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Posted by [\\_SSnipe\\_](#) on Sun, 15 May 2011 21:40:39 GMT  
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Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Sun, 15 May 2011 21:53:35 GMT  
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Internet.

Murdering anyone with a computer.

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [iRANian](#) on Sun, 15 May 2011 21:59:54 GMT  
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The steam engine.

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Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sun, 15 May 2011 22:06:00 GMT  
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Posted by [Crimson](#) on Sun, 15 May 2011 22:12:14 GMT

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [Omar007](#) on Sun, 15 May 2011 22:22:09 GMT

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Crimson wrote on Mon, 16 May 2011 00:12 Nuclear weapons? Could be argued either way.  
TBH I immediately wanted to post nukes when I read the topic

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [cmatt42](#) on Sun, 15 May 2011 22:26:48 GMT

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Weaponry is too easy. Pick something that's debatable on both sides, such as razor's automobile idea for instance.

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Posted by [wubwub](#) on Sun, 15 May 2011 22:37:34 GMT

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Posted by [\\_SSnipe\\_](#) on Sun, 15 May 2011 23:27:41 GMT

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But if you weigh the pros against the cons, are are the negatives really greater than the positives?

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 16 May 2011 00:37:42 GMT

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You're asking if polluting the planet, robbing it of natural resources, and causing safety hazards is outweighed by getting from point A to point B faster than you could on foot?

No, I don't believe it is. When you really get down to it, a car's purpose is just to get you places. You can do that through other means that don't have the negatives of a car. A car's true appeal lies solely within its convenience. It's an invention of luxury... as in people won't die if they don't have a car; they aren't necessary for life.

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Mon, 16 May 2011 00:48:01 GMT

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You've totally neglected the whole 'transportation of goods' aspect, which was kind of a big deal for influencing how well we live.

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Posted by [wubwub](#) on Mon, 16 May 2011 00:57:55 GMT

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So would you not drive ever again because it is polluting the planet and "robbing the resources"?

I know my families way of life is based on the car, I know you families way of life (unless your a menaknight (sp?)) is based on the car.

My dad is a truck driver, he has been one for the better part of my life (at least 14 years). He has probably driven more backwards than most people forwards. He gets maybe 6mpg in his truck.

Yet, if your so concerned with the planet, you won't stop buying food from the grocery stores, you won't stop buying needs/luxuries at wal-mart or wherever it is you shop at (I am just assuming). all this is delivered by truck which I classify as an auto mobile.

So unless you think walking/riding your bike/taking the bus to the manufacturer for your computer, or to the farmer for your food, then don't tell me a car is more of a con than a pro because I really don't think it is.

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Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 16 May 2011 01:09:36 GMT  
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Actually, no I don't drive.

And I'm not saying a car isn't useful. I'm merely responding to the question that was asked. The idea is to be as controversial as possible. A negative point is a negative point. Something that is good but has a lot of negative points as well does not subtract from its usefulness.

Can you deny that cars consume fuel at an alarming rate or that they are a major cause of pollution? No, you can't because it's true. But does that change the fact that they have a very practical use in society? No, it does not.

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Yes, but your saying it does more bad than good, I am saying the opposite.

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Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 16 May 2011 01:47:45 GMT  
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They do cause more problems though. We, as humans, don't require cars to survive. With all of human history accounted for, cars are only a relatively recent invention. We obviously survived long enough before them, so what makes you so sure that we couldn't continue to do so?

Yes they have their merits, don't get me wrong on that. I'm not saying that cars are a sin against humanity.

The only reason why you're saying cars are more positive than negative is because you've never lived in a society without them. Society today pretty much demands cars... but that is only because society has been built up around the use of them.

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [wubwub](#) on Mon, 16 May 2011 02:31:04 GMT

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So would you prefer living in the 1800's (ignoring the previous inventions that didn't effectively work as a machine that made travel quicker) when we didn't have cars?

Farmers used to have to plow their field with a horse. Now they use harvesters and tractors that allow for enormously large amounts of land to be grown for food and sold.

Since you don't drive, I am going to assume you live in a city where everything is close by. Great, but not everyone has that luxury with the creation of sub division's which (in my city) can be a number of miles away from the grocery store or nearest convenience store.

Society is built upon the creation of fast travel because a lot of people have the option of fast travel.

You say I have never lived in a Society that doesn't depend on cars. I don't think one exists unless your living in some utopia where everyone grows everything they need and all help each other build everything.

What delivers the supplies to build your house? Trucks

What makes food readily available for you to buy and eat? Trucks.

