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I am responding to class 3 and 5.

Section 3 and 5 Intro

I support the jailbreaking exemption for smartphones/tablets and video game consoles. I have been an avid user and hobbyist and altering software for improved performance and to better meet my personalized needs is very important to me.

Section 3

I have jailbroken (technically rooted as they are Android) both my Samsung Captivate smartphone and my Viewsonic Gtablet tablet. The latter I specifically bought because it had a lot of support within the online open source rom community (XDA, etc).

I decided to jailbreak my phone because it allowed me to alter the cpu performance to both increase performance and vastly increase battery life. In addition, it allowed me to have greater flexibility in customizing appearance options, which I found very useful. Without jailbreaking my smartphone I would not be able to customize the device to greater benefit my specific style of use. I would have much worse system performance, appearance, and most importantly, battery life.

I decided to purchase and jailbreak my Viewsonic Gtablet because the online community was amazing. The software that came with the tablet was horrible, however the hardware was powerful for its price. This fostered tremendous support from the online rooting community and has allowed an otherwise crippled product to become tremendously useful

Section 5

I also jailbroke and installed a linux operating system on my XBox. This vastly expanded the functionality of the platform as a multimedia device. This allowed me to use the device as a server and allowed for expanded storage capability in addition to greater customization.

Summary of Argument for Class 3

Outlawing jailbreaking will be ineffective because people will still do it because there is a very valid sentiment that that piece of property belongs to them. It will also be disruptive to the advancement of beneficial software development. Further, it will stifle the creation of new and exciting software communities and open source development.

Summary of Argument for Class 5

Outlawing jailbreaking is ineffective, people will still do it because there is a powerful and valid sentiment that the piece of property belongs to them once purchased. It will also be disruptive to the advancement of beneficial software development. Further, it will stifle the creation of new and exciting software communities and open source development.

Please, I implore you, do not stifle the brilliant creativity of these amazing communities! Thank you very much for considering my comments, please make the right decision.