

# Re: Disable changing history settings

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You are right. Setting those settings is only ment to protect the GUI.

But if you apply this policy and someone alters it in the registry the setting you have configured via gpo should come back on next refresh I believe.

Have you tested?

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Hi,

I have enabled the "Disable changing history settings" in a group policy. This does gray out the box in Internet Explorer, but doesn't stop me from going into HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER in the registry and changing the DaysToKeep value to anything I want.

Is there something wrong here with my system/setup or is "Disable changing history settings" only meant to protect the IE GUI interface? Am I supposed to be setting manual permissions on the registry during logon to protect that key or something else?

I could see how blocking access to regedit would help, but that doesn't stop another rogue program from altering the values, as long as it doesn't go through the IE GUI.

What is the "right way" to lock down IE?