

As irritating as they may be, don't you sometimes feel a little sad for those poor folks whose lives are so pathetic that they need to find satisfaction by exercising their power to thwart others on the highway?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Are you crazy?
- d) Who? Are you talking about me?

Which is more satisfying?

- a) Passing a slowpoke on the right
- b) Goading the poker into speeding up so you can't get by
- c) Can't I do both?

Why is the Ford Expedition wandering off the side of the highway over and over again during morning rush hour?

- a) It's an expedition, silly
- b) Just testing those rumble strips
- c) Beer, not the best breakfast smoothie

Why do people turn on their left turn signal, then turn right?

- a) They're secret agents and can't let you know where they're going, or else they'll have to kill you
- b) They don't want to spoil the surprise
- c) They just forgot where they were going
- d) They have a severe case of driving dyslexia

Who's causing all the traffic jams?

- a) The idiots who follow too closely
- b) The idiots who leave too much space
- c) What do you mean, idiots?

Have you read your owner's manual?

- a) Some of it
- b) Every word
- c) Just the good parts
- d) My what?

Why do they come up behind you at a good clip, then just settle in behind on your bumper and stay there, when there's plenty of opportunity to pass?

- a) They're chicken
- b) They're stalking you
- c) They're exhausted
- d) They're reading your bumper stickers

What are you doing about the price of gas?

- a) Turning the SUV into a nice planter
- b) Buying oil company stock
- c) Hiding the keys where nobody can find them, even you
- d) Trying to pretend you haven't noticed
- e) Telling the young folks how when you were their age, gas was 30 cents a gallon and somebody pumped it for you, while he checked the oil and cleaned the windshield

I have *never* almost hit somebody in my blind spot because I forgot to look.

- a) True
- b) False
- c) What do you mean, almost?
- d) I don't know what you're talking about

Why don't people pass when they can, particularly when there's a line of cars behind waiting on them?

- a) They tried that last week and had a terrible accident
- b) That's none of your business
- c) They're too tired
- d) They're just plain ornery

Why do they hang in the left lane when they're not passing anyone and traffic's backing up as far as the eye can see?

- a) To prevent you from getting to work on time, or to the day care center before it closes, or to the airport before you miss your plane, or to the hospital before your wife delivers, or home for dinner
- b) They forgot where they were
- c) They don't like you
- d) It's just nicer over there
- e) They're holding you until the police arrive to haul you away and award them a junior deputy merit badge

Why are they in such an all-fired hurry?

- a) The boss threatened to fire them if they're a minute late one more time
- b) They're heading for the nearest rest room and you don't want to know any more than that
- c) The baby's screaming in the back seat and they need to find out what's wrong right this minute
- d) They imagine they're in an exciting movie chase scene
- e) What do you mean, hurry?

When someone passes you, do you feel

- a) Happy that they're free
- b) Like you're losing the race
- c) Somebody what? Really?
- d) Glad to be alone again

Show of hands:

- ◇ How many of us truly believe that we're going exactly the right speed and you're not? You all go on ahead, I'm still counting hands here.
- ◇ How many of us think of the posted speed limit as the maximum, and how many consider it the minimum? Uh huh. And how many think it's *just right*?
- ◇ How many have never made a stupid mistake while driving? How about in the past year? In the past month? The past week? Today???
- ◇ How many of us are ready to give up our cherished innocent victim complex on the road, in exchange for a more relaxed, stress-free driving experience?