

Re: Pinkerton On Hawking

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On Fri, 30 Jun 2006 23:49:31 GMT, in a place far, far away, fairwater@xxxxxxxxxx (Derek Lyons) made the phosphor on my monitor glow in such a way as to indicate that:

Note that Jeff Bezos is starting such a venture as well. I don't think that many would dispute his business credentials.

No, though of the two, I'd trust Branson more. One could argue that Bezos got lucky, with basically one right idea at the right time. But Branson, if he's gotten lucky, has done so again and again for decades.

Thank you – I had a gut feeling there was a big difference between the two, but couldn't put my finger on it. It was thinking along the lines of your reply, but couldn't put it so succinctly– which lead me to suspect it.

Nope. As I said, Branson has had successes and failures. If you're going to criticize Bezos because he's only had a single success, you might as well say that Fred Smith is a lousy businessman. Or Bill Gates...

Utter bullshit. Having Bezos come off poorly in a comparison to Branson states nothing about Smith or Gates, except as a typical Simbergian red herring.

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And yet you provide no argument to support your (contentious and rude) contention.

Of course, the point with all three is that they didn't just come up with a good idea, they came up with funding, implemented it, and adapted it to changing markets and competition over decades, while managing phenomenal growth of their companies and never being replaced by "managers."

Which Branson has done, and Bezos (arguably) has not.

So argue.

Bezos hasn't had as much time to prove himself as the latter two, but it's silly to write him off as a one-hit wonder, when one looks at how many things Amazon is now selling on line, with a healthy profit.

Now matter how many products he sells – it's the same business model.

And Branson's wasn't?