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I think that so called "spyware" is nothing less than a virus if it goes on your system without your knowledge.

Virus writers and distributors get prosecuted, and so should the likes of macrovision and their "C-Dilla", which installs so deep that it cannot be removed, and all other browser hi-jackers and searchbar assistants and backdoor programs that "call out" with info about your surfing habits, personal info, and who knows what else.

We didn't ask for this crap, and we are fighting it. Programs everyone with a bit of morals run on their systems are the likes of spyware blaster, spybot search and destroy, trojan hunter, pest patrol, ad-aware, Adshield, spysweeper, and numerous others, and these programs have to be updated on almost a daily basis because the people writing the spyware are craftier than email spammers. This is entrapment, cheating, and downright virus installing without being called a virus.