

Comment from Ed Porter

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I can't put it any simpler than to pose to you the very question my young son asked me on a recent bike ride; "Why are there so many huge trucks everywhere?"

Our roads are dangerous and hostile, and only getting worse. Every year, more and more large and powerful vehicles are sold, with no regulations on size, weight, power, or speed. Our roadways are being taken over by individuals driving monster trucks with sports car acceleration. We all realize that there is no need for the majority of this, yet we are complicit as we worry about our own safety and thus become part of this "large vehicle arms race."

We need some common sense regulations that reduce the size of the vehicles on the road, and make them safer for the pedestrians and bicyclists that these vehicles endanger.

Please close the loopholes that allow these huge vehicles to exist. Reduce their size, power, and numbers by regulating them by requiring safety features that no longer allow them to be intimidating and huge "lifestyle symbols" and rather let these vehicles become practical and utilitarian once again.

If truck/SUV/vehicle bloat continues, the future is going to look rather bleak.