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Thread: [Why do you use privacy coins?](#)

Mewtwo - February 26, 2026, 3:27 pm

I know this is HF, there's a lot of folks on here who wear their fedoras white, grey or black. Don't admit to any crimes on here. What is the reason why you want to hide your transactions and balances?

I'm more in the gray area when it comes to privacy coins. I think it's cool that the government can't crack Monero. Not even Uncle Sam himself. Maybe The Joker would've considered using XMR and truly enjoy his wealth.

I also just hate how public blockchain really is. Everyone can see where i've sent money. How much i have. Try to scam or hack me in somehow possible (cough cough databreaches). I'm sure there's a fine line when someone is just trying to enjoy profits, but simply just don't want to deal with the headaches that come along with it. Hence, XMR and cash is the way to go

5chn4pp - February 26, 2026, 3:44 pm

You kinda answered it for me in your post. The Blockchain is a public ledger and you sometimes want to break the trace using XMR. Maybe you don't want to share from which exchange you use to buy crypto for example.

SUI-3183372 - February 26, 2026, 3:54 pm

Don't really have a usecase for myself, haven't touched a privacy coin in quite some time. I'm not prominent enough to be watched or traced by people, if I want a degree of privacy, simply withdrawing funds from an exchange to a new address is enough.

IRLCash - February 27, 2026, 7:14 am

Yeah I don't have a use case for it, I just buy with the intention of it going up and selling for profit later.

C00Lssh - February 27, 2026, 3:04 pm

in my opinion, really the only true privacy coin out there right now is XMR (monero)

Rsynced - February 27, 2026, 3:23 pm

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Omniscient - February 28, 2026, 1:55 pm

I don't have to worry about people who send me funds tracing where I send them.

Example, I take a BTC payment to a wallet. Then I send that BTC to Coinbase. Now that original payer knows I have a Coinbase account and might try to SE CB to steal it.

That's just one example of why.

Nobody should know my wallet balance, who sends to me, or where I send it. That's not something which should be public. Checking Accounts are not public, why should blockchain wallets be?

Derrick420 - February 28, 2026, 2:04 pm

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Thats honestly a moral compass lol. The probabilities of prosecution is probably less than a person stealing a candy bar at a store.

It's blackhat, but my moral compass say it's grey lmao

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Tyr - March 1, 2026, 7:52 pm

tbh I am simply planning a massive, nationwide surprise party for the IRS. If I let them see the transaction history for 50,000 kazooos and a suspiciously large amount of industrial-grade glitter, it ruins the "surprise" when I finally audit them instead

Rsynced - March 1, 2026, 10:10 pm

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SUI-3183372 - March 2, 2026, 10:07 am

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Edit: I don't condone the behavior, just speaking on the economics behind it.

Mewtwo - March 2, 2026, 2:12 pm

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Never thought about that! That's a good way to make money. ?

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Phobia_ - March 3, 2026, 7:46 am

I use privacy coins to maintain anonymity & to keep my cc details safe on the net

Omniscient - March 3, 2026, 9:50 am

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It's how 911Proxy maintained their network ([Link](#))

Should generally assume that any [non-reputable] free VPN is simply a gateway for that VPN provider to utilize your network for nefarious purposes.