

# Consumer Perceptions on the Future of Automotive Mobility

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# Today's Presenters



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# In the Next 45 Minutes...

- Why Mobility Matters

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- Trend Observations In Social Data

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- Drill Down: Key Autonomous Vehicle Discussion Themes

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- Current AV Understanding among Gen Z and Millennials

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- Future AV Expectations among Gen Z and Millennials

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# Why Does Mobility Matter?



**LEVEL 0**  
ZERO  
AUTOMATION

2005  
**LEVEL 1**  
DRIVE  
ASSISTANT

2015  
**LEVEL 2**  
PARTIAL  
AUTOMATED

2020  
**LEVEL 3**  
CONDITIONAL  
AUTOMATED

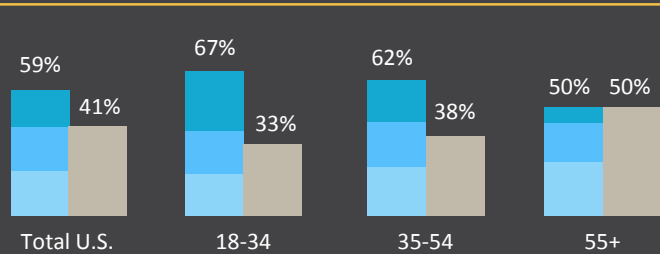
2025  
**LEVEL 4**  
HIGHLY  
AUTOMATED

2030  
**LEVEL 5**  
FULLY  
AUTOMATED

# Cars are Central to the American Identity

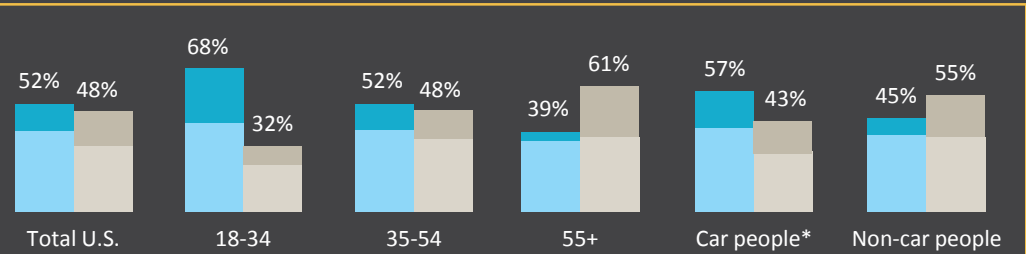
Do you consider yourself a car person or someone who is passionate about cars, trucks, motorcycles, or other vehicles you drive yourself?

■ Yes, very much   
 ■ Yes, somewhat   
 ■ Yes, a little   
 ■ Yes, not at all



And what is your view of self-driving cars?

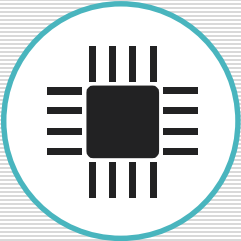
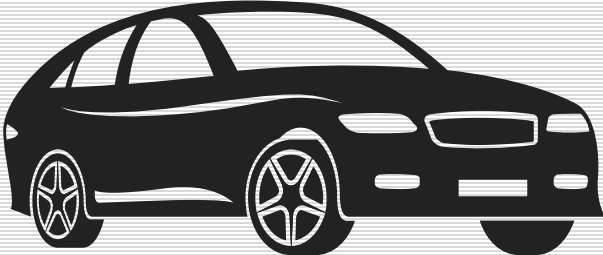
■ Very positive   
 ■ Somewhat positive   
 ■ Somewhat negative   
 ■ Very negative



*\*Among people who consider themselves "car people" in the previous question*

**26% of Americans "would never use" a self-driving car**

# Impact Across Industries



## Millennial and Gen Z Perceptions

Younger consumers (below 35) are more open and interested in new features such as connectivity and autonomous driving services, while older consumers (above 50) are more reserved.



