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This is a pretty interesting response because we clearly have a fairly complicated misunderstanding going on here.

My point had nothing to do with sins of capitalism or how government works. I think your statement “we dont need less government, we need real government” is, in fact, what I was saying, and that the solution to the facebook problem is not to ask facebook to solve a problem that it cannot fix, but to put in other controls. In this case it is to invite another type of company to do the job that Facebook cannot do. That is why I called this an operations research problem. In operations research, you divide tasks to different groups to optimize overall efficiencies that are hindered by poor task definitions.

This has nothing to do with capitalism, who is controlling the government, or wealth. That said, I do believe there are clear reasons to bust monopolies that naturally occur whether you have a liberal capitalistic system or a dictatorship or anything in between. Exactly how you bust them up takes study. Absolute power does indeed corrupt absolutely. My argument not to put an unreasonable demand on Facebook to fix a problem it cannot fix has nothing to do with the fact that it is a monopoly. It is a successful business with a business model that cannot be expected to do things that conflict with its core business model. The fix is to have another group develop another business and business model to fix the emergent problem. This is what productivity increases and economic growth are all about. New jobs are created, wealth distributed to more people, and so forth, because the government is acting wisely.

I hope my position is clarified. Sorry for the misunderstanding.

