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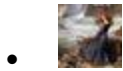
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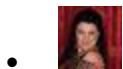
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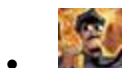
[Teresa Mertens](#) No! I love keeping touch with my family and friends all over the world with what's app!

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[Deborah Farvoyager](#) Honestly, I'd rather have a simple old fashioned phone where I just call my friends and talk to them, without a million other apps I don't have time to figure out anyway. I keep the apps on my computer. I call my friends on the phone. I guess I am old fashioned. lol

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[Rich Sweeney](#) No cell phone. I've got a land line and dsl. That's it. No cable. Communication devices are such a rip off.

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[Harold Staam](#) they are wonderfully usefully but also horrible time wasters...I like my smartphone but i miss not being sucked into my phone all the time..

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[Tabatha Ann Brallier](#) I hardly ever use it for calls. It rings, I give it a weird look , "What Is this noise your making? "

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[Stephanie Graybeal](#) No

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[Mike Mohondro](#) Absolutely yes. Smartphones have ruined human interaction and completely changed the world for the worse.

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[Zachary Jack Allinger](#) I could go either way really

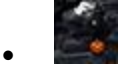
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[Amy Calkins](#) Due to my busy schedule and hardly home I have to have a cell phone but I love the basic non-smart DUMB Phone with talk and text no frills about it! I refuse to

pay more than \$45 a month on a cell phone. I have a land line at home also, and limited internet.

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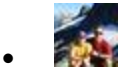
[Betty Deal](#) yes

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[Carolyn Stack Griffin](#) I still use a land line as well as a cell. I prefer long conversations on my land line.

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[Craig Romano](#) still managing to get by without one!

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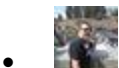
[Amber Jensen](#) Yes. I agree with [Mike Mohondro](#)... When was the last time you stood in a line waiting for something and struck up a conversation?

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[Brie Edwards](#) I never got a smartphone and don't miss it. I like being engaged with what surrounds me and not always having that internal urge to be checking online via a smartphone.

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[Charles M. Heinlen](#) It would be nice to have a cell phone that isn't basically a pocket rat.

If more Americans had any idea just how much their 'smart phones' spy on them, there would be riots.

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[Stacy Valencia](#) Land line! Cell phones are rude.

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[Christine Petrasso](#) No. I like the portability of a cellphone.

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[ChazBetz Bowman](#) Here's an idea. Do like I have since they came out...DON'T OWN ONE! I lived my whole 57 years of life without one, and I sure in the hell don't feel like I've missed anything by not having one and still don't!

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[Zandra Capehart](#) Yes I would! I feel empossed upon answer a phone when I'm busy with something else!

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[Whitney Huskey](#) I'm a writer and an artist and a student and a singer and an actress. I love how productive I can be with my smart phone. I can work on my novel from anywhere, look up reference pictures for drawing, look up information about our next rehearsal or schedule my next gig on a smarter calendar.

As a student my smart phone allows me to look up my grades, assignments due, PowerPoint slides, digital textbooks and study all sorts of things on the web from

academic resources. I can brush up on my French, start learning ASL, and drill myself on music theory.

I even have apps for anxiety and recording my caloric intake has been invaluable during my illness. I love knowing how many steps I've taken without another whole device to keep track of, and I have saved a lot of paper by keeping my favorite recipes digital.

Texting is invaluable to me, and so is having some of my favorite music on my phone, as I have severe anxiety. As an artist and a tactile person, I am still heavily engaged in the world around me. My smartphone is a tool, one that I've used to help me avoid medication, and one making me successful at work and at school.

I truly, truly feel sorry for those who think that smartphones have ruined the world and culture. The knowledge of the world is at your fingertips. I am using it to better myself. If you have no use for it, that is fine! But to say it has ruined human interaction is naive and very, very wrong.

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[David Tremblay](#) I have had a flip phone from the start. I like the security of having a phone if I get in trouble. And I can stare at other things besides a phone!

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[Char Dauterman](#) No. I like my smartphone.

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[Tony Dinaro](#) I'm old and grumpy! I don't like change! Stuff costs more than it used to!

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[Candie Graham](#) No. I wish I could get rid of all the costs associated with my land line, internet & TV and have an additional \$200 each month!

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[Terri Sue Taylor](#) Every home should have basic Landline service access with an old corded phone available, in case of an emergency or disaster only, such as a massive power outage, when cellphone towers won't work. Though my husband and I have smartphones, my husband uses a regular old flip cellphone for the Taxi business, because he does not like Texting, and it is not necessary to have a smartphone to answer a Taxi call. We DO use our smartphones for navigation on long distance trips, though. A handy feature! So, there are benefits in both.

