

I suggest that jailbreaking (bypassing the Copyright Protection) an iphone, ipad, or other smartphone device should be kept legal. This is for several reasons:

1. The device belongs to me and should be considered out of the legal jurisdiction of the manufacturer.
2. The device in its unaltered state prevents me from using it for alternate uses (for example, useful software I might obtain through cydia)
3. There is no real harm being done on the manufacturer by my act, other than those "harms" that one might imagine would come out of a competitive free market; i.e., I might buy or install someone else's product, utility, etc... onto the device and avoid paying a fee to the original manufacturer.

I acknowledge that the original manufacturer might claim a void on their warranty, which is ok, but that should have nothing to do with my ability to choose to do something else with the device.