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## Facebook files second motion to dismiss antitrust lawsuit

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Facebook has filed a second motion to dismiss the antitrust lawsuit brought on upon by the FTC. Image credit: Getty

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Social media company **Facebook** has filed a second motion to dismiss the antitrust lawsuit brought by the United States Federal Trade Commission.

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With the new motion, Facebook is stating that there is still no plausible factual basis for the claim that Facebook has illegally maintained its personal social networking monopoly through a years-long course of anticompetitive conduct. The social media company is also claiming that the FTC has not provided any evidence that Facebook's market position was protected by "barriers to entry" that prevented competition.

"The Commission's case is without legal or factual support," Facebook said in a statement. "This is as true today as it was before.

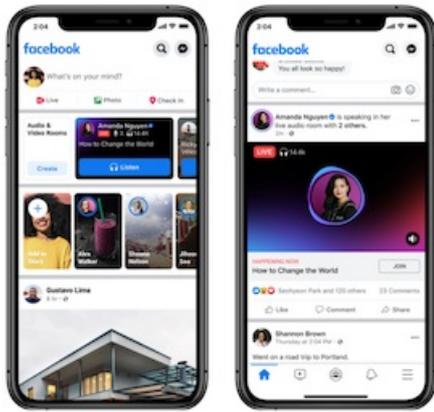
"We will continue to vigorously defend our company and the ability of people and businesses to choose the great products we offer."

### Facebook on defense

In filing a second motion, Facebook elaborates on its stances that the FTC has illustrated a "fictional" market when in reality, the social media sphere is rampant with competition, saturated with apps and companies including TikTok, Snapchat, Twitter, YouTube and more.

Facebook argues that the FTC cannot credibly claim Facebook has monopoly power because no such power exists. The social media company maintains it is driven by innovation and improvement as it actively competes for the attention of social media users.

Facebook's second motion to dismiss the lawsuit claims the FTC still has no valid factual basis for claiming monopoly power or that Facebook maintained this power through illegal, exclusionary practices.



*In August, the FTC filed an amended complaint in the ongoing case. Image credit: Facebook*

In August, the FTC filed an amended complaint against Facebook in its ongoing antitrust case ([see story](#)). Facebook refers to the FTC's second attempt as "send[ing] the message that no deal is ever truly final and that successful American businesses can be punished for innovating and improving products that give people greater value and choice."

The motion also notes that the amended complaint was not approved by valid FTC vote.

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