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I am writing this in support of jailbreaking smartphones/tablets, as well as video game consoles. I am a hobbyist / amateur developer for the Android platform & find pleasure in the ability to root my Android devices, jailbreak my Apple devices, & gain the ability to play LEGAL homebrew games on consoles like my Nintendo Wii & Playstation3. Those of us that support rooting, jailbreaking, etc. are not asking companies to make it easier to root or jailbreak devices, or give as an alternative method, we are just asking that we legally be allowed to do it. We do not root our phones to pirate applications like many claim, we do it so we can run special apps, or a modded operating system, which are all legally obtained.

I would like to legally jailbreak all of my devices (smartphone, tablet, & video game console) however i view rooting my phone & jailbreaking my tablet as my top two. I root my Android phone so that i can install the widely popular CyanogenMOD aftermarket firmware to my device which allows it to become much more useful than before it was rooted. The operating system adds so many features such as: Quiet Hours, which mutes all sounds from my phone during a selected period; Themes to change the appearance of my devices; System Equalizer settings to fine-tune how i want audio to sound on my device & many more features that are only present & possible because we have legally been allowed to root & jailbreak our devices. I root my Apple iPad so that I can install Cydia for many of the same reasons that I root my Android phone: to gain access to games & applications that can not be officially obtained. Cydia is a repository of legal applications, modifications, themes, & games that Apple has not or will not accept into the App Store.

Despite what the companies say, we do not root & jailbreak our devices to pirate content. We do it because it allows us greater control of the product we purchased from them. Why should we not be allowed to use OUR devices as we see fit?

Thank you for your time & your support in this matter.