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1 YEAR AGO

GROUPME HAS IT BACKWARDS #(-

This morning a friend thought it would be a good idea to create a group on GroupMe— a group messaging service that works through their iPhone app, SMS or push notifications. You supply your phone number, pick folks from your contacts and you're done. Sounds like a good idea and it is, except GroupMe assumes it's perfectly fine to begin sending sms messages to your phone if you a) haven't downloaded their app, or b) haven't configured push notifications instead of texts or worse, c) haven't agreed to join the newly created group.

That's bullshit.

I was away from my phone the moment my buddy added me to the group. In less than 30 minutes, I received 25 text messages from the new members excited to try this new toy before the final text from GroupME:

We haven't heard from you, so we removed you from this group to be on the safe side. Don't worry, though? [sic] you can always get back in by replying to this text.

Granted, the first message gives you some information, including how to stop the messages but I couldn't get to my phone ('batin.) What if I was driving or at the doctor's office or in a meeting or 100 other things where I won't be able to opt-out? What if someone added me to a very large group of people? bzzzt... bzzzt... bzzzt... All at the cost of my limited text plan.

I should not have to sign up in order to pre-emptively opt-out of a service that could cost me. This makes GroupMe spam at this point.

UPDATE: GroupMe contacted me shortly after I posted this. (More on that later.) If you get joined to a group, you need to text STOP to that initial message in order to opt-out of the service completely.

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8.  [texburgher](#) said: Sorry, Albert. I just wanted to party.
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- 14.  [penllawen](#) said: Try Beluga, I like it a lot (but I'm not sure what it does in this scenario you describe, I admit).
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 - 25.  [cvxn](#) liked this
 - 26.  [onelysandwich](#) liked this
 - 27.  [indefensible](#) said: US sms plans are for shit. Being charged to *receive* messages is a fucking scam and it ought to be illegal.
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