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I just read an article stating that within current FCC filings, three people (out of hundreds dissenting) supported adding phone call abilities to flights. In the 6-10 flights I have a year, some people are already noisy, whether it's the family with 5 kids under 6, the excited and drunk tourists going to Vegas, or the REALLY annoying seat mate who just won't shut up.

However, I've avoided them all with a simple tool - in ear headphones. My headphones dampen the noise nearly completely, no matter who is sitting nearby - I've used them for years, and don't stress about the baby or annoying mouth breather next to me. Ear plugs would work too. If you are on an airplane, you likely have a bit of disposable income ? right now, online you can buy 25 pairs of earplugs for \$4.50. That box weighs 5.6 ounces.

Given the costs of wireless services offered now during flights, on board calling is unlikely to be used widely. Its presence could also be an additional security measure in the event of another 9/11.

Banning technology on takeoff and landing has frustrated travelers for decades now, and that mistake is now being rectified. Adding the option of telephony will create jobs and unforeseen opportunities that will outweigh a concern with a simple solution. Let's not kid ourselves that air travel is currently an oasis of tranquility. Instead, let's promote innovation whose mild and infrequent annoyance can be overcome with a modicum of effort.