

There is many practices having to do with telecommunications which show total disrespect for private property and its meaning by the FCC. The Wireless Carriers are simply abiding by FCC rulings some of which including the law border on the absurd and fortunately never are enforced.

First off the mere selling of Cellular Telephones by providers of the service is vertical integration and should be illegal. I doubt if its legal for my local Exxon or Texaco station to sell Toyoda's or Ford but the relation of a Toyoda to a gas station is similar to the relationship between Samsung say and a Wireless Provider like AT&T.

With the total support of this restraint on trade which this implies we next get to the FCC support of phone locking by the Carriers the other word to call this is theft of personal property. This is no different if you could not use your Toyoda unless you bought Exxon fuel due to fuel locking and in the automobile industry would never be permitted. Its one thing to lock your phone until the purchase is complete, its another thing to lock it permanently which is now legal. In fact until very recently if you unlocked your own personal phone you have comitted a felony subject to five years in jail.

Not surprisingly this law is not enforced as most of the international members of the multinational travel for whom SIM replacement is routine would be in jail. With protection of the industry like this the FCC should take on the name the Federal Theft Commission whose job it is to rob for the provider, in short consumer protection in this agency is a sick joke. Compared to the Billions in theft the FCC legally supports what it does for the consumer is negligible.

If you look closely at the Financial Statements of ATT and Verizon both you see that after immediate expenses incurrnd in operating the cellular equipment the immediate profit margins are about 72% per carrier. Its not wonder that the FCC is captured by the Telecommunications Industry. They have money to spare to produce a favorable regulatory body.