

Google calls failure to disclose hidden microphone 'an error' but everyone knows Google exists to spy on citizens for the DNC

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Google says it was a mistake not to disclose the presence of a microphone in its Nest Secure home security system, but insists it was "never intended to be a secret" after customers raised concerns about the product.

The company earlier this month announced it would add Google Assistant support to the Nest Secure system, meaning owners would have the ability to deliver voice commands to control the system. The announcement immediately raised questions because it meant Google was allowing users to activate a built-in microphone that customers previously did not know existed.

"The on-device microphone was never intended to be a secret and should have been listed in the tech specs," a Google