

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my point of view on whether parents should be allowed to monitor their children's activities through installing apps on their children's mobile phones. I beg to differ on how the parents view privacy.

First, it is an ethical issue whether children's privacy should be violated. Parents are responsible for raising their children and their safety. This act of getting support from technology as a means or an excuse to invade kids' privacy should not be accepted under any circumstances. Instead, children are to be educated at younger ages the prominence of respecting privacy. To plant the idea of using electronic devices properly in their mind at their early ages seems to be more effective on the contrary. Installing apps in their children's phones may sound more efficient, it is an offence, though. I believe no one wants their messages with friends to be leaked to others. Ensuring that their children use these devices responsibly is absolutely not an excuse to monitor their children.

It is about the trust between parents and their children. It is appalling for parents to behave in such a way. The meaning behind installing apps is to restrict their children's activities without letting them know why they can't do that. Any one of the sophisticated parents will understand that this will devastate the trust between them and their children. These actions are counterproductive from my point of view. Children will resist parent's demand once they consider their parents not trustable. It will be more encouraging for children if parents could spend more quality time with them and trust them more, thereby preventing them from deviating from the right path.

Some people said that parents should have full control on their children, and they can do anything to protect them. I think that they consider children more as an object more than a human. Everyone has the freedom to do the things they want as long as they don't violate the laws and ethics. It is also important to let children learn from mistakes. If you don't even give them a chance of making a mistake, how could they learn a lesson? The role of parents is to guide their children to a right path, instead of providing a path that is only made according to their hearts' content.

In conclusion, parents installing apps to monitor their children is unethical, which not only disturbs their privacy but also destroy the trust among the family. Children should be given the right to use their phones freely. For the above reasons, I disagree with these parents' action completely.

Yours faithfully,

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