As has become customary with just about every new product announcement by Google these days, the company's introduction on Tuesday of its new "Search, plus Your World" (SPYW) program, which aims to incorporate a user's Google+ content into her organic search results, has met with cries of antitrust foul play. All the usual blustering and speculation in the latest Google antitrust debate has obscured what should, however, be the two key prior questions: (1) Did Google violate the antitrust laws by not including data from Facebook, Twitter and other social networks in its new SPYW program alongside Google+ content; and (2) How might antitrust restrain Google in conditioning participation in this program in the future?

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