

## **tmac13**

Load the ad clicker from adnauseam.io and let it click ads so you don't have to. Fill their databases with garbage. We can be the "GI" in "GIGO" (Garbage In Garbage Out). This is an approach to resisting Goolag that is so threatening to Goolag's business model that they banned it from the Chrome store!

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## Chimonger

LOL! How does that really work? Does it also load junk onto users computer? Because, I'm playing HOB trying to fix computer to get it working again. F.APPLE forces users to belong to their AppStore; & have current OS, or they refuse to interface with Goolag, & stop loading many pages [including Mercola's!]....note, my OS is about 5 OS's behind times]. This is flagrant Planned obsolescence, put politely. It's EXTORTION, in legal terms, though, no one seems to be aware of that.... Tech companies are literally EXTORTING users, by forcing them to keep buying NEW hardware, & updating to NEW OS's, ALL THE TIME.....people were upset about their cars planned obsolescence? PHFFT! Tech companies get far more than that profit margin!

Recently, during adventures trying to clean-up this unit to get it working again, I was using TOR browser. EVERY TIME I used that, to access Gmail, Goolag sent a notice FORCING changing password, as they saw it as "someone has been logging into your account from other computers", &, they gave NO choice to dismiss that notice. After changing password twice, I emailed them, saying, "I know it was me logging in using TOR; STOP forcing users to replace passwords, when they know they were the ones logging in! Give users choice to skip that warning!".....interestingly, I have not gotten anymore notices?!

Thing is, what Guggle wants Guggle gets...as do other huge companies...so, even though we currently have TOR [ it uses the Firefox framework], that does not mean Guggle won't try to take over that browser. They've kinda failed to force Chrome on growing numbers of people. They might look at it as protecting themselves from competition & controlling users, so may try to target TOR for take-over....that's what I worry about. Because, IF they do that, it seriously undermines & endangers users world-wide, & the striving for freedoms people work for, using TOR.

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## tmac13

"Chimonger: LOL! How does that really work? Does it also load junk onto users computer? " No junk is loaded. All replies for the advertisers are turfed before they get to your disk. Think of it like an ad-blocker that messes with the advertisers giving them false hope and data :)

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## Chimonger

Ha! Had a veritable war to wage, just to update Firefox...because evidently Adnauseum only works on Firefox. Now it's there. Gotta wonder...look who are the highest rankers and users of Adnauseum...USA and Russia?! Anyhow, clicked to not see ads, get them booted out, and, screen for malware....full meal deal.

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## tmac13

Only firefox? Weird. I run it in Chromium on Kubuntu. I have set it up under Chrome proper but then you have to put Chrome in developer mode so it will load. It does a lot of blocking etc as well as mischief :) Glad to see you have joined the "GI" brigade. Keep fighting.

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## Islander

Chimonger, IIRC there is no charge to keep your Mac upgraded to the current OS. You can set your computer to upgrade automatically so you need not remember anything. I have no trouble with Google or with loading any site, including this one. Further: privacy is a myth; get used to it. We could live our lives in paranoia, or we could shrug and just get on with business. I probably use Google itself a dozen times a day – to find something, confirm something, identify a photo or even check spelling/definition. I'm not about to abandon any of my Google services. But that's just me.

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## Guillermou

The big problem is that now Google controls many of the most popular Internet services (blogger, youtube, chrome, ....) so it is not difficult to cross the data of a user who uses several of these services and with them set up a digital portrait of this person. It is impossible to deny that, Google and Amazon have blocked innovation on a large scale. The platforms of Google is the point of access to all media for most people, transmitting the advertising of allied companies and invading the minds of people with little development of critical thinking.

Corrupt capitalism dominates the media. The investor Peter Thiel published in 2014 a book entitled 'Zero to one', which deeply inspired Donald Trump in his presidential campaign. In it, he praised technological monopolies with phrases such as "competition is for the losers" and his anti-regulation speech plans very close to the current president, whom he advises directly while sitting on Facebook's board of directors.

Companies have more and more weight in global governance. Due to globalization and the technological revolution. The big monopolies have ended up making corrupt deals with the agents with governmental entities, destroying those that could suppose some form of minimum competition. There has been a transfer of power from the policy to the company and most of the large pharmaceutical corporations, the food industry, the technology and especially the communication industries are involved.

