

## Wireless Service More Than Just Calling Also Texting (SMS) IM Blocking Wrong:

Wireless service is essential not just for placing and receiving phone calls but for all forms of modern communications including sending/receiving SMS text messages delivered over one's cellular connection using the carrier's software or that of the phone manufacturer in cases where a phone manufacturer has designed their own software for messaging like Apple did with iMessage for iPhones, iPod Touches and iPads in iOS 5 (soon to arrive on Apple Macs in OS X Mountain Lion in place of the existing iChat application and to integrate with Apple's Face-Time application for iOS and Mac for face to face video chats) or Research In Motion (RIMM) did with its Blackberry Messenger app for Blackberry phones that are both free to use unlike carrier based SMS services. Our mobile phones let also use mobile IM and VOIP applications like Facebook Messenger, Google Voice, AIM for iPhone/iPad & Android etc to electronically send/receive instant messages in real-time. So for anyone to shut down wireless service as the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit did to censor communications of potential Occupy Wall Street (OWS) protesters in their station is clearly wrong. What if there was an emergency situation that developed during this period and someone had to dial 911 to call for help? No one would be able to use their phones or tablets to communicate whether via traditional carrier text (SMS), iMessage, Blackberry Messenger, AIM, Yahoo Messenger etc during the shutdown. It doesn't matter who did the blocking whether government or corporations are censoring free speech censorship is wrong. BART should not be allowed to get away with this. Please hold them accountable for their actions.