



Are Motorists Becoming Selfish, Stupid, or Just Lacking Good Ole Common Courtesy?

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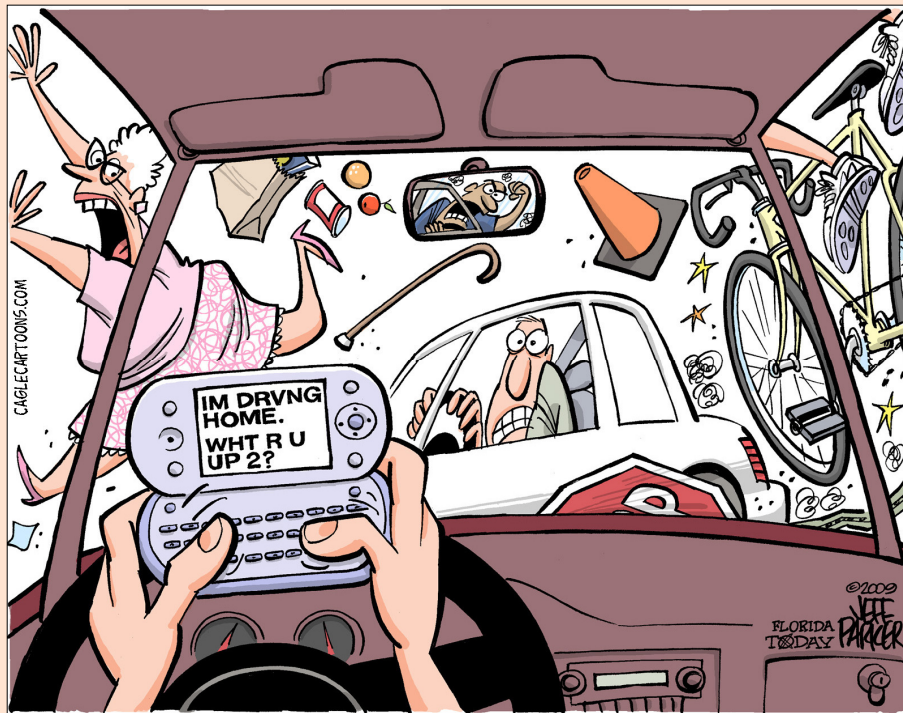
The majority of motorist out there on the roads obey the traffic laws, exercise good judgment, have common sense, and are courteous of others using the road.

But I swear, the sheer stupidity of what I see and it's becoming more and more. I'm sure anyone who reads this sees it too. So, with that said here's a taste of what I'm seeing. How many of you be on your bike or in a cage have seen these drivers going down the road and an emergency vehicle bearing down on them with lights and siren going, blowing the horn and they're completely oblivious to what's behind them and the emergency vehicle can't around them because the guy behind you thinks to himself as you pull over there's my chance to get around the car(s) in front of him and as you look back in your mirror and a half mile later they get the memo. Or one of my fan favorites the ones driving 10 to 20 miles below the speed limit on a two lane road backing traffic up and let's not forget the texters you can see their eyes aren't on the road in their side view mirror if you happen to be behind them. The list goes on and on. To me this is a dangerous growing trend and it could be just a lack of common courtesy, it's defi-

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has had enough and goes for it and maybe the car behind you goes and doesn't check his mirror. The scenarios can go on. The point is people do things they ordinarily wouldn't do and puts everyone else at risk. If the driver in the scenario was doing what he or she should have there wouldn't be a problem, and yeah in a perfect world everyone would do and behave like they should.

The point here is as bikers we, more so than cage drivers need to be extra vigilant of these kind of drivers and be ready to execute at the drop of a hat if necessary.

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