On the other hand, in Europe the picture different. Commissioner Vestager firmly watches for the competition and in June 2017 managed to get the European Commission to impose Google the highest fine in its history (2,424 million euros) to relegate its competitors in searches. Previously he had already faced Facebook, Amazon or Apple. Woodrow Wilson was right when he said in 1913 that "if the monopolies persist, the monopoly will always be in charge of the government"

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## Chimonger

Nailed it! Well said, as always! Tech companies, especially the big ones, have taken Extortion of public to new heights, forcing them to buy new tech so often; telling people their hardware won't work anymore, so must get new hardware, in order to use new software. Deliberate.Mafeasance.

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## **totalemfsolutions**

This is an important article! It's not uncommon to find a smartphone that is streaming data due to open apps running in the background and subsequently the person has tinnitus along with other horrible health issues. This happened to me and now I use a dumb phone and quite happy when the battery is out.

Unfortunately, with the implementation of 5G my phone won't be serviceable as the 3G network will soon be shut down.

Recently I measured a pilot 5G neighborhood and the voltage drop across the human body is some of the highest I have ever seen. The 5 and 7 year old children couldn't sleep and after 30 minutes of sleeping would sit straight up in their bed as if they were possessed. The parents also had sleep issues barely holding on. The sad thing is that most will scoff at the warnings and become sick or die bathing in this new EMF soup while relying on the same technology to access Facebook likes in order to bring satisfaction into their lives. It's a mess Joe and not many seem to get it. Your articles have saved people a lot of discomfort but for many it's now too late.

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## **giles22**

keep plugging away, what your saying will be heard, just keep plugging away. i always try and explain these so called 'health disasters" as something that is so foreign to humanity that even the science is too bewildering, just think we were apes not so long ago, i haven't seen a ape with electronic stuff beaming a overload of information into them. the next hurdle that is thrown out, is 'heck it's just too damn conformist not to it now! Reminds me of that analogy of people walking off a cliff because everyone else is doing it

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## grulla

"Unfortunately, with the implementation of 5G my phone won't be serviceable as the 3G network will soon be shut down." Can you further elaborate on that, as discount Consumer Cellular and A.T.&T. (GSM format) thrive on the simplicity of that service and customer market, myself included, with their Home Base service (with my own added outdoor antenna for RF EMF safety), which is essentially 3G. Any links? [www.zteusa.com/att-homebase](http://www.zteusa.com/att-homebase) [www.consumercellular.com/blog/our-wireless-home-phone-base-is-back/](http://www.consumercellular.com/blog/our-wireless-home-phone-base-is-back/) [www.lifewire.com/talk-unlimited-for-10-t-mobile-579428](http://www.lifewire.com/talk-unlimited-for-10-t-mobile-579428)

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## TheOrage

Thanks Dr Mercola for this vital information. This security issue is growing out of control. I couldn't understand why I was receiving ads that were very specific to my location when I was watching YouTube videos because I checked I had turned off all location buttons??? Now I understand that my computer is being triangulated by the cell towers! How invasive is that?

When I read in another post that Yahoo was caught filming people hundreds of times every few seconds I put 2 pieces of opaque sticky tape over my computer camera. Thanks to this article I have now placed the tape over the microphone that can "listen in" to my conversations (which was 2 small holes on the RHS of my MacBook. In a MacBook Pro you will find it inside the speakers so a little more tricky to find and secure.) Also, if you have bought a Smart TV lately you will know that you can tell it to change channels by voice command but it brings the same problem. Samsung have admitted that they can hear what's going on in your living area and the fine print says they can share the information with 3rd parties!!!! Here's a link to help you turn that one off [www.cnet.com/.../samsung-smart-tv-spying](http://www.cnet.com/.../samsung-smart-tv-spying) It's not just Samsung doing this so one needs to just check your settings on your TV.

I can see the future .... I will be watching an "anti-vaccine" video and before I know it there will be a living room full of SWAT teams! Don't help them .... turn off everything and only turn them on when you really need to. P.S. I don't think the 60 minute video was working as there was only 5 seconds that was looping? P.P.S. I had trouble posting this so meanwhile listened to another YouTube Video when an ad came up in regard to Security for a MacBook!!!! ... it's getting scary folks!