Source: Ipsos Views - The Future of Mobility: On the Road to Driverless Cars

# Today's Research Focus

The future of automotive mobility, in the words of the consumer



**SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE**



**COMMUNITY**





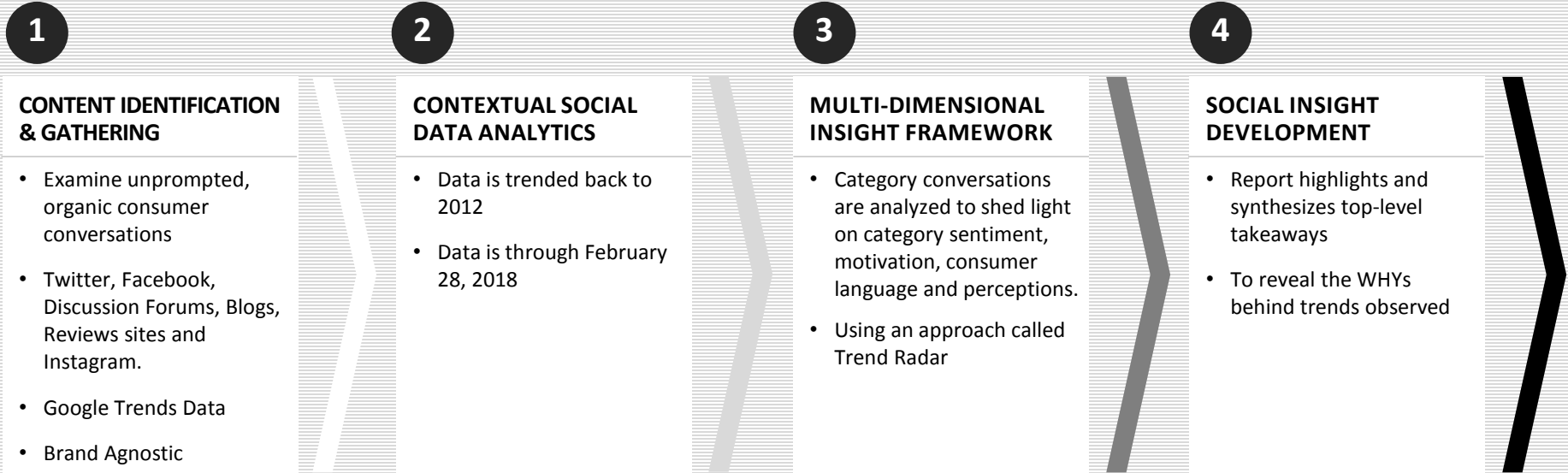
AUTONOMOUS  
DRIVE  
START

# Exploring the Mobility Landscape with Social Intelligence

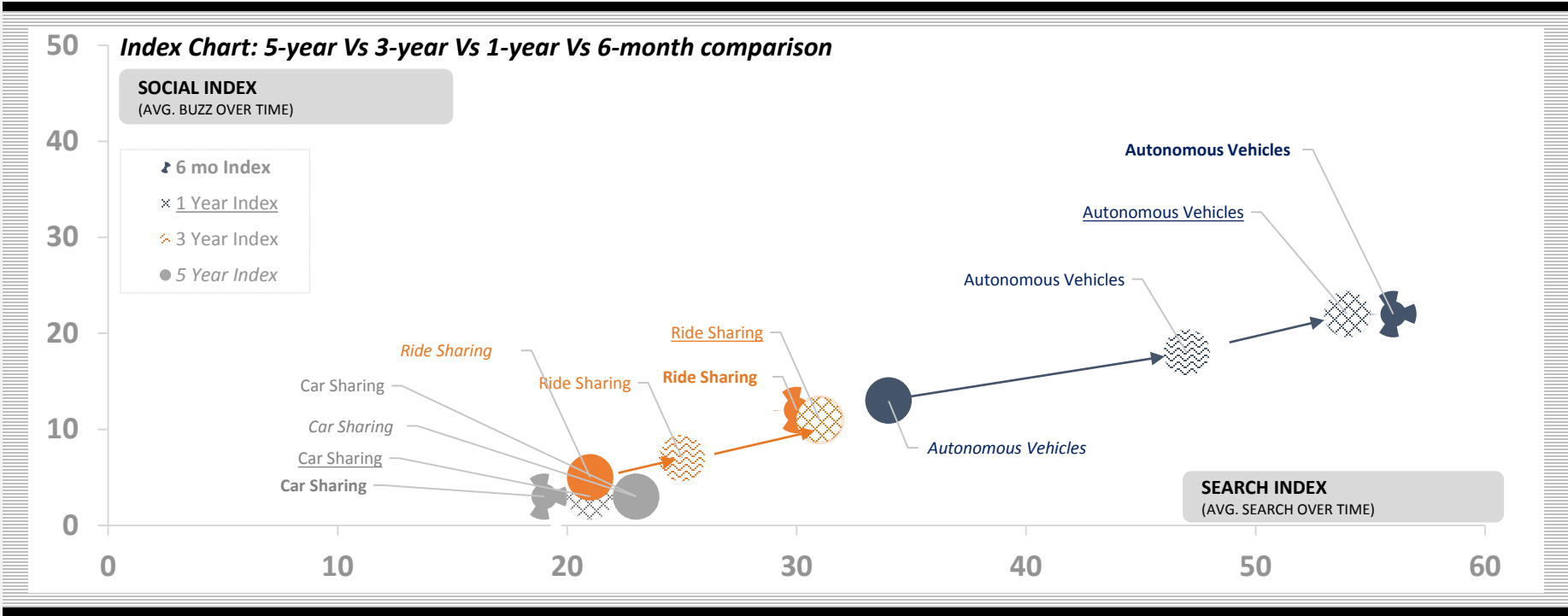
# Understanding Mobility via Social Conversations

