

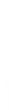
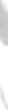
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How to ditch Spotify & switch to something slightly less evil.

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artists-on-spotify-had-over-1000-monthly-listeners-in-2023! /                                                     <img alt="Icon of a person with a speech bubble" data-bbox="8

artists. You can make playlists on the app!

Buying a \$/ digital album on Bandcamp is infinitely more meaningfully supportive than streaming alone.

Why quit Spotify?

They pay artists terribly while their CEO, Daniel Ek, rakes in millions.¹

Some hundreds of millions of those dollars were invested in a military tech start-up in 2025.2 Shortly after, Spotify started running ICE recruitment ads.

If you really need more reasons than that, read Liz Pelly's book: *Mood Machine: The Rise of Spotify and the Costs of the Perfect Playlist.*

Alternatives to Spotify*

Worst: Youttube Music, Apple Music
Meh: Tidal, Deezer, Soundcloud
Best: Qobuz, Bandcamp

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Making the switch

Bandcamp is not a 1-to-1 swap for Spotify (or without problems) but! They pay artists the most by an incredible margin

No subscription, you buy digital or physical music from artists you like! Often on a sliding scale pricing.

infinitum, and the files are yours.

Consider: Bandcamp!

Support musicians

That is to say, don't forget to buy music from your favorite artists!

To put that in perspective, around 81% of artists on Spotify had fewer than 1,000 monthly listeners in 2023.⁴

Once you've imported your library to the new streaming service, smash that cancel subscription button over at Spotify! And maybe give Daniel Ek a piece of your mind, while you're at it.

Don't forget to buy
music sometimes!

Spotify streams pay a fraction of a cent out to artists. If that weren't

openly streams for a living. So a cent out to artists. If that weren't bad enough, they recently demonetized all songs with less than 1,000 streams per year.³