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I am a website publisher and heavy Internet user.

Spyware and Adware are horrible. They install themselves on systems basically without a user's knowledge, or atleast without a user understand what they are. Most of them also include functions to prevent themselves from being deleted. How is this not illegal? Even if the companies claim users had knowledge of the install, preventing an uninstall has got to be illegal.

Things like tracking cookies and whatnot are not bad or malicious and should not be included in this discussion. Most cookies contain no personal information and unless the user's PC is compromised they are only readable by those who write them.

I also have problems with some ad blockers, like Norton's "Internet Security." This program prevents completely non-malicious advertising and blocks completely benign cookies. Things needed to keep websites in business. I think its only a matter of time before Norton and companies like them are sued for this.

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