Examining United States consumer social discussions on Autonomous Vehicles (AVs), Ride Sharing and Car Sharing to develop contextually rich insights on category habits and usage, needs, concerns, and brand associations.

## METHODOLOGY



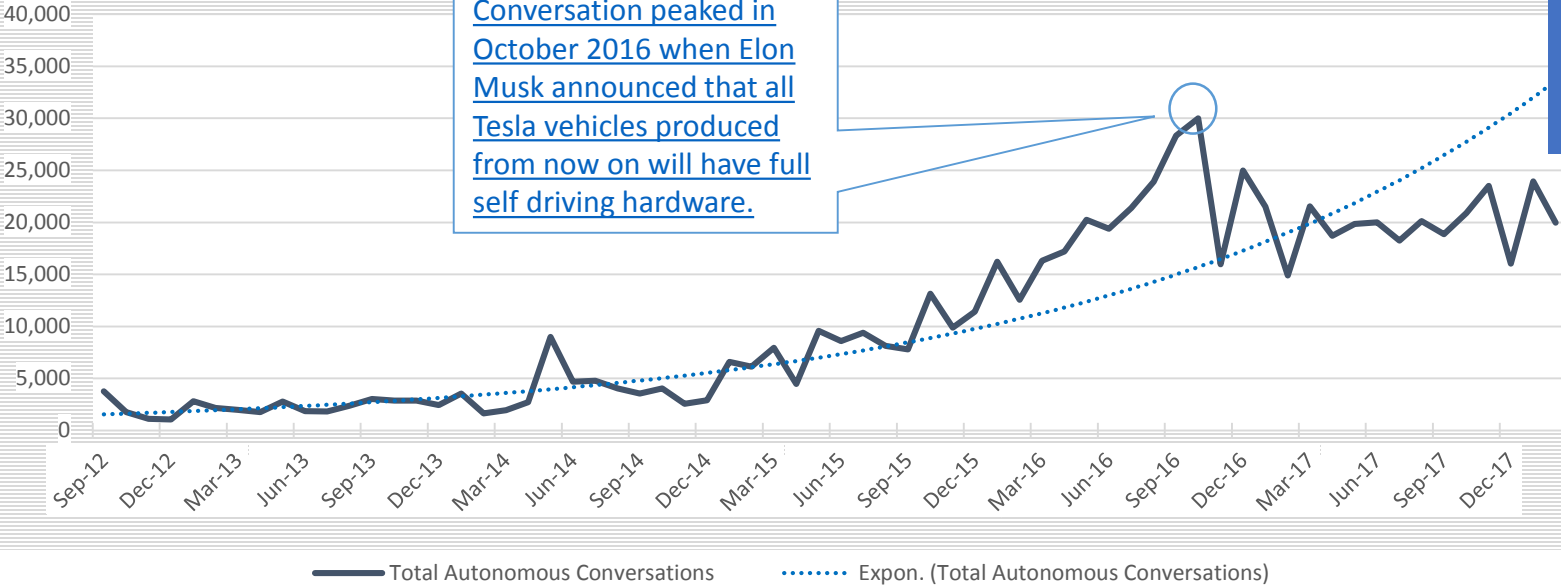
# Autonomous Vehicles lead in social conversations and Internet searches while Ride Sharing increases more gradually