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[Marc Gash](#) Don't be ignorant. That's like going back to the cave.

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[Danny N Gretchen Jones](#) We have a land line and a basic flip phone. No text, no data plan. Just not interested in anything more.

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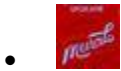
[Graciela Tiscareno-Sato](#) God bless America, land of too many options. Everything has an OFF setting. Feel free to use it.

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[Galen Knowles](#) The premise of this question illustrates a fundamental misunderstanding of mobile devices. They're no longer phones with extra features. They're personal computers first and foremost and therefore shouldn't be compared to land-lines as though the two have equivalent utility.

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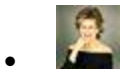
[Ella El](#) I got rid of my smart phone and purchased a \$10 dumb phone, text, phone calls, photos, no internet and I love my phone. It doesn't drop my calls and I have no reason to stare at it all day.

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[Val Ross-ahtila](#) YES OH YES FOR SURE I dont have a cell phone and dont need one

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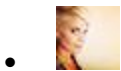
[Melody Wilson](#) No way!

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[Raylene Nance](#) I just downgraded from a smart phone to a Jitterbug flip phone, no contract, \$29.00 a month, 200 minutes a month, Saving a ton of money...LIFE IS GOOD!!!

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[Aubrey Thill](#) Yes!

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[Rocky Lobdell](#) Do you ever wish you didn't have to

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[Lottie Herman](#) Yes, yes, yes and yes!

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[Brian Babcock](#) They are all garbage and they keep trying to get you to buy the latest and greatest. I don't own one.

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[Donna M.Opsal](#) I have a basic cellphone and landline- I do not miss a smart phone.

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[Katherine Shields](#) I REALLY want my land line back. The hard ware is repaired and the on switch was flipped by an obliging repair man. Last time I checked the service provider wanted \$3000 just to let me use the flipping wires again. We really need it the internet VOIP is terrible. Please NEVER give up a land line if you can possible do so, they are much more reliable in an emergency. If the address on your VOIP bill for the server is not the same as the one for your house you could get routed to 911 for New Jersey. (That happened. The address is corrected now but what next. The power goes out then there is no phone in short order.)

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[Mary Berry](#) No!! Are you nuts?

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[Christy Gerhardt](#) i have a faux blackberry (mostly for the pull-out keyboard) and love it. text my daughter mostly...wouldn't have a smart phone if you gave me one for free...too many bells and whistles to mess with (life is too short to learn them all). no land line...but use the wall's phone plug for my internet connection.

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• [April Dawn](#) Nope. Cell phone saved my life. I think everyone should have one because you never know when you become a victim and almost die

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• [Barrie Ryan](#) I do not wish to give up our incredible technology. Let's not forget, though, the priceless value of personal connection.

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• [Alice Galeotti](#) Smartphones have been a blessing and a curse--great coordination and time management with family members, but ridiculously high costs for phone/data plans. I'd like to get rid of mine but I'm way too invested in apps to give it up, at least for now. I do long for the simple Razr flip phone days at times...

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• [Melodee Garrison](#) no, don't want to go back to the old ones. I like the ability to get phone calls when I'm out and around, mostly. Well, at least I can screen calls that way

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• [Lori Rukes](#) I remember when I was teenager " a long, long time ago" and we got one of those long,long cords ...you know the one where you could take the landline phone into another room, so your parents couldn't here you talk to your friends or your boyfriends... Lol... Told you I was old

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[Summer Elise Prater Swanson](#) Yep, I do miss just using the landline for communications.

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[Wilma Bob](#) I love to have a land line with out all the hidden FEES!!!!

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[Stephen Terry](#) If I wanted to go back to a landline with all the telemarketers calling during dinner, I never would have bought a smartphone in the first place. The silence is golden. Also, there are so many places I have to wait for things. Doctor's Office waiting room, line at the pharmacy, etc, and it gives me something to do while waiting.

Also it makes it very easy to co-ordinate with a spouse when shopping alone or across the store from one another. I can even send pictures of what I am looking at!

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[Helen St Clair](#) Some of the younger folks communicate exclusively by text or post. I love being able to communicate with those I love, so having to text is a small price to pay to keep connected. Next I need to learn to use 'messenger'. I did like old ways better, but I don't want to be left behind.

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[Melissa Dobeas](#) I feel guilty relying on my phone for so many things but it IS a great tool.