Rooting devices such as Androids is not a crime, it is the equivalent of creating an administrator account on the computer you have at home. It permits the user to modify nearly any aspect of the device ranging from removal of junk software, to blocking ads in web pages automatically. Since Android is an open source operating system, you may rebuild it to suit your needs better. You can't utilize the open source aspect of the system without having root privileges. Please don't send people to jail over using something that is legal!

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