While I have always been a "tinkerer" when it comes to my electronics like phones, tablets, game consoles, etc. But in the past few years, I have discovered just how critical it is to be able to "jailbreak" and install custom software on devices like smartphones.

A while back, I made the mistake of purchasing a Samsung Continuum smartphone based on some innovative new features it included. Unfortunately, it turned out that when the phone flopped, those features made it unappealing for Samsung to provide any support for it. All modern smartphones are sold under a 2 year contract while smartphone OS'es are advancing at a breakneak pace. The result was that if I did not have the option of installing a custom ROM on this phone, I would have been stuck with a device that had broken apps and an outdated OS that doesn't support more modern apps. My only alternative would be to pay a hefty fee to replace the phone while discarding this now-useless device into a landfill.

Even for well-supported handsets, this is a common scenario. Modders and hobbyists are able to breathe new life into outdated handsets with custom ROMs when the manufacturers are no longer willing to provide support. I've placed new ROM's on old smartphones for several family members, and this has allowed them to enter the smartphone world at an affordable price, and kept older electronics in use rather than in the trash bin.

Thank you for your time.