



# The Left Lane®

## *A Comprehensive Plan to Save Our Roads*

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#### Objectives

*Left Lane is an ongoing project to improve driving across the US. We are highly unaffiliated, unorganized and self-righteous hypocrites who seek to shame people who make our roads a living nightmare. We are recruiting an army to awaken every shit-ass driver around. Having been raised in the Motown, we are imbued with a sense of responsibility to right the world of all that has gone wrong with that sniveling racist's beautiful invention, the automobile. We will stop at nothing to achieve our objective.*



Driving is a headache just about anywhere in the US. LOC has driven on three continents and 7 countries, and we have discovered one remarkable truism: 90% of our country drives like shit and 99% of our country thinks they're good at it.

Thus the problem with driving, everybody thinks they're right. Not unlike our second favorite topic, politics, everybody claims objective validity. That's because in both cases the prerequisites for having an opinion are minimal, in the former you merely have to pass two tests and be 16 years of age. Let us break down these tests for you. Part one: Can you read big fucking dots and letters as they are flashed in front of your face? Part two: Press the gas, press the brake, turn the wheel. Do you know what a stop sign looks like? Whoopdee-fucking-do, here's your license. "Mommy, daddy, I passed the test, where is my new four wheel drive monstrosity complete with shocks strong enough to roll over poor people?"

And in the latter, well, you need only be 18 to vote. In both cases, we place our lives in the hands of the under-informed and overconfident. For half the drivers out there, the Secretary of State is the only place they have ever passed an exam. And for all the preachers out there, watching the evening news and casting their ballot every 4 years has them thinking that they are politically aware. Ooooh, how we love to hear these people prattle about driving and politics – so illuminating. Add a missionary or a televangelist to the party, and we are walking in with a shotgun. No remorse, just good deeds with the click of a trigger.

If you are among the righteous 10% of decent drivers in this country, I wish to thank you. We are brethren in a war waged longer than any other. We have followed each other in the glorious left lane at breakneck speeds. We have shared that moment – that brief eye contact in the rearview mirror – that nod across driver and shotgun windows – that acknowledges our unbreakable bond. Daily we brave the roads slam-packed with halfwits and psychotics. We few are a virtuous band. We have survived because we are aware, awake and defensive drivers – and, lest we forget, because we are lucky. We have so far been able to beat lady fortuna into submission. To you, this site is dedicated. To the rest of you ass-heads, read on, repent and change your driving behavior, because we are coming for you. Left Lane wants a reckoning, and your pride is the price. We are multiplying.



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## The Left Lane Manifesto

### The Left Lane

The Left Lane is more than the leftmost lined passage of any road; it is a philosophy on driving; a contagious mentality shared by a relatively small number of drivers (i.e., the good ones). It is the sound belief that individual liberty should be permitted on our roads.



We at LOC believe that we can reestablish a left lane – one true to its inherent purpose

### The Dialectic

Since its inception, the left lane has been increasingly corrupted. It has gotten to the point where we don't even know where to pass anymore. Daily, we witness our brethren opting to pass in a lane to the right, because the left lane is crowded with ass-clowns who have no clue as to the purpose of their mirrors. On our roads, we quarrel amongst ourselves incessantly. We throw fingers, we cut each other off and we intentionally prevent other drivers from driving at their preferred speed. All to no avail – for what purpose, we ask you?

Veils have gently fallen onto our faces. We are fighting amongst ourselves.

It has been a lifelong dream to establish a left lane free of impediments – a left lane where every driver could travel as fast as he wanted, unhindered by others. To that end, it is impossible to mitigate the risk permeated by the police. We have no choice but to accept this risk, so-called civil servants are characteristically slow to change, while goading our brethren to drive appropriately regardless of antiquated and quasi-fascist laws.

The inherent power and beauty of the left lane will be revealed. It has struggled under the iron claw of ignorance and sloth. Its time has come.



## The Time Has Come



### Take Back the Roads

Let's face it, the Secretary of States and Departments of Transportations across this nation are failing us. Driving is increasingly stressful, inconvenient and hazardous. But it's certainly not due to a lack of financial interest in state departments: in January 2004, the State of Michigan Transportation Commission approved approximately \$161 million in statewide transportation projects, mostly to fix up our oft traveled roads. And we're all for it, keep fixing the roads, at least you'll keep the workers working, but you ain't even begun to help us frustrated drivers.

To that end, what this country needs is a massive information campaign on proper driving. That's where LOC comes in - we are going to do the dirty work, just because we can't bear the pain of driving in these piss-poor circumstances any longer.

The Secretary of State collects nearly \$2 billion in revenue each year, which is "...distributed between the Michigan Transportation Fund and the General Fund and used for a variety of other purposes as required by law." LOC collects souls and whatever you send us in the mail, for that we provide practical driving guidance, entertainment, propaganda, as well as information on traffic, speed-traps and overzealous police. It's time to take back the roads we paid for - they had their chance, up there, but down here it's our time ("well this one's mine, and I'm taking it back, I'm taking them all back" - what?).



### Left Lane Driving Rule 1

In the left lane, the fastest car determines the speed of traffic. In said lane (aka: the passing lane, the great lane, the godly lane, the path of gold) all incoming vehicles must travel faster than the vehicle behind them or get over to the right instantly. It is absolutely unacceptable for car 1 to continue driving at the same pace in the left lane if car 2 (behind car 1) is approaching at a faster speed – even if car 1's speed is sufficient to be passing cars to its right. Again, the speed of traffic in the left lane is dependent on the fastest car – move faster or get over immediately.

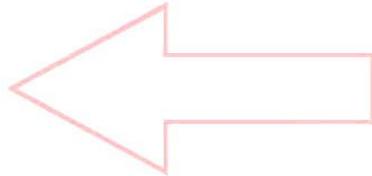


### Rule 2

The left lane is a passing lane only. Its sole purpose is to provide vehicles the opportunity to pass other vehicles. The left lane should never be used as a cruising lane when there are clear openings in the lane to the right. Immediately after using the right lane to pass, one should merge to the right in utter reverence for the serene beauty of the left lane.

### Rule 3

In the right lane, the slowest car determines the speed of traffic. Should a driver wish to pass, a driver may do so on the left at a speed such that joining a new lane to pass will not slow traffic in said passing lane.



### Rule 4

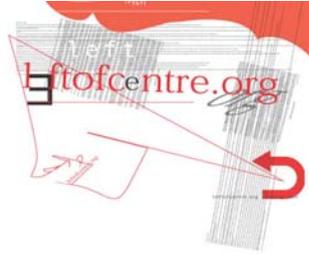
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**Rule 5**

It is not an insult to be passed; it is a natural fact of driving that some people like to drive faster than others. Let them do so. Occasionally, we all like to take our time on the roads. In that case, just get over to the right and take your sweet time – ain't nothing wrong with that.

**Rule 6**

Despite public opinion, the blinker is not sufficient preparation for merging. You must look in your mirrors as well to ensure that your potential merge is not disrupting traffic – only then may you merge.

**Rule 7**

There is no such thing as tailgating in the left lane. If someone is up your ass, that should tell you to get the fuck over, not slam on your breaks and flick the guy off. If someone is tailgating you in the right lane, slam on your breaks and flick the guy off – kidding. Please use the in car communication cards as he passes you.

**Rule 8**

It is strictly prohibited to allow a car from a perpendicular lane/parking lot/gas station/whatever into traffic on a green light. They must wait until there is a breach in traffic or a red light. Breaking to allow an incoming vehicle on a green light potentially obstructs traffic. It is not a kind gesture – it is a dumb fucking gesture.



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