
Subject: Re: OT: What do you do to sales people on the phone?

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Human telemarketers don't annoy me anymore. They go away when you tell them you aren't interested and you can have them place you on the do-not-call list by asking them to not call again.

Mechanical ones, on the other hand- they piss me off to no end. You know the type; they call and there's no way in hell you can hang up until they're done with you (seriously...you hang up, come back 5 minutes later and that digitized voice is still blabbering on about something or other). Mechanicals make me want to kill things, especially when I've got other calls I want to make.

Telemarketers aren't the ultimate form of phone evil, though. Call waiting is. Nothing, and I mean nothing annoys me quite like a person who calls me and then proceeds to put me on hold while they yak on the other line. I frankly don't give half a shit how important that other call is, you called me. You are wasting my time. My answer to things like this anymore goes something like this:

Caller: Hi, how are you?

Me: Fine, you?

Caller: Great. Hey, could you hold a minute, I've got someone on the other line...

Me: No.

Caller: What?

Me: I won't hold.

Caller: I have to take this call.

Me: Fine. Just don't expect me to be here when you get back.

Caller: I'll call back then.

Me: I won't answer.

Caller: Why not?

Me: Whatever you want to say to me, you can say it now or not at all. If it was important enough to call me about before you called whoever else you want to talk to, you can let them wait.

Caller: I don't understand why you can't just hold for a minute.

Me: I don't see why I should have to. Have fun on the other line.

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What's even worse is when someone like that calls for someone else living in your house and then makes you hold as if they were someone who you wanted a call from in the first place.
