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Should Texting While Driving Be Treated Like Drunk Driving?

Most of the accidents are blamed on unfocused driving, and most of the distractions are triggered by the usage of cell phones. Texting while driving has at all times been known as a chief distractor for motorists on the roads. Most of these motorists lose concentration by paying attention to their cell phones or computers and deserting to observe the instructions on these roads. Most motorists are always busy texting on some social platforms that entertain them, making them lose attention on the road resulting in unnecessary circumstances. Most individuals prefer to stay tuned on social media platforms so that they can catch up with trending stories and news. They were texting while driving can be very dangerous and can cause death and disability to numerous individuals. Therefore, texting while driving is illegal and should be treated like drunk driving.

Texting while driving causes distraction to numerous individuals, and they cause accidents that could have been avoided. Most of these disruptions make the motorists lose attention on the roads and lead to accidents that could have been avoided instead. Numerous individuals lose their lives due to the negligence of these motorists. Due to these motorists' attention to their cell phones, it becomes difficult for them to keep their vehicles on the road as needed (Abouk *et al.,* 150). As an outcome, most of the motorists end up driving outside the road, whereas others end up on head-on coalitions that would not have occurred if the motorists weren't on their cell phones and concentrated only on driving. Machines like computers can perfectly do multitasking, but for humans, it is unmanageable.

Numerous motorists who multitask are not able to recall their key role, which is to drive. They give their cell phone much concern, and as an outcome, they do not observe even the traffic guidelines. As it is known, motorists have to pay attention to some road rules and symbols, but these are hardly observed due to these motorists being ignorant. Most of these accidents may just take place at the point where foot travelers are needed to cross. A motorist who is busy on the cell phone texting may not notice the zebra crossing lines, and this causes them to drive over the blameless foot-travelers crossing the road peacefully.

Most of the motorists affected by this issue of texting are young drivers. The teens

are greatly affected due to the fact that they are the individuals who want to keep linked with the emerging stories in the media. Likewise, they do more follow-up on their numerous friends who need their devotions, and they aren't patient to pause until one gets off the vehicle. You discover that vehicles aren't moving even when the light is already green in some circumstances. Texting while driving causes accidents and makes motorists be inconsiderate road users. When motorists don't observe and follow the road symbols, they inconvenience the other road users (Abouk *et al.,* 150). This is a serious crime that is punishable by the court. Such matters should not be deserted, and there ought to be firm guidelines that confine the use of cell phones while driving. The present guidelines should be strengthened so that they can be strictly observed.

Following laws on phone use, there have been some guidelines that post charges and fines on those who fail to follow the guidelines strictly. Some of the nations, including the US, established strict guidelines under the governance of Barrack Obama. The passed decision-making order did not permit any kind of federal worker to utilize their cell phone while driving. Individuals who were found disregarding these guidelines were forced to pay serious fines, with the smallest amount being 20 dollars. Such fines are not prearranged, and being fined 20 dollars just for texting while driving is a bit unfair. The only way to evade such consequences is to be good motorists observing road rules. The fines become nastiest when there is an accident instigated involving human life. The motorist who triggered this accident might end up in prison due to the fact that he or she has caused the death of an individual on the road because of his negligence. Some of the motorists involved in such crimes are occasionally registered as invalid driving license owners (Bayer *et al.,* 2086). This makes them be invalid motorists for the rest of their life. Some of these problems can simply be by simply solved by concentrating while driving and not participating in needless chatting.

When a motorist participates in texting while driving, they also put their own lives in danger. When they cause an accident, they can develop injuries or even die. It is not only the third party who gets affected by accident but also the first party who is the driver also gets affected. It is so unfair for somebody to put their lives into danger while texting and get injured for no good reason. Most of these motorists have been permanently disabled, and their legs are being amputated, making them get used to living with one leg. This brings about financial catastrophe due to the fact that money for medications is needed, and there are a lot of costs experienced in some serious circumstances that might end up leaving the motorist's family broke.

Texting while driving may also have some positive impressions. In as much as it is not

suitable it has few positive impressions. Sometimes, there are emergencies that need to be dealt with instantly, and the driver cannot delay and text back after reaching their destinations. By texting back, they may save a condition that could become worse if not addressed (Gliklich *et al.,* 487). Some individuals can relate to this statement because they have found themselves in such circumstances before where they put their lives at risk to save other individuals' lives.

There are also few vehicles programmed to operate in a way that they are controlled by specific software. This software assists the motorist to have a great time participating in texting and doing things without essentially being attentive to the road signs because the vehicle would sense them.

According to the above arguments, driving while texting has numerous drawbacks than benefits. Thus, texting while driving leads to the loss of numerous lives and injuries as much as drunk driving and should be considered illegal. Therefore, texting while driving is illegal and should be treated like drunk driving.

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