Maybe I am taking it the wrong way, but it irk's me to no end when people bash trucks because they pollute the earth so much. They make life possible, I would know because I spent 14 hours yesterday in a beat up old piece of shit 1978 western star helping my dad deliver a \$350 k TerraGator to a farmer 120 miles away from the pickup, and then delivering the tractor he(the customer) had rented to another farmer.

So, I don't pretend to know anything about you personally, but you seem to have an internet connection which suggests your not some menaknight who ignores the technological society and is completely independent from automobiles.

Unless you can give me a society with our (again I am assuming since you have a computer with internet) quality of life that is completely independent from automobiles, than don't say cars are worse than they are good. They may not be good for the planet, and you know what, I am only going to live for a small amount of time, and as harsh as it is to say it, I couldn't care less about global warming. I see it as a marketing scam so people buy "green".

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 16 May 2011 03:07:15 GMT

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You aren't getting what I'm saying.

I have absolutely no problem with cars. I only said cars because its controversial and would keep a teacher interested in a paper. I've said this before.

I have no stance to say that cars are bad and are bad for the environment and blah, blah. I honestly don't care. But the fact is I can count more negatives than positives when I look at what they bring to the table.

I'm not saying my opinion is that cars are bad for the environment and it was a mistake to make them. All I'm doing is counting points, disregarding their value.

I proposed it to help him on his paper, not to get into a stupid argument.  
Wow, I started way too many sentences with the word "I" there, didn't I? :V

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Posted by [reborn](#) on Mon, 16 May 2011 05:06:26 GMT

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The bottom line is technology itself cannot do more or less harm than good. It's the people using it that make those judgements.

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good

Posted by [Gen\\_Blacky](#) on Mon, 16 May 2011 05:08:13 GMT

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Posted by [Speedy059](#) on Mon, 16 May 2011 05:31:57 GMT  
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Why not just choose the internet? Then you can start arguing for Obama censorship.

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Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Mon, 16 May 2011 08:19:27 GMT  
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The reason green energy is not competitive with oil is that companies look at the ROI and replacement value of things. With solar panels and wind turbines these things are obvious. With oil they are not, as one does not have to invest in oil itself. It's just there, and you only need to invest in a way to "harvest" it. Problem is, normally one would take into account that your company's "stock" would deplete. With oil this does not or has not happened in the past, making oil cheap. Now however it means that oil corporations will face more and more problems due to the decreasing amount of harvestable oil.

The low prices for oil were also an advantage to the industry. Since it was cheap and seemed endless, everyone started to rely on oil and not invest in more durable but expensive alternatives.

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Posted by [Caveman](#) on Mon, 16 May 2011 08:27:20 GMT  
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I'd just like to add that now a days cars/motorbikes are pretty good on fuel. I know my bike does around 120MPG.

Pollution wise... Cars aren't that bad either, I mean people atm are going in about oh noes co2 gases, greenhouse effect.. blah blah blah.. Truth be told its nothing compared to how much 'pollution' cows make with the amount of methane they release.

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Cheaper and easier to use making it the most effective . Oil is still cheaper then bottled water. Its easy to refine and used for many things besides fuel for automobiles. Everything I own has some kind of influence from oil.

Also the industry is not ready to let it go when the big companies are making millions every day. At some point everyone will realize that we need to be less dependent on oil.

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Mon, 16 May 2011 16:44:17 GMT  
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fucking mobile phones

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Posted by [MUDKIPS](#) on Mon, 16 May 2011 18:00:28 GMT  
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what about democracy

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [z310](#) on Tue, 17 May 2011 00:41:34 GMT  
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iRANian wrote on Mon, 16 May 2011 13:06what about democracy  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democracy:\\_The\\_God\\_That\\_Failed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democracy:_The_God_That_Failed)

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Posted by [z310](#) on Tue, 17 May 2011 00:53:38 GMT  
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As opposed to what?

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Do something that's fun and little more involved than a nuclear bomb. That's too easy.

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I rather just get it done i did the car one, my professor does not care.

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Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Tue, 17 May 2011 06:50:28 GMT  
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If you really want to go nuclear you should not focus on the bomb. This because nuclear power iw rather imporant (and positive) just as nuclear use for medical reasons.

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Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Tue, 17 May 2011 09:01:37 GMT  
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Clever one.

If you do this subject right I'm pretty sure you can get bonus points.