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## Guillermou

Hi TheOrage. Yes, There is no privacy, there is no freedom, monopolies are the owners of corruption. Google's manipulation defends the benefit of its interests and that of the government that supports it. In fact, in its privacy policy you can read the following: "When you use Google services, you trust us with your data". So clear. It is clear, is that we are subject to a rule of how much, where and how Google monitors us.

Google creates commercial profiles of us and, from there, they show us "notices", both in the Google services and in the mobile applications of the search engine partners. According to Google, this type of "ads" help to offer "free" services. What is not said is that this brings great benefits to google. It is clear that this is a perfect marketing strategy.

Internet companies provided specific services obtaining more or less isolated data from users. The problem is evident because Google controls many of the most popular Internet services creating a large monopoly, crossing the data of a user who uses several of these services and with them configure a digital portrait of this person, know what you are looking for, when and from where you connect, who you talk to and what, where you will spend your vacations. It's about controlling the business by controlling our lives. The profitability of this great monopoly is assured by the government's complacency, where it has powerful allies.

But the future can be worse. Google uses its strength as a monopoly to cover even more land. Google bought the company Boston Dynamics, which has worked for the Pentagon and the military. Surely we will have robotic spies in smart homes. The purchase of Nest Labs, an emerging company specializing in home automation, could only mean that Google was already installed in our house in charge of communicating all the appliances, devices and gadgets that live in your home with each other and, of course, with your smartphone. [www.bostondynamics.com](http://www.bostondynamics.com)

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## Chimonger

Orwell's 1984, in spades. Some have taken Smart TV's apart, and found there's a camera behind the screen, which is used to surveil, too. Those who attach a webcam to their units, that's usable by outsiders too. People who have smart phones, have discovered that, immediately after talking to someone in the vicinity of their smart phone, even though they thought it was "off"/not being used....shortly after, online, found, ads for exactly what they'd talked with someone about, on completely different sites. The file systems are very fast, and, very explicit in target-marketing. So, you can KNOW, the powers-that-be, are surveilling everything...EVERYthing.

So...anyone still excited to install Smart thermostats, Smart lightbulbs, Smart other appliances? PHFFT! JUST SAY NO! ANYTHING labeled "Smart", while marketed as "this will save you money/make life easier/etc. BS"....it's a thin cover for the actual purpose of them...surveillance and control.

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## DesertPaine

Let's keep this all in perspective. As bad as this-all is, it pales in comparison to the unauthorized authority, power, and information people casually give to govt without batting an eye. Those intrusions number in the hundreds and thousands more over the course of a day than what Google sees or hears, and similar magnitudes worse. At least Google provides a facade to say that people opted in. Again, this is no defense of Google. Google is evil. But complaining about the band on the deck of a sinking Titanic is misplaced perspective.

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## Chimonger

PERFECT analogy! LOL! [gotta laugh, to keep from crying].

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although I agree that surveillance technology that Google promotes is threatening as an authoritarian/ fascist/ totalitarian tool, the development of data collection has been going on as an advertising adjunct for decades - the 1950s became the decade where Mass Advertising came of age - theorists like Vance Packard published many studies concerned with the establishment of social trends - data collection became the lexicon for Mass Applications of consumer decision making - packaging pictorials/ language/ colors/ demands were collated and propaganda became a science that allowed social prediction to become part of the armory of Mass Advertising - the divisions included class - upper, middle, working - and eventually settled on children as the easiest and most vulnerable SUCKERS that would be netted - laws protecting children became inadequate - editorials became advertisements thus blurring the interface between fact and fiction - language itself became the victim of these manipulations - language lost its purity and became rhetoric - this was the realm of the Sophists who were employed by the wealthy in order to confuse and persuade SUCKERS that black is white and white is black - the tobacco industry was able to confuse the public for more than 50 years - vaccination and toxic pesticides like Round Up use the same techniques - this is how the world gathers its information and makes decisions based on signs and signals that are interpreted and acted upon - in this sense all human beings are data and information - the scale that Google now operates on is monopolistic because they have the market share in a market of information that they created - power can either be positive or negative - Google has responsibilities but is also curtailed legalistically - building profiles is what every business does if they want to remain viable in the marketplace - Google is gargantuan but this is how the market place of 8 billion humans is evolving

