

PREDICTION: MEDIA WILL BE ANGRIER ABOUT AT&T BREACH THAN ILLEGAL WIRETAPPING

Anyone want to bet that Rahm Emanuel will be more incensed that AT&T made his Gmail address vulnerable than about the illegal wiretapping the telecom did for Dick Cheney?

Apple has suffered another embarrassment. A security breach has exposed iPad owners including dozens of CEOs, military officials, and top politicians. They—and every other buyer of the wireless-enabled tablet—could be vulnerable to spam marketing and malicious hacking.

The breach, which comes just weeks after an Apple employee lost an iPhone prototype in a bar, exposed the most exclusive email list on the planet, a collection of early-adopter iPad 3G subscribers that includes thousands of A-listers in finance, politics and media, from New York Times Co. CEO Janet Robinson to Diane Sawyer of ABC News to film mogul Harvey Weinstein to Mayor Michael Bloomberg. It even appears that White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel's information was compromised.

And you think the generals and NYT's overpaid CEO are gonna be a little miffed by the possibility that their data was compromised?

Thing is, AT&T is a shitty company. They're a shitty company when they don't take precautions to protect customer data. And they're a shitty company when they agree to continue a lucrative wiretap program without even demanding proof

that the Attorney General approved the program.

I just hope this stupid data compromise makes
the MOTUs with their 3G iPads think a little bit
about all the ways AT&T sucks.