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Thread: [Googles allowed to hand over video/audio \(nest products\) to police without a warrant](#)

200ok - April 19, 2025, 12:41 pm

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Pr0m3th3us - April 19, 2025, 1:06 pm

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Quote:All persons are free by nature and are equal in their inherent and inalienable rights. Among these rights are the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and the acquiring and possessing of property.

DramaKing - April 19, 2025, 2:24 pm

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I suppose they legally can, but they shouldn't. That's not the legal process.

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Shouldn't be admissible if users 'own' their data. And, yes, the FBI did go through a court to pressure Apple over the San Bernardino incident.

Prepper - April 19, 2025, 3:22 pm

Although I do nothing illegal and have nothing to fear part of the reason I am dropping Android and Windows and going to Iphone and Mac (Apple) is because they do take privacy and security more seriously and they have directly fought to not allow authorities into devices previously.

I use another company though for my security cameras and will keep using them, the company I use requires a warrant or subpoena, they don't just hand it over for the hell of it.

I will say however my security cameras have caught criminals in the process and each time the police asked me to provide footage I did because that is simply the right thing to do but that doesn't mean I am against security and privacy.

TheNaturalBoy - April 19, 2025, 9:16 pm

Even though Google blatantly violates users' privacy, I once heard that their devices (phones and laptops), when properly configured, actually offer really good privacy. I don't know if that's true, but it's definitely ironic.

The Pact - April 19, 2025, 9:57 pm

Well this was fine when it was just being used to track down murderers etc.....but now in the USA things are a bit different, so who know what that will lead to.