

Hello,

I am voicing my opinion and concern with rooting or “jailbreaking” mobile devices such as mobile smartphones and tablets. First off, the consideration that this is a crime is absurd. It's not a violation of copyright or any other type of crime.

Now, I am not a hacker, or computer programmer. I am tech savvy and I do work in the IT industry. I view rooting smartphones as this. I paid good money for this device. If I want to load a different version of Android onto the hardware I purchased, the hardware that I own; I have the right to do so. I understand that carriers want their software on their devices to streamline support. And I completely understand voiding the support warranty if I do root my phone. If I call ,lets say Sprint ,with an issue I am having with my phone after I flashed a custom ROM to it; then they aren't going to support my issue because the software is not their product. However, the hardware, still is. If a few months down the road my power button quits responding, that's not because I loaded CM 7.1 on my phone. Matter of fact, with a rooted phone I have better diagnostic tools on a rooted phone and can troubleshoot my issues myself better.

The capabilities, experience and functionality on a rooted device are just plain better.

Plus, if you look at it. If I ran out today and bought a laptop. I completely formatted the hard drive on it , erasing Windows 7 and I installed Linux on it, I don't get hit with a copyright violation or told that I have broken the law. I simply changed OS's on my laptop, or the hardware I purchased, and I upgraded. There is no difference, none.

Simply put, I paid for the phone or tablet. I should be able to do with it what I want, install on it what I want , and not have to worry about breaking the law by personalizing the electronic device I BOUGHT. It's my hardware, I should be able to put whatever software on it that I want.

Thank you for reading.

Best Regards,

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