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Changing the Way We Move, Commute and Travel - Perspectives for Mobility Transition (Lea Gathen)

## Comment

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When discussing today's problems, one of them shows a significant reappearance, transportation. The most discussed and controversial topic is that transportation is not green enough. In the following we will critically comment whether sustainability is as easy to implement as often claimed?

It should be noted that the current inventions carry many obstacles that seem to not please the majority and thus spread a misconception. We live in a society where everyone should be able to take advantage of the given opportunities. Since mobility appears to be a basic need for most people for multiple reasons, simply telling people to give up the privilege and invest in alternatives that have yet to prove themselves will not solve the problem but instead possibly increase the rift about the discussion. Instead, it makes sense to invest in proving to society that trusting in new inventions is a necessity in solving our climate crisis. However new climate friendly inventions will need to provide a realistic perspective for everyone in order to gain attention and trust. This however will undoubtedly take time which we simply do not have.

This leads us to our next threshold. Are the climate friendly alternatives as climate friendly as they claim they are. Missing transparency plays a huge part in the distrust that certain groups of people cherish and as a result spread further against the innovations and in unfortunate circumstances against the climate crisis itself. This however will not solve the issue in the long term. At the end of the day our behaviour is the capitalist for the issues we face today and in the future. We can invent as many seeming solutions as possible. We will still have to dramatically change our attitude in order to provide a healthy planet for the generations to come.

In order to simplify the behavioural change, the government could implement a variety of support systems in order to motivate a general change. An example for that could be an affordable or possibly even free ticket to use in public transportation. In addition, the government could supply a widely available car sharing system that even can support rural areas which experience an unfair disadvantage over urban areas which are more connected through public transportation. Furthermore, the government could supply a system in which the individuals experience a reduction in taxes. This would be in direct connection to kilometres that the individual could have driven but instead choose to take alternative solutions such as public transportation, bike, the car sharing system or even by foot.

Obviously, this would again lead to a generic disadvantage against rural citizens since reaching basic utilities such as grocery stores or doctors are spread over a bigger region and thus would require more kilometres. We believe that if the government would supply some of these solutions the general public would see themselves motivated to start the initiative themselves and thus provide a flicker of hope for a better future.

## **Video Information**

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