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I hate spyware, I hate adware, I hate popups, I hate spam. They are destructive, annoying, intrusive, and I think they should all be banned except by people that knowingly and willingly invite them in to thier own personal computers, or by buisnesses that also knowingly and willingly invite them, and under no other circumstance. I do not think they should be allowed to use "small print", or otherwise clouded notification. Notification should be front and center that whatever is being offered is with the users full knowledge that their computing will be monitored and information, personal or otherwise will be used, and how it will be used. People should be allowed to make a choice as to whether their personal information is allowed to be used, sold or shared by or with third parties. I am dead set against "Hard sell" techniques, as well as pesty sales people getting into my business, and worse yet, into my computer! The option to secretly install on any users computer a spyware or adware program should be dealt swift blows and be made completely illegal with stiff penalties. Spam should be made completely illegal with even stiffer penalties (especially since most of it is of a sexual nature.) I think it should be illegal for someone to use alias or otherwise deceptive address information and should be treated the same as fraud. We have so little privacy in our lives and in our society as it is. If I want my personal information advertised all over the world, I am sure I can find a way to do that myself.......I don't need some sneaky Pete doing it for me behind my back. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinion.

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