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2022 Public Opinion Survey

Transportation Safety Office

Comprehensive Report



Key Findings

Understanding of traffic laws and attitudes towards enforcement

In general, people understand the laws, but do not necessarily comply.

- Phones and other handheld devices were the most frequently-cited distractions while driving, although almost everyone (91%) knew it was illegal.
 - Almost two thirds (66%) support ticketing people who drive while using a phone.
- Most (89%) respondents understood that drivers must yield to anyone riding a bike.
- About one third (32%) said rolling stops while riding a bike were illegal.

There were mixed levels of support for the hypothetical policies described

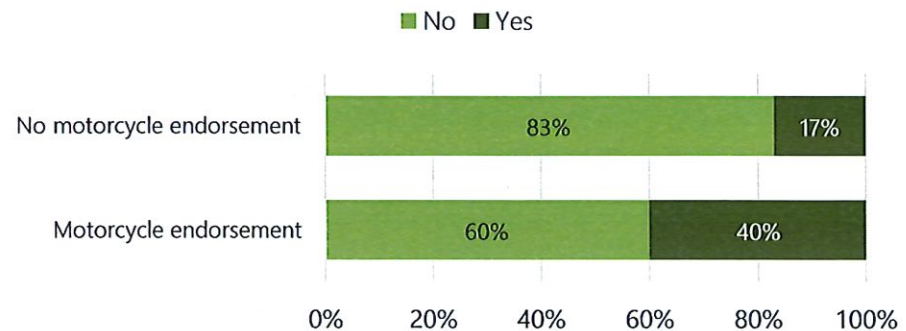
- Oppose lane splitting (77%)
- Support creating sobriety checkpoints (60%)
- Oppose lowering Oregon's DUI limit to 0.05 BAC (68%)
- Support including certain medications in driving under the influence (74%)

Respondents with a motorcycle endorsement are more supportive of a lane splitting law and less likely to consider lane splitting unsafe.

- Around one-fifth of all respondents (23%) supported a new law permitting motorcyclists to "lane split", the rest were opposed.
- Among all respondents, 61% said that lane splitting was not safe at all.

Would you support a new law giving motorcyclists the right to "lane split" while driving?

Base: Wave 2 respondents (n = 1,202).



Correlations:

- Respondents who supported lane splitting tend to be younger, or male.
- Respondents who are younger or men are more likely to think lane splitting is safe.

On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means "not at all safe" and 5 means "very safe," how safe do you think the practice of lane splitting is for motorcyclists and surrounding vehicles?

Base: Wave 2 respondents (n = 1,233)