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## Guillermou

Hi Stan. Yes, Vance Packard shook the American public with a book called "The Hidden Persuaders", which despite the time elapsed and the campaign of discredit to which has been submitted by the great powers, is valid among the strategists of consumerism in The mass media. In the book it deals with the efforts that, on a large scale and with impressive success, are made to channel our decisions as buyers, as well as our mental processes, through the use of knowledge extracted from psychiatry and social sciences. The efforts are usually applied in a plane that escapes our conscience, in such a way that the incitements are frequently and in a certain sense 'hidden', with the result that many of us are influenced and manipulated to a greater extent that we realize. Social engineering modified our consumption habits and also our values and political mentality. The individual will thus become a consumer not only of products and services but also of parties and political leaders. Thus the ideological discourse is dispossessed of rationality and will become a slogan. This speech is used by the tobacco industry, vaccination, Roundup, etc. and now it is used to promote monopolies like Google.

The current reality is that the corrupt economic forces formed by the capitalist philanthropists and the governments of the most powerful nations are dragging the world in the paths of serving their interests. In addition, we speak of leaders influenced by their pressure groups, who have to reconcile numerous interests, and who often do not make the decisions of service to the citizens that brought them to power. The big monopolies have ended up making corrupt deals with agents with entities governmental, destroying those that could suppose some form of minimum competition. This article is of interest: How Washington power might corrupt Google

[www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2018/02/04/google-investing-millions-po..](http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2018/02/04/google-investing-millions-po..)

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## moach1

That's why Karl Marx was right back then when he invented his communist ideology. The idea was beautiful taken to the very extreme abuses by leaders who wanted the Soviet Society to be as pure as possible from dirty influences of capitalism, in which they saw an Evil by himself. They were right then, by seeing the future of Capitalism. They saw all the dirty aspects of capitalistic society, which supposedly based on their own improvisation of so called "democracy".

That rotten democracy has created the fertile ground for today's multiple monstrous devils like Google and Facebook, Monsanto and Bayer, BigPharma cartels...etc...etc. Monsanto have been kicked out of Russia a long time ago, also from India and many other Eastern European countries, from most Caribbeans...etc. But obviously there are many other second tier players who supply their poisons.

In any case, Russia today is not 100% different from Russia 20 yrs ago, but all 1000%. Just 20 yrs made huge huge difference on Russia's economy which despite the dirty accusations and aggression by US, is flourishing. So, if anybody considering moving to Russia, should really take it very seriously. Russia today is what America used to be 80 yrs ago. HiTech companies are on the rise, close proximity to 5 biggest economic powers of China, India and Korea, Japan, Indonesia...ets. No, I don't live in Russia, but know it quite well.

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## ari4896

How quaint. How droll. All of these "helpful" suggestions. Following all of this advice to protect your privacy is like wetting your pants in a dark suit. It gives you a warm feeling, but no one really notices.

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## Chimonger

...because, how would ANYone know, if all the "helps" are really what they claim to be, or, yet more covert mischief?

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## survivorafter60

I use Kaspersky and Ad Blocker Plus. So far. on this page, 49 ads were blocked and in total, 146,676 have been blocked on mercola.com. Ad Blocker let's me alllow certain non intrusive ads if I want. If I go to a site that tells me to disable ad blocking, I just go somewhere else. Kaspersky has a suite of tools that disable tracking, disallow cookies and several others that protect me. Other than that, I taped over my camera. I don't have a voice activated TV. I don't use Alexa or any other voice activated device. I do allow GPS tracking on my Android. I think Google and others will still find a way to gather information.

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## stardustonthesage

I've been using ad blocker plus for 3 years now (when I first started using it, it was just called ad blocker; the "plus" part was added just last year) and I wouldn't be without it. I LOVE IT! Like you, if a site won't let me in because of ad blocker, I just go somewhere else. The whole world is on the web - why should I let one site tell me what I can or can't do? I used Kaspersky for about 6 years, until last year when I read some things about it that made me wonder about them a little, and also their price went up considerably from when I first started using it.

I use Duckduckgo.com but I'm pretty sure google still has a way to search everything a person does, it's just what google has managed to get away with during the obozo administration, who let them do anything they wanted to do. I also do not use a smart phone or have any smart devices. Those are DESIGNED to spy on our activities. But otherwise, I'm pretty much like you - no alexa or voice activated crap and I have also covered the camera on my computer and I decline Skype and all the other bells and whistles the computer tries to talk me into.

