





Taxi Cabs in NYC

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#1 Reason for pollution in NYC

Transportation and construction are two of the biggest air offenders in the city. Clean air seems to be a thing of the past ,but with attention and care, air pollution can be reduced and air quality increased.



Vehicles are one of the largest sources of air pollution in New York City. Vehicles, including public transportation, account for a large amount of the soot, smog, and greenhouse gases that are in the air.

My chosen object is a Taxi Cab. Taxis represent only a small fraction (2%) of the total motor vehicle population but can contribute significantly to local noise or air pollution and GHG emissions (20%) (Monroy 2017)



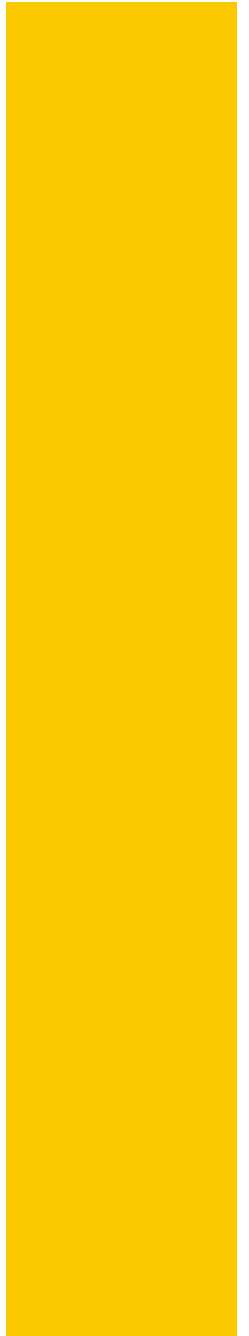
A taxi Cab is a 'regulation' – it is an industry, which is a necessity of public service





What is 'Regulation'?

“Regulations are rules put in place to achieve social, political, environmental and economic outcomes that would otherwise not be achieved within an open marketplace.”







The History of Taxicab regulation and deregulation

“While regulation may not be beneficial or necessary for other industries, history has proven time and again that the taxi industry is different.

An unregulated taxi industry is harmful to everyone – consumers, driver and operating companies.”

In most cities commercial taxi services and systems are regulated by national and/or local authorities through licensing systems



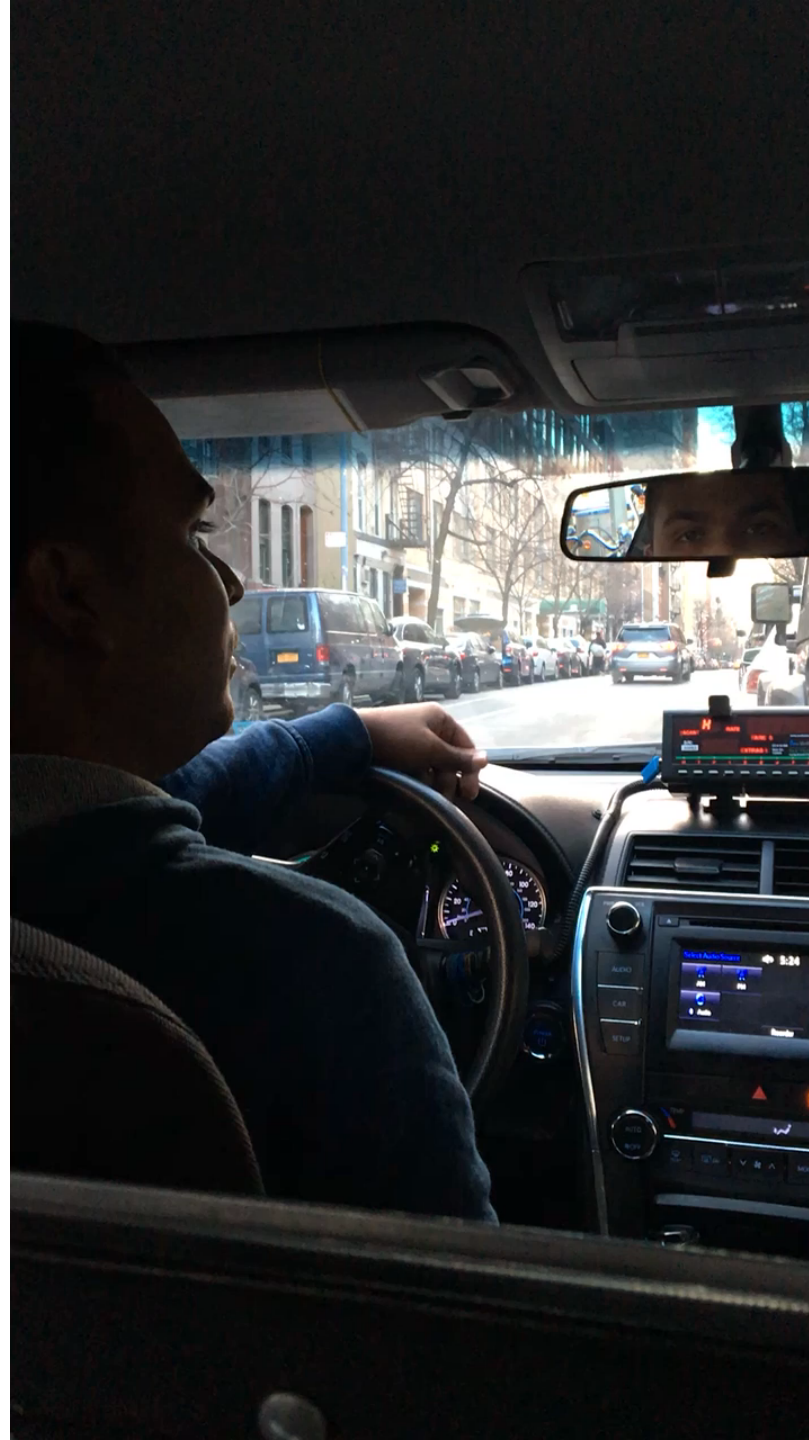
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The Great Depression brought about a spiked interest in driving unlicensed taxicabs, and many people without stable jobs grabbed the opportunity. However, this led to an “increase in accident rates, poor insurance coverage, and horrible road congestion” (Snead 2017), resulting “in American Cities imposing laws to address safety, liability and driver right’s issues.” (Snead 2017)

“Many cities, including New York, Boston, and Chicago, operate so-called **medallion systems** whereby cities set a maximum cap on the number of cabs that can operate in the city. Without one of these medallions, it is illegal to operate a taxi in cities. The number of medallions, and thus the number of taxis, is tightly controlled and determined by political rather than market forces.” (Snead 2017) Only Regulatory bodies have authority to issue new medallions.



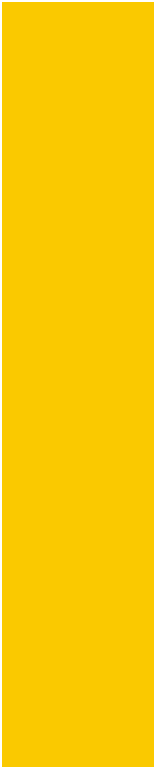
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Solutions:

In order to reduce our carbon imprint on earth, we should reduce our dependency on driving, only when necessary , and opt for more walking, biking, and riding public transportation. This can help to decrease the amount of air pollution that is released. This is why New York City has adopted an Air Quality Awareness Program to raise awareness about air quality and its impact on our health and the environment. This program is backed by non-profit and private organizations that have activities to promote public awareness.

Cabs tend to adapt and assimilate with the ever changing environmental and political climate.



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