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I think the ban on cell phones should remain in place but the reasons for it changed. Since there is little proof that the use of cell phones in flight is any real danger on modern aircraft operation the ban should be because of public safety instead.

People talking on a cell phone are a distraction to other passengers and because voice modulation varies from person to person there is no way to enforce an expectable noise level. If ever person is allowed to talk on a cell phone at once no one would be able to hear emergency announcements and instructions.

Further more a flight attendant has enough to do without having to tell people they are talking too loudly for the comfort of other passengers and this might incite an argument to further disrupt air travel.

The concern should be for passenger safety and comfort not because of outdated concerns for the safe operation of the airplane. Taking a commercial flight is not a right it is a privilege if one can afford the ticket. No person has the right to jeopardize the safety of others because they want to talk on a cell phone.