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Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Tue, 17 May 2011 10:17:52 GMT  
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iRANian wrote on Tue, 17 May 2011 11:26theres a large difference between nuclear power and nukes  
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Posted by [Jamie or NuneGa](#) on Tue, 17 May 2011 18:30:46 GMT  
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getting away from the easy automobiles answer...

torrents would be a good one to argue...

free of information act?  
basically stealing...  
has a massive affect on small artists

this would be a fun essay... give me £30 and i'll do it

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Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Sat, 21 May 2011 08:37:03 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [Jamie or NuneGa](#) on Sat, 21 May 2011 12:18:06 GMT  
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jaffa cakes!

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [Renx](#) on Sat, 21 May 2011 15:47:30 GMT  
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Chemical weapons seems like the most obvious choice no one has picked. The chemicals themselves may be legit, but the technology of weaponizing them really does no good at all outside of dispersing crowds (at the lowest level) that may become more violent and cause more harm.

A little tidbit most people don't know - Police/Military are allowed to use non-lethal chemical weapons against their own civilian population (obviously), but for fear of escalation in retaliation police/military are NOT allowed to use non-lethal chemical weapons (such as tear gas) against an enemy force, according to the Geneva convention. Just gives a little idea of how much people fear them.

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today.

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [DutchNeon](#) on Sat, 21 May 2011 21:50:51 GMT  
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Weapons? Not that hard imo.

Edit: Might be too easy.

What about social media and the youth (combined ofc).

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Posted by [zeratul](#) on Sat, 21 May 2011 21:56:24 GMT  
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Television  
can be educational  
and can be a waste of time

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Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Sun, 22 May 2011 13:49:35 GMT  
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Oh wow that's a pretty hard thing to write a decent argument for. Because technology, by

definition, can not do any harm- but almost anything can be harmful if it's in the wrong hands. I mean, you can kill someone with a pillow.

With that being said though, R3's automobile argument is about your best bet. Specifically, (to not dig yourself into a hole) you should argue against PERSONAL automobiles, rather than ones used specifically for transportation of goods.

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Social media is solely responsible for the pro-democracy push sweeping across the middle east and north africa right now, and as long as social media continues to grow the revolutions will continue to spread (China will be on the chopping block as soon as their economic bubble bursts). I'd classify that as being pretty damn good, and I can hardly think of any relevant first world problems it causes besides "it's annoying"

It helps put power exactly where it belongs, in the hands of the people

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Religion. By far the worst man-made invention. Responsible for million of deaths and the brainwashing of even more than that.

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They were carpeting bombing cities because otherwise they wouldn't hit shit. If there where nazi

HQ in a city it was easier to bomb the entire city centre than to try and hit 3 buildings from 3 or more km high.

I think Japan would've surrendered in the end anyway, even without land invasion. Why? Because Japan does not have a lot of natural resources and would need to get everything from either the sea or overseas. No need to go on land. Just block the ports and airfields.

Would've taken somewhat more time, but would've been perfectly possible and the Japan army would've run out of oil rather fast as long as they were performing manoeuvres.

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Mon, 23 May 2011 13:13:54 GMT  
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Crimson wrote on Mon, 23 May 2011 13:58 Religion. By far the worst man-made invention. Responsible for million of deaths and the brainwashing of even more than that. Religion and politics.

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Mon, 23 May 2011 13:15:04 GMT  
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Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Mon, 23 May 2011 13:27:30 GMT  
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danpaul88 wrote on Mon, 23 May 2011 15:15 Not sure either counts as 'technology' though.... It's a technique to control large groups of people...

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Mon, 23 May 2011 23:10:15 GMT  
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Politics isn't so much an invention as religion is.

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Posted by [zeratul](#) on Mon, 23 May 2011 23:24:58 GMT  
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danpaul88 wrote on Mon, 23 May 2011 07:15 Not sure either counts as 'technology' though.... anything man made can be twisted to meet the definition

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Tue, 24 May 2011 01:36:25 GMT  
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Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Tue, 24 May 2011 07:29:25 GMT  
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Depends. One can argue that politics or religion are techniques to perform crowd control and to influence people. There are (scientific) methods to do this and to do this more efficiently, therefore I think you can call it technology.

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [iRANian](#) on Tue, 24 May 2011 18:46:09 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [ChewML](#) on Tue, 24 May 2011 22:37:15 GMT  
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Without them we would be lil more than we were before the 1900's.

Yea, the pollution sucks... and anyone who owns a oil company can go get fucked, but from

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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Wed, 25 May 2011 07:53:31 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Thu, 26 May 2011 06:56:47 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Technology that does more bad than good  
Posted by [zeratul](#) on Thu, 26 May 2011 13:48:18 GMT  
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It would have probably been coal

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