Should the Internet of Stings do more? Or do less?

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The vision of the "Internet of Things" is that every object in your house contains a computer, and these computers observe everything about you. The part that isn't mentioned is that they report it all to companies and the state, and actively mislead and manipulate you for profit. This is why some of us call them the "Internet of Stings". For safety, we need to advance **in the right direction**.

- Before anyone makes devices that can communicate forever from inside your body, you must be able to **detect and remove** any such devices.
- Before anyone makes home appliances that can understand that you are planning to join a protest, or that you pray five times a day, you must be able to **stop them from recognizing or showing anyone** any of that.

Companies already foist devices on you that do too much. (Non-"smart" TVs are being discontinued.) Before anyone increases what they can do to you, **you** must control **them**.

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