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Apple

Apple is a company that has been successful in creating products that are both innovative and user-friendly. The company has a strong reputation for its products and services, and it has a large customer base. Apple is also a company that values its customers' privacy and security, and it has a strong commitment to protecting their data.

The Situation

- The San Bernardino shootings created a difficult situation between Apple and the FBI
- The shootings were carried out by a married couple who killed 14 and wounded 21 at the husband's wife's holiday party
- There was speculation as to whether these attacks were rooted in terrorism
- They seemed to be working alone, but more could be known if the FBI had access to their iPhones.

Questions

- Do I have a right to my data?
- Is it worth the cost?
- Is it worth the risk?
- Is it worth the effort?

Pros

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Apple is a company that is known for its products and services. The company has a long history of innovation and has been a leader in the technology industry. Apple's products are known for their design and user experience. The company has a strong focus on privacy and security, and has been a vocal proponent of user rights. Apple's products are used by millions of people around the world, and the company has a large and loyal customer base.

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- Is it my responsibility to protect my data?
- What if I am hacked? What if I am hacked?
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Pros

- Apple has supported other efforts to gain information regarding investigations and national security.
- The National Security Agency is working to gain information from iPhones.
- Apple has a long history of supporting user privacy and security.

Cons

- It would set a precedent for other companies to be forced to create backdoors.
- It would weaken the security of iPhones.
- It would allow the government to access the data of any iPhone user.

CEO Apple
"San Bernadino Gunman's iPhone": Katie Benner
"Hacker's phone without Apple's help" Matt

Apple's CEO, Tim Cook defended the company's software with a letter to customers which said:
"The government would have us re-examine our capabilities to the operating system... electronically. This would make it... force," trying thousands or millions... a modern computer. The implications... chilling. If the government can use... to unlock your iPhone, it would have... device to capture their data. The... of privacy and demand that Apple... intercept your messages, access... track your location, or even access... without your knowledge. Opposing... tightly. We feel we must speak up... overreach by the U.S. government... demands with the deepest respect... of our country. We believe it would... to step back and consider the implications."

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- Authorities could access the phone information

The FBI

- The FBI requested that Apple create a software that would assist in decrypting locked iPhones that are confiscated in cases such as this
 - This would act as a type of "backdoor" to the iOS that could be used to access to locked phones

Apple

- Apple's CEO, Tim Cook defended the company's refusal to create such a software with a letter to customers which read:
 - "The government would have us remove security features and add new capabilities to the operating system, allowing a passcode to be input electronically. This would make it easier to unlock an iPhone by "brute force," trying thousands or millions of combinations with the speed of a modern computer. The implications of the government's demands are chilling. If the government can use the All Writs Act to make it easier to unlock your iPhone, it would have the power to reach into anyone's device to capture their data. The government could extend this breach of privacy and demand that Apple build surveillance software to intercept your messages, access your health records or financial data, track your location, or even access your phone's microphone or camera without your knowledge. Opposing this order is not something we take lightly. We feel we must speak up in the face of what we see as an overreach by the U.S. government. We are challenging the FBI's demands with the deepest respect for American democracy and a love of our country. We believe it would be in the best interest of everyone to step back and consider the implications.

Pros

- Authorities can prevent future attacks by gaining information regarding accomplices and terrorist cells
- This "backdoor" could speed up ongoing investigations
- Authorities could access the phone of any criminal and gain important information

Cons

- Puts every user's security at risk
- It is a clear violation of privacy
- It leaves iOS users more vulnerable to hackers

Questions

- Did Apple respond rightly to the requests of the FBI?
- Do the pros outweigh the cons? Vice versa?
- There are clear dangers to the making of this software, but would it be better if it were created by Apple in a controlled environment rather than to risk someone developing it on their own?