

Hello

I am adamantly against such a scheme, which (in my view) is an invasion of a person's privacy. An individual should not only be accorded the right to chose what he wants to receive in his mailbox, but freedom from the daily harrassment of receiving unsolicited emails.

I was harrassed to such an extent that I had to terminate my private email address. At one time, I was receiving 50 ~ 60 emails touting everything from Viagra and sex toys to instant university degrees. To my knowledge, I had never visited websites selling such items. At work, I spend about 10 ~ 15 minutes daily deleting spam. When I am on vacation, spam clogs up my mailbox such that valid business emails cannot get through. Worse, I had to waste valuable time clearing them.

Spam is UNPRODUCTIVE: the recipient almost never reads them, yet has to spend valuable time deleting them whilst the sender wastes time (which could be spent on more productive matters, like improving his service) sending them. When the spam reaches a certain tolerance level, the recipient has to expend money either changing his email address or subscribing to anti-spam software: why should an innocent, harmless individual be forced to spend such money unnecessarily? Can you imagine an ordinary shopper having to pay salespersons not to bother him so he can do his shopping in peace? Such a concept would be outrageous.

In my opinion, a framework for an opting out scheme for spams should not only NOT be imposed but legislation should be introduced to protect individuals from spam. Let individuals who wish to receive spam opt IN to receive them, but please do not put busy individuals to the trouble and effort of having to visit various websites in order to opt OUT of receiving unsolicited mails.

Regards
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