

I believe that once we, the consumers, purchase an item we are entitled to do whatever we wish to do with it. This includes "jailbreaking/rooting/unlocking our devices. While I do understand why carriers & manufacturers want to stop people from jailbreaking/rooting/unlocking/etc. their devices (to stop customers from returning defective devices), I believe that rather than deeming "hacking" illegal, mobile carriers & manufacturers should listen to the needs of their customers. One reason many of us "hack" our devices is to uninstall/delete useless applications (e.g. Verizon Wireless install applications on their devices and lock them to prevent users from uninstalling them). To prevent customers from "bricking" their devices, mobile companies (Samsung, Motorola, HTC, etc) should provide users with tools to help them achieve their goals (remove useless applications, install roms, etc.) and provide tools for customers to recover their "bricked" devices. We live in an world where anyone can research information pertaining to mobile recovery. We also jailbreak/root our devices for privacy reasons; Carrier IQ is ONLY removable by hacking our devices. If mobile carriers & manufacturers are willing to listen to their our discontent, the number of defective devices would surely decrease. Motorola provided tools to unlock the Atrix 4G's bootloader in response to consumer discontent. What is the result? Happy consumers & less returns. As for unlocking, carriers should allow us to unlock our devices. Many of us do so just to be able to use prepaid sim cards in foreign countries. The contract agreement between Apple & mobile carriers in the U.S. prevent carriers from unlocking their customers devices. Such a contract is immoral for Apple users are not entitled to full possession of their devices.