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Hello [REDACTED]

I have missed the deadline for submissions and was hoping you would consider the contents of this email. This may or may not be directly related to the subject of the submission but would like the contents to be passed on for consideration by the relevant people.

This is about the method which is current for driver training.

As it stands, in general terms, an licensed driver may sit in the passenger sit of the family car or the equivalent and proceeds to 'teach' the art of driving a vehicle in a competent and safe manner. The only real benefit this method generates is of a financial nature. There is next to no costs involved other than fuel and negligible wear on the vehicle.

The problems are many:

1) There are no dual controls. The passenger has no ability to stop the vehicle if things go wrong unlike in an approved driving school vehicle. Or also slow down the vehicle

when the said learner driver is speeding.

2) The licensed driver is poorly qualified (in the mains) to teach a young person all aspects of driving. I challenge anybody who is old enough to have a child over the age

of 16 yrs and 9 months to pass a driving test, practical and theory.

3) The so called instructor pass on knowledge to the best of their perceived ability. This really means they pass on their bad habits that culminate in 20 or so years of driving.

I think we should look at this whole thing seriously and make some radical changes.

1) In the least, ask the prospective tutor to pass some sort of driving instructor course.

2) Ideally, all driving tutoring should be done by a qualified driving instructor via an accredited driving school. No more having a family member teaching a son or daughter how to drive.

3) An other absolute ideal situation, cost aside, using a simulator. This would allow various scenarios to be presented to the pupil for increased experience.

If the abovementioned ideas were to be implemented, I feel we would also have more responsible young drivers on the road and less under 25 accidents.

Regards,
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