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In the rush to remove what many consider an "electronic nuisance", it is, in my opinion, CRITICAL to point out, that to remove these devices is not only a violation of one's Right to be secure in their person, but, if implemented, a means of bullying students into a compliant echo chamber disguised as a "classroom".

1. There are far too many instances of teachers abusing students verbally, physically, sexually, and academically (punishing students for 'wrong think'). If the past decade has demonstrated anything, it's that the school and its administrators will go to extraordinary lengths to cover up abuse. St. Helens Oregon is an EXCELLENT example of a coordinated cover up at a school.
2. The ability to record lectures for home study only enhances one's ability to perform well
3. The ability to have a device that's capable of recording abuse for the purpose of future investigation is necessary. Too often, as cited by the St. Helens' efforts to hide the rampant abuse, not having such a tool would create an environment where abusers are believed and victims are denied justice.
4. It's not as obvious in the most recent months, but prior to, and in particular of POTUS Trump's first term, many students were abused for even having the possibility of a differing opinion from that of the instructor. Had the recordings not been made, these schools would've successfully bullied students into compliance or worse.

There are other points to consider, but, it is my opinion, the only reason this is being addressed is to allow the state and the schools to bully students into compliant submission, rather than create a learning environment free of distraction.

Students deserve to record their interactions with their instructors and vice-versa, their peers, and record the lectures for learning. This will create a more harmonious environment, one which students will have evidence, staff will have evidence that classes are being taught effectively and that abuses aren't happening.