

Personally as a consumer, I find that one should do as they please, concerning the modification of smartphones and tablets. The reason I chose to do so, was because I read an internet article, a couple months back, concerning the hidden installation of an application on some phones called "Carrier IQ". I have privacy concerns, as I think that if this software is on my phone, at the very least I should be notified. Well I installed the very popular aftermarket operating system "Cyanogenmod" to my smartphone, as a means of not only adding extra functionality to my smartphone that it didn't have prior, but to also rid my phone of the hidden application known as "Carrier IQ" from my device.

I encourage you to renew and expand exemptions for "jailbreaking", "rooting", "modifying or replacing the installed operating system". As a consumer, I have to be proactive about my privacy concerns, and while I think carriers are well intended when they install secret applications to ones device, one has to consider unintended consequences from such practices. What is to prevent someone from using the data acquired by "Carrier IQ" to stalk an individual, or put that person in harms way?