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## Hello,

I recently had to reload my XP Operating System at home because hundreds of pop-ups and spyware programs had gotten installed in my PC without my permission. Prior to that, my system consistently started slowing down and more and more pop-ups were appearing even though the PC wasn't on the internet. Reloading my system caused me much grief because of the loss of data that I had accumulated previously.

Just recently I asked a friend of mine why the government allows this to happen. What happed to our privacy? I liken this to having someone come into my home and installing all kinds of spy cameras and audio transmitters without my knowledge. And even worse, they are actually destroying property and causing millions of dollars of downtime not counting the millions needlessly spent on repairs.

Why can't the government make it illegal to use un-requested pop-ups and spyware and fine the perpetrators an exorbitant amount so that they will not do it again?

Thank You,

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