

## Re: Cellphone / GPS tracking services ... big brother, or mom, or wife ... is watching

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"JGS" <jgs123@comcast^dot^net> wrote in message  
news:hv6bt0h90826nuuap7mln6mr8f2eb25cn9@4ax.com...

[...]

- > *I have to agree with Alan. I don't like the constant invasions of privacy*
- > *whether they come from a GPS tracking device (work related is fine by me),*
- > *an in automobile flight data recorder (I won't own a GM auto), grocery*  
store
- > *discount cards that record forever your shopping habits, or the simple*  
fact
- > *that 90% of the computers on the net today are infected with some form of*  
*adware or spyware.*

I don't mind the possible invasions of privacy, possibly because my cellphones are turned off the vast majority of the time. I turn one on when I need to make a call, or am on a mountaintop. I'd love to have a GPS chip in the phone; but for now, I'll settle for giving 911 the coordinates off my GPS, or will rely on the old tower triangulation method (which has been around for a long time, and is adequate to tell someone his daughter is 10 miles from where she should be).

For people who leave their cellphones on all the time, I have a hard time reconciling their desire for privacy, with the fact that I can now hear intimate details of their lives, and they seem to be willing to take and send phone calls while driving, jaywalking, cutting in front of you in the fast food line, stopping dead in the middle of supermarket aisles, eating dinner at a (formerly) quiet restaurant, etc.