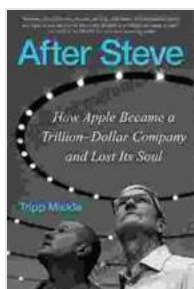


How Apple Became a Trillion Dollar Company and Lost Its Soul

Apple is one of the most successful companies in the world. It is the first publicly traded U.S. company to be valued at \$1 trillion. Apple's success is due to a number of factors, including its innovative products, its strong brand, and its loyal customers.

However, Apple's rise to the top has not been without controversy. The company has been criticized for its labor practices, its environmental record, and its tax avoidance. Some critics have even argued that Apple has lost its soul in its pursuit of profits.



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In this article, we will explore the factors that contributed to Apple's success. We will also examine the criticisms that have been leveled against the company. Ultimately, we will seek to answer the question: Has Apple lost its soul?

Apple's Rise to Success

Apple was founded in 1976 by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak, and Ronald Wayne. The company's first product was the Apple I, a personal computer that was sold for \$666.66. The Apple II, which was released in 1977, was a huge success and helped to establish Apple as a major player in the personal computer industry.

In 1984, Apple released the Macintosh, the first personal computer with a graphical user interface. The Macintosh was not initially a commercial success, but it paved the way for the iMac, which was released in 1998 and became a huge hit.

In the early 2000s, Apple began to diversify its product line. The company released the iPod, a portable music player, in 2001. The iPod was a huge success and helped to make Apple a major player in the music industry.

In 2007, Apple released the iPhone, a smartphone that combined the features of a phone, a music player, and a personal computer. The iPhone was an instant success and helped to make Apple the most valuable company in the world.

Apple continued to release new products in the following years, including the iPad, the Apple Watch, and the Apple TV. These products have all been successful and have helped to cement Apple's position as one of the most successful companies in the world.

The Criticisms of Apple

Apple has been criticized for a number of things, including its labor practices, its environmental record, and its tax avoidance. Some critics

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One of the most common criticisms of Apple is that the company uses sweatshops to manufacture its products. Apple has been accused of using factories in China where workers are paid low wages and work long hours in dangerous conditions.

Apple has also been criticized for its environmental record. The company has been accused of using harmful chemicals in its products and of not doing enough to reduce its carbon footprint.

Finally, Apple has been criticized for its tax avoidance. The company has been accused of using loopholes in the tax code to avoid paying its fair share of taxes. In 2016, Apple was accused of avoiding \$13 billion in taxes by funneling its profits through Ireland.

Has Apple Lost Its Soul?

The criticisms of Apple raise the question: Has Apple lost its soul? Some critics argue that the company has become too focused on profits and has forgotten its original mission of making innovative products that improve people's lives.

Others argue that Apple is still a company that is driven by innovation. They point to the fact that the company continues to release new products that are groundbreaking and that improve people's lives.

Ultimately, whether or not Apple has lost its soul is a matter of opinion. However, there is no doubt that the company has changed significantly since its early days. Apple is now a much larger and more complex

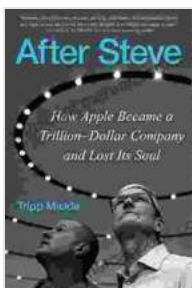
company than it was when it was founded. It is also a company that is facing a number of challenges, including increasing competition, rising costs, and changing consumer preferences.

Only time will tell how Apple will respond to these challenges. However, one thing is for sure: Apple is a company that is not afraid to take risks. The company has a history of innovation and it is likely that it will continue to release new products that change the world.

Apple is a complex and controversial company. It is a company that has achieved tremendous success, but it is also a company that has been criticized for its labor practices, its environmental record, and its tax avoidance.

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