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Phil Wheeler wrote:

Faffo70 wrote:

Ipsos Insight released research today which suggests that Global Positioning System (GPS) navigation could become the next "breakout" cell phone feature. As part of a wider survey of more than 1,000 U.S. adults on technology and communications trends, nearly 9 in 10 (86 percent) of 171 users of mobile devices that offer visual display screens say that having a GPS navigation feature would be either "very important" or "nice to have" on the next handset they purchase.

More meaningless so-called "research". Likely less than 9 out of 10 know what GPS is in the first place.

I have rash idea.

How about cell phones that can reliably place telephone calls and have any attention *AT ALL* paid to ergonomics.

My employer equips all delivery vehicles with cell phones (at least 2 different service providers) . My route roughly covers Springfield, MO to Little Rock, AR to West Plains, MO and points between.

I would guess I have reliable service over no more than 60% of that area.

Both MO and AR use *55 for "State Police"/"Highway Patrol"

If I dial *55 on I430 or I40 north and west of Little Rock I'm handed off to Troop D of Missouri Highway Patrol in Springfield. [Dialing 911 at

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least gives me one of 3 counties near Little Rock]

That was before Cingular bought ATT, but since they haven't fixed towers from Marshall, AR north to MO line I presume problem still exists.

If a rep of Cingular reads this, please contact me. My email address *IS* valid.