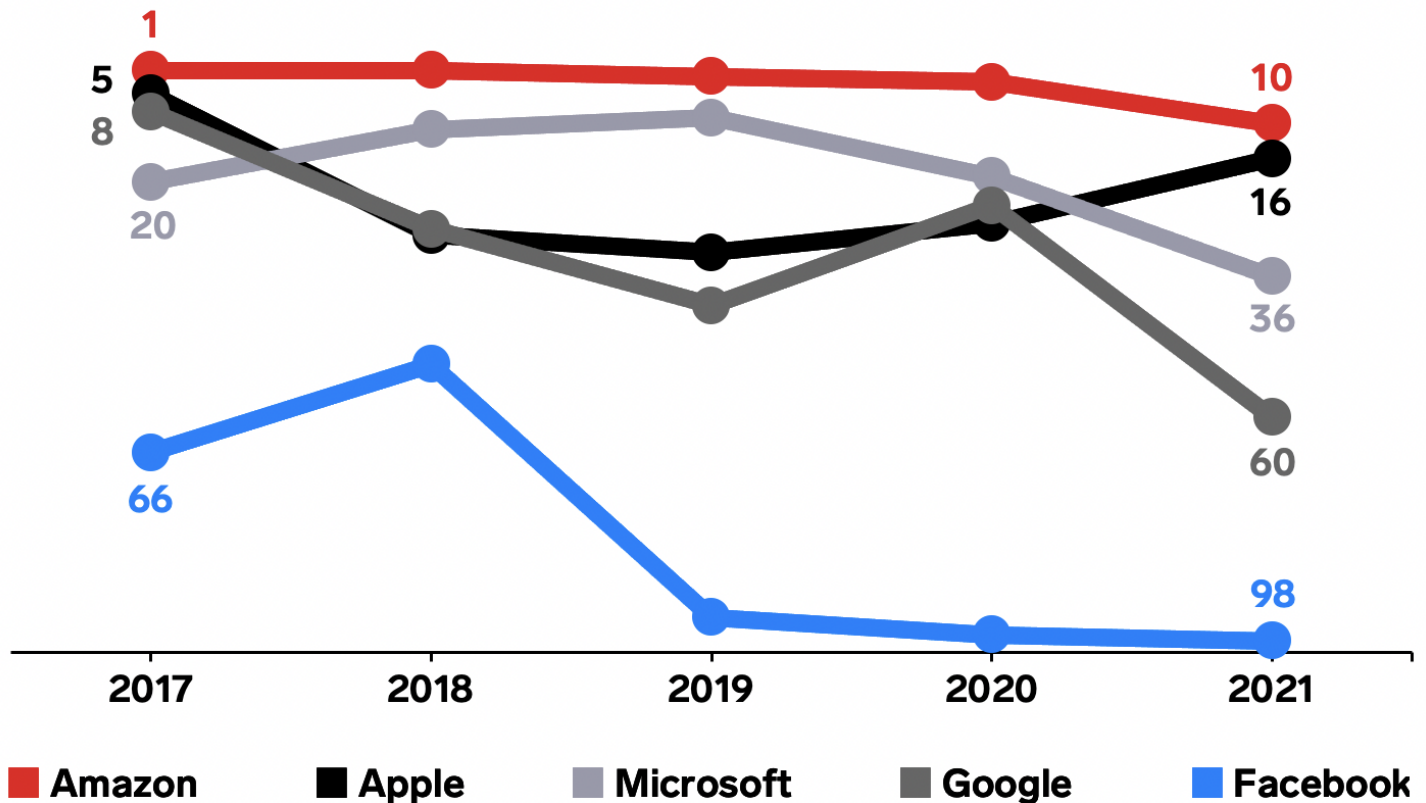
How we got here: The European Commission found Google abused its control over the Android OS by forcing phone makers to pre-install Google Search and the Chrome browser. But Google questioned why the commission excluded Apple's devices from its analysis.

- “The commission shut its eyes to the real competitive dynamic in this industry—that between Apple Inc. and Android,” said Meredith Pickford, a lawyer for Google.

What's next? A win for Google could stifle other antitrust cases, including in the US, where the tech giant is being similarly investigated. Conversely, a loss in the EU could fuel momentum from regulators in other countries to push for stricter antitrust regulation

Technology Company Reputation Rankings, April 2021

relative ranking by reputation from 1 to 100



Source: Axios/Harris, May 2021

Methodology: The Axios Harris Poll 100 is based on a survey of 42,935 US adults in a nationally representative sample conducted April 8–21, 2021. The Axios Harris poll first identifies the 100 most visible companies and then ranks them based on what respondents think of them.

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