Five reasons to avoid

1) Apple's iPhone completely blocks free software. Free software is software that respects your freedom and your right to learn and to share what you learn with others. Additionally, programmers must pay a tax to Apple to create software and Apple becomes the sole authority over what can and can't be on everyone's phones.

2) Apple's iPhone endorses and supports DRM — technology designed to restrict how you can use software and media that you've purchased. We call this kind of technology "Digital Restrictions Management".

3) The iPhone exposes your whereabouts and provides ways for others to track you without your knowledge, and because the iPhone isn't free software, only Apple can control the GPS chip in your phone.

4) Like iTunes, the iPhone won't play patent-and-DRM-free formats like Ogg Vorbis and Theora. These are formats for audio and video, similar to MP3 and MPEG, but without the restrictive and prohibiting licensing that the creators of those formats require.

5) Remember, iPhone is not the only option. There are better alternatives on the horizon that respect your freedom, don't spy on you, play free formats and let you use free software.

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