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The Dreadful but Beneficial Test

“Hey, son, where do I turn the key to start the car?” The son replies, “It’s a button. You don’t have to turn the—” The father interrupts, “What does this button do?” The son’s love playlist starts to reverberate throughout the vehicle. The son embarrassingly switches seats with his dad, and the family drives with the son as head of the vehicle, and both family members continuously ask questions. Queries varying from “What does that sign mean?” To, “Uh, can I go in this lane?” From that, I believe that drivers should be required to take refresher courses. The reason stems from the growing and always changing world we live in, the—also—growing and aging drivers, and our nation's overall wellness and safety. People need to stop driving every day knowing that they’re at risk for being a sorrowful statistic. Take a refresher course.

I am fortunate to live in a world where innovation and new technologies come out yearly. Still, when people do not adjust to the new modifications, it’ll bring more negatives than benefits. Not knowing certain implications of new technology, signs, and proper and updated road rules will bring disastrous consequences. I’d like to provide an idea that requires a mandatory two-day course and test every election year for people who have not recently garnered their license in the past two years. The course does not have to include driving. The course could be taken at home—on a computer—or at local DMVs for the sole purpose of accessibility for everyone. The course should—on the first day—include a short and simplified curriculum of newly added incorporations of the road from the past four years and—on the second day—have a test. The computer test that is taken at home, to ensure there is no cheating or assistance, must be proctored online by an official through a computer monitor or camera. Along with that, the test should be no less than or equal to 50 questions—for the convenience of everyone’s time—and should be multiple choice questions with either phrases or images as the answer choices. As a result of this test, every driver will know and be aware of the rules of the road and the newly added implications, making certain we live in a world of safety for ourselves and everyone around us! Let’s make a new statistic: the most recent years have been the safest years of driving in American history.