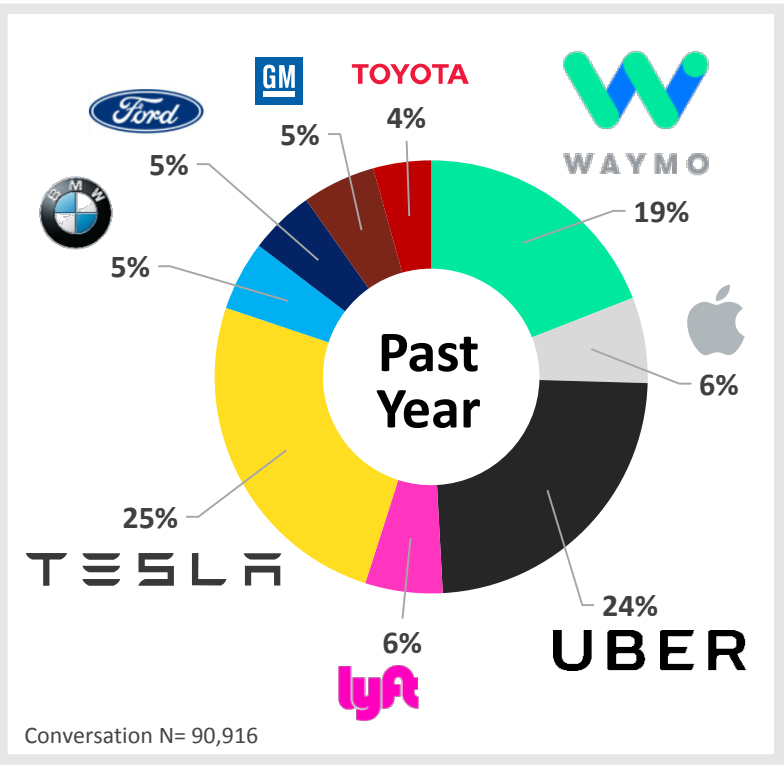
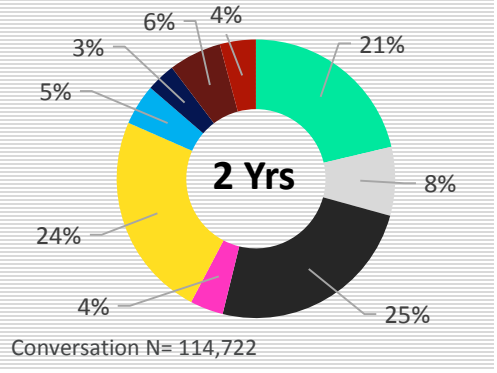
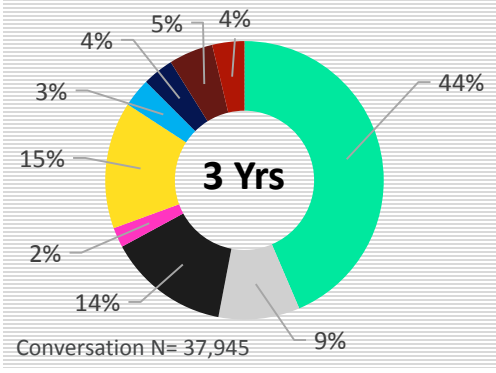
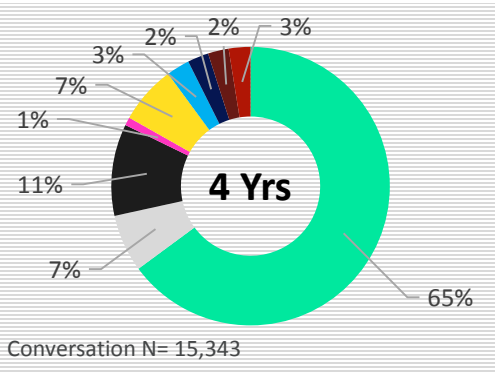
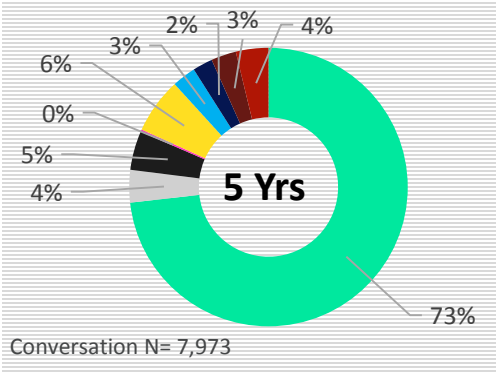
Note: Weekly data; Social data from Crimson Hexagon averaged from February 24, 2013 – February 24, 2018; Twitter, Facebook, Blogs, Forums, Reviews, Comments, Instagram. Search Index from Google averaged from February 24, 2013 – February 24, 2018. \*Ride Sharing category not inclusive of brand names like Uber, Lyft, etc

