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John Larkin wrote:

On 16 Aug 2006 11:35:13 +0200, David Brown
<david@xx> wrote:

There's no difference. Any company makes all the profit it
can. If
somebody offered you \$50 for your old rusty VW, and
somebody else
offered you \$12,000, which offer would you accept?

I wouldn't accept either.

Allow me to be skeptical here. You'd keep a rusty VW you don't want
because neither offer is fair?

No, assuming I did not want the car, I'd want to figure out a sensible price. The \$50 is easily rejected. When
offered \$12,000, people's responses would vary from "you must know something I don't" to "don't be silly, it's
not worth that much".

I see no reason for businesses to have any different attitude – money is a
necessary evil, not an end in itself. If money were the only important factor,
there is no point in a small company trying to produce electronics – they
could probably make higher profit margins running a porn site.

"Money" is not the same thing as "profit." At present, my company
needs a new reflow oven, a thermal imager, a good RF signal generator,
and we need to paint the roof, to reduce solar absorption and energy
use. Once we acquire these things, the IRS and the state of California

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both consider them to be "profit" and both tax us accordingly. Well,
maybe we can expens