Whenever I do a search even using duckduckgo.com I always, always, always go to the third or fourth search page, I never start out with the links provided on page one of a search because they are generally dot gov sites or dot edu sites or whatever, they rarely provide independent links. If I'm searching for something health or medical related, page three or four is where you'll start finding your alternative stuff - - otherwise it will direct you to places like webmd and I wouldn't search there for how to apply a band-aid. So, at this point, google may be able to track what I do (they are insidious that way) but they aren't going to like what they find and I'm not going to change how I do things, so we're at stalemate!

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## tuborg

Kaspersky is Russian company which has very tight connections with FSB (former KGB). So, you provide KGB with you info. Also they may huck your device, use it for sending spam or DDOS (attack websites) or even destroy your device if they got order from putin.

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## Islander

AdblockPlus works brilliantly for me. I did have to whitelist Forbes.com because they occasionally publish information unavailable anywhere else. The irony is that all those ads targeted to me? I buy almost nothing. I grow 99% of my food, fill my few clothing needs at Goodwill and Salvation Army, and shop farmers markets and yard sales.

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## ragus

Also, if you run a web site, don't use third party services like bbb.org, cbsnews.com, doubleclick.net, facebook.com, facebook.net, geotrust.com, google.com, googletagmanager.com, gstatic.com, linkedin.com, pinterest.com, scanalert.com, trustee.com, twitter.com, visualwebsiteoptimizer.com, youtube.com, ytimng.com (hint: they are used on mercola.com)

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## debdoo55

Oh swell! 🙄

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## Davidfaubion

Kudos to Doc (no not document) Mercola for addressing our socio-political economic health. Indeed, we the people are prey now to an atomic bomb-like economic evil called surveillance capitalism. Yet, we can still hear the call of whistleblowers and sew together our threads of rationality into a fabric of sustainable autonomy. Personally, I have acquired an immunity to advertising and consumerism; nevertheless, the beast may still find a way to exploit me.

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**ari4896**

If anyone has the task of reviewing the \*\*\* that my smartphone and computer are recording, that poor \*\*\* is going to be REALLY bored.

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**breathoflife**

goog ceo has been at builderburg for years. goog news is the ministry of truth. their search engine sometimes loves to be obtuse, especially if you are searching for something they want to bury, like all the government funded studies about the possible success that spraying micro particles of metal into the atmosphere would have at alleviating excessive ground temps. I have discovered that if you want a successful goog search, pretend you want to buy something related to your search, and you will get all the info you could ever want

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## Chimonger

1. See what pops up in goog? HA! it's same in most searches [except duckduck.go]...ANYthing searched, can land at top-of-search list, suddenly an Ad! It's weird-stalker-ish, for AI to make \_any\_ search, even for stuff none can buy, instantly into an Ad, aggressively, but mindlessly chasing consumers! [even for stuff like, "brain tissue", or, "scabies", or, "plague", or, "rhabdomyolysis" ...LOL!]

2. You're so right: Gaggle HAS turned malfeasant. It certainly IS actively burying sites that compete, or, which go against their leaderships beliefs or interlocutory Boards' interests, just like Facebook. Net neutrality got voted out [temporarily, I hope], Gaggle immediately vastly ramped-up pushing "undesireable pages" to back pages, or makes it impossible to do some things.

Been using TOR; Duckduck.go. Old OS--about 5 OS's in arrears, because refused to gift F.Apple a fresh credit card long ago...soon as they discovered this, years after initial card expired, they started locking me out of the AppStore, which starts systematically glitching system, & preventing updates.

Each time I accessed gmail via TOR, then accessed it via other browser, Gaggle slammed me with "you must change password; someone logged in from another computer"...and everything stops until that's done....3rd go-around into that game, I emailed Gaggle, & told them "\_I\_ was the sign-in on a TOR browser; stop forcing users to change passwords & stopping all email operations until they do! Give users a choice to change password OR NOT!" ...haven't heard from them in Daaaays....& oddly, Safari browser is now working a bit better....though for how long, IDK. In-process of cleaning this unit; as that's come-along, it's amazing how many things Guggle was involved in slowing, mangling, or obstructing.

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## cgr4850

Nonsense. We are not living in the sixties anymore and we are not going back. It's ridiculous to think you can "protect" your data. That horse has already left the gate. Access to data is critical for the success of every business going forward including this site.

