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Ok, heres how I see it. If I made a program that covertly installed itself on users machines, and made them visit websites, report data back to me, and so on, as does spyware; it would be considered a trojan or virus and I could be in for potential legal actions and criminal charges.

These people (who create "adware") dont deserve any special treatment. **USERS DONT WANT ADWARE ON THEIR MACHINES!!!** So, installing it anyway is a **CRIME**. And the worst part is... these people are screwing up user's machines, and generating immensely wasteful internet traffic **FOR PROFIT**. Something is **VERY** wrong with a world where users have to have **THEIR** rights to privacy and protection violated in order to preserve the "rights" of some company to force ads on them, and hijack their computers, force installations of **MORE** adware on their systems and so on.