A People's History of Tech

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You used to call me on my cellphone ...
Check out our mobile phone playlist.

Prepare your phone for protest.

Simple steps to take from The Markup.

- Decide how and if to bring your phone
- Use a passcode, not a fingerprint
- Subdue your signals (and download Signal)
- Lockdown location tracking
- Harden your hardware
- Neutralize notifications
- Think before you share
- Physicalize your phonebook

Encrypt your messages.

Secure messaging apps such as Signal are make sure only the people sending and receiving messages can read them. (All the people in the conversation need to be using the same app.)

Find the dumbphone for you.

Looking to ditch your smartphone? Jose Briones' guide helps find the right feature phone for you.

Take Action!

Build a better tech future with resources in the people's library.

Recycle your old device.

For every million cell phones we recycle, 35,000 pounds of copper, 772 pounds of silver, 75 pounds of gold and 33 pounds of palladium can be recovered.

Make your phone more boring.

Switching a smartphone to grayscale helps people reduce their screen time by 18%.

Share a **significant moment** in your life that involved a mobile phone.

Recall a time you felt **vulnerable** because of your mobile phone.

About

A People's History of Tech is a collective storytelling project. Rather than focus on lone genius inventors or technological innovations, this living archive centers the embodied stories of the human experience of technology.

Reflecting on our place in a more inclusive history activates our agency in imagining the tech we want in the future.

A People's History of Tech: The Mobile Phone