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Spyware, and all other euphemisms by which it is called by its perpetrators is invasive. The people who are making money by reporting the private activities of internet users are SPIES.

SPIES are people who obtain private information and sell it. People who are placing SPYWARE (the equivalent of electronic bugging devices) are able to eliminate all elements of privacy from the home use of a PC. It is illegal to place electronic listening devices in homes, offices, cars, and other places without a court order. It is wrong that companies like C2 Media are thus far permitted to surreptitiously place SPYWARE on our computers and then sell OUR private data to companies for ANY purpose.

Companies like C2 Media assert a "right" to harvest our personal, private individual by claiming that their SPYWARE and annoying POP UP Advertisements, and HOME PAGE HIJACKERS are no different than the ads we are subjected to on radio and television.

I won't honor that stupid, shallow claim to "legitimacy" with any more than this sentence.

I have spent almost \$200.00 in software costs, and uncounted hours over many days trying to repair the damage caused by the likes of C2 MEDIA and COOL WEB SEARCH.

I WILL NEVER BUY ANYTHING FROM A POPUP AD, OR FROM ANY COMPANY WHICH USES SPYWARE OR ANY FORM OF FURTIVE, VIRUS-LIKE SOFTWARE TO ALTER MY COMPUTER, OR REPORT ANY OF MY ONLINE ACTIVITIES.

<http://bubdaddy.blogspot.com/> is a blogspot in which I have listed some of the FREE methods for getting rid of C2 MEDIA and COOL WEB SEARCH which I've discovered after tedious, frustrating hours of searching and trying.

The mere fact that C2 MEDIA and COOL WEB SEARCH have to HIDE their software and their business from us tells you that they KNOW that what they are doing IS WRONG! They know that if they asked for our permission to take the data they are presently stealing, we would deny them. They simply sneak in and take what they want and sell our private data to anyone, and it anyone can sell our data to anyone else.

Just as there is now a "DO NOT CALL LIST" (thank you very much for that!), so there should also be a "DO NOT SPY LAW", with strictly enforced, severe financial penalties for each violation.

PASS AND STRINGENTLY ENFORCE LAWS TO MAKE THE LIKES OF C2 MEDIA AND COOL WEB SEARCH ILLEGAL - WITHOUT EXCEPTION. THEY ARE SPIES, AND ANYONE WHO USES A PC ON THE INTERNET HAS BECOME THEIR "FREE" COMMODITY. FAILING TO PROTECT OUR RIGHT TO PRIVACY BY FAILING TO PASS LAWS WILL CONVINC ME THAT YOU AS A GROUP ARE IN THEIR EMPLOY.

I call your attention to the excerpt below, which I have copied from Webster's Online:

Main Entry: 1spy <javascript:popWin('/cgi-bin/audio.pl?spy00001.wav=spy')>
Pronunciation: 'spl
Function: verb

Inflected Form(s): spied; spy·ing

Etymology: Middle English spien, from Old French espier, of Germanic origin; akin to Old High German spehOn to spy; akin to Latin specere to look, look at, Greek skeptesthai & skopein to watch, look at, consider

transitive senses

1 : to watch secretly usually for hostile purposes

2 : to catch sight of : SEE <<http://www.m-w.com/cgi-bin/dictionary?book=Dictionary&va=see>>

3 : to search or look for intensively

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