

**Subject:** Re: CalyxOS  
**From:** Louis Rossmann <louis@rossmanngroup.com>  
**Date:** 9/5/22, 22:30  
**To:** Daniel Micay <daniel.micay@grapheneos.org>

Daniel,  
  
From what I see, no one here has attacked you. In the video you link to, Pavel is using grapheneos as the OS of choice on his own device because he prefers it to CalyxOS.

Feel free to tell me to screw off. I'd understand if you did, and won't be offended. Id6 suggest stepping back for a moment and asking, in an honest manner. Are all of these people against you? Me? Mozilla foundation? Everyone else? Is it normal to give five figures of money to people you're "attacking" ?  
  
I'm not a genius programmer managing an amazing project. I'm a college dropout that had to cheat to get out of high school, but I do have 13 years of experience managing and mentoring people in a difficult field. To be blunt, I believe this persecution complex is what holds you back from achieving your true potential. We are not involved in a disinformation smear campaign against you. As long as you believe this, it will hold you back from achieving your full potential.

My protegee in board repair used to do the same thing. The time, money, and resources he spent on that could have been spent massively growing his business. It wasn't until we stopped wasting time on the stock processes that he started moving forward, making friends and allies in the community and becoming massively more successful.

In my opinion, the "threat" of using the entirety of the donation to argue with people is passive aggressive, manipulative, unhealthy, and wasteful. We want to see your project succeed; if you choose to use those resources to take actions that, IMO, are wasteful, and akin to shooting yourself in the foot, that is your right. That's what no strings attached means. But that's where I give up.

As I said in the very beginning, I wish you the best of luck with your project.

On September 5, 2022 8:54:57 PM CDT, Daniel Micay <daniel.micay@grapheneos.org> wrote:

On Mon, Sep 05, 2022 at 09:53:54PM -0400, Daniel Micay wrote:  
On Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 01:22:07PM -0400, Louis Rossmann wrote:  
How about this: I will send you a list of questions in advance, I will ask you those questions on the audio podcast, and that's that? if I can increase the likelihood of you getting a donation from my boss in the future, OR increase the likelihood of other people finding out about your project and donating, hopefully that will make things easier.  
  
Thank you.  
  
In this video, substantial misinformation is being spread about GrapheneOS and how it differs from CalyxOS:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9w5G6d1111I>  
  
If you want to help GrapheneOS, then you could start by not trying to promote a highly insecure OS that's not as usable as somehow being more usable. You could stop misleading people into thinking they can't get devices with GrapheneOS on them. You could stop making many inaccurate claims about the project with other people.  
  
Right now, you've gotten a \$40k USB donation for GrapheneOS but you've also gotten the same amount for a group that's misleading people and is engaged in very hostile underhanded attacks on us. You're increasingly spreading their talking points and attacking us.  
  
I hope you realize that CalyxOS doesn't have the standard Android security model or Android security updates. Recommending it to people is doing them a huge disservice and leaving them with weaker privacy and security. It's not 'degoogled' as people like to misrepresent it, and it's certainly not more usable than an OS providing dramatically better app compatibility.  
  
This is going to be a blocker for moving forward with anything.  
  
Perhaps I'll simply spend the \$40k hiring people to debunk the continued misinformation about GrapheneOS which is the main thing holding us back from success. Would certainly save a lot of time for the developers not having to deal with it.