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## TheOrage

Hi cgr, I don't understand your rationale that we have no right to protect our data which is really "personal information". My view is "It's ridiculous to think you CAN'T protect your personal information. The horse has only bolted because Corporations haven't been honest and the Government has been lobbied so hard by these Gigantuan entities. Fortunately there are people with backbone such as Commissioner Vestager who are reigning the horse in. Nobody told me that my phone, my laptop and my TV was going to be recording my conversations and that they would be using that to sell and promote products. "Tracking" your every move is another word for "stalking" and that is not only creepy but it's illegal. If a business can't survive without sneakily gathering your personal information then they don't deserve to exist.

Gregor - there is nothing hypocritical as you agreed to the cookies if you signed up to this site. That is why I only sign up to sites in which I am really interested. The old chestnut of "I'm not hiding anything" obscures the fact that Corporations are stealing personal information without permission. If you agree to giving your information that's up to you - the rest of us however want a choice.

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## otis101

The last thing I do before turning off my computer everyday is to "delete history". Sometimes during the day if I have visited several sites I will stop and "delete history" using Safari. Goodbye cookies I hope. I have used Duck-Duck Go for more than a year. I have no Smart phone or tablet or iPad. Do not use Gmail or Google for anything.

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## Kithara

Hear, hear. I personally have nothing to hide. So what if Google knows that I eat raw meat, have a furry face, and enjoy scratching corrugated cardboard!

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## **Islander**

Otis, your deleted history is still a matter of record. Check the links in today's story to see where they're stored.

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## **otis101**

Islander, I delete history so that I don't have "stuff" showing up uninvited on my computer as I travel. It's ok if my history is stored elsewhere. I no longer get sites bothering me just because I visited them earlier.

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## **AnjadB**

startpage.com is a good alternative, because it sends anonymous data and still uses google.

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## **MollyMalone**

Besides protonmail, tutamail is also good.

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## truthwillprevail

Why would anyone keep an encryption key on google drive? Thats just dumb. I use google drive as a dumping ground for junk files (like instagram screen shots) that would just take up space on my ext hard drive, but i do want a copy somewhere.

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## sammy7

Haha, Google. I change my mind all the time. If course you probably already figured that one out. Have fun trying to stay ahead of the game. Post or not to post.

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## AllCotton

Dr Mercola IT team:

I use Chrome as my browser and Gmail as my main email account. I've been signed up and receiving the newsletter from Mercola.com everyday for a decade. As of a month or two ago, suddenly all the Mercola and Becker (vet) newsletters starting going to my Spam box. This is despite Mercola.com being in my contacts. The message says something about failed authentication certificate or some such. I've managed a work around by going rather deep into the filter section of gmail, but I find it very odd that I have to. Now I'm suspecting this frank look at Google and its practices by Dr Mercola et al are the reason.

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## Chimonger

You nailed that! I've been getting similar popup window, telling me Mercola's site lacks certification....but I just click in that window, to open it anyway. There are a few other things that might trigger that, too....such as, older OS; older versions of the browser used, having cookies blocked, having ad-blockers. It's mind-boggling, the scope of mayhem that non-retro-compatible, extortion-designed software wreaks, on users' ability to use their computers, and their budgets; even their ability to participate in larger social circles and information!

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## MollyMalone

It may be a legal thing, because of the EU and the citizens' privacy that they (the EU) are trying to protect. As I understand it, all email services must now alert their users as to what and how they are data collecting. Users must either agree or not, but if you do not your email account may be suspended. I've received 3 emails about this, and yes, I did agree.

In the USA, these email companies are not protecting you one bit, they're just trying to keep the European market(s) open so they are complying with the laws there. Since it's too much trouble to make different rules for America, we all get to comply. Not entirely a bad thing since they must detail how data is collected and what it is used for, but now they actually have to have your permission to collect and use your data. If you disagree with them and don't sign their agreement, eventually (as of some future date) your email will likely be cut off.

Try protonmail or tutamail or similar. Those 2 are in Switzerland and Germany (I think).

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## rschneid

I understand all this. However, show me how I have been harmed, which is the underpinning of antitrust law, not bigness.

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## Freesia4

this article should be an awakening to all of us who Google and assume we have privacy!

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