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To me, spyware is no different than a door to door salesman coming into your home uninvited and then controlling what you read and watch on TV and reporting back to who knows where what you eat, drink, and talk about. It is an invasion of privacy to download itself without consent and I think quite illegal under current statutes to be installed by a minor just as visiting a porn site or signing up for an internet service such as AOL without and adult's consent would be illegal by a minor. If the spyware specifically asked for and got consent to be installed it would be a different matter, but as is most people don't get that choice. I think these companies should be prosecuted as much as a thug who breaks into and enters your house forcing you to his every whim. Send them to prison.

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