# Autonomous Discussion Skyrocketed Starting in 2015 and Continues to Climb

## Monthly Conversation Volume



# Where Technology and OEMs converge: Tesla, Uber, and Google winning race for Autonomous mindshare in the past year



● Google/Waymo\* ● Apple ● Uber ● Lyft ● Tesla ● BMW ● Ford ● GM ● Toyota

\*Google filter included: Google, Alphabet, Waymo Analysis timeframe: February 24, 2013 – February 24, 2018.

# Drill Down on Social: Saving Time & Money

## Save time by:

- being efficient
- allowing passengers to work, sleep, etc.

*"time is our greatest luxury- autonomous driving can give that back"  
#foodforthought  
#thinkauto @briancooley"*

*"Trade off? **Shorter commutes, can do other things during commute** which will lower stress, less accidents, **lower cost of commuting (no car payments, insurance, gas, repairs, upgrades)**, empty garage space can be filled with track toys"*

## Save money on:

- licenses
- taxes
- gas
- insurance
- maintenance

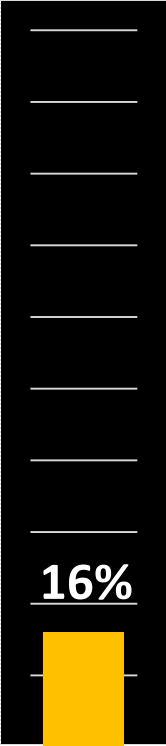
*"The perfect storm is electric+self-driving+Uberization. Private cars used only 5% of time. Why own? Cost reduction of ~80%."*

*"**Not having to pay a driver/taxi license, an electric car that is in use 80% of the day is extremely cheap** for the customer and cheaper to maintain anyway.."*



18%

# Drill Down on Social: Impact on Jobs & Public Transit



**Taxis/Uber drivers, truckers, and all driver-related jobs will be replaced**

*“But the truth is that automation means a factory that employed 10k workers 20 years ago might now employ 2.5k. **Self-driving vehicles will replace truck-drivers, cabdrivers, Uber drivers, and bus drivers. Millions of jobs.**”*

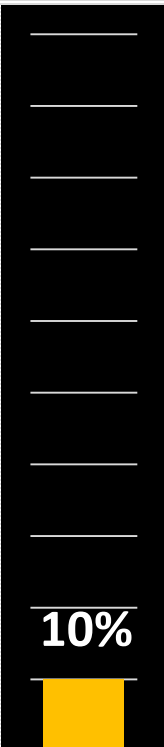
*“**Being a truck driver right now has gotta be stressful just knowing that your job is gonna be obsolete in 5 years with self driving cars.**”*

**Buses, trains and subway systems are expected to be negatively affected**

*“**I’d rather spend tax money on public transit, etc than driverless cars. Make @Uber and @lyft pay for it themselves.**”*

*“**I’m worried self driving cars will pretty much kill any proposal for public transportation at least once they become common, but my hope is that the competition in the automated taxi market will get so fierce it will be cheaper than what the city can provide with public transportation.**”*

# Drill Down on Social: Safety as a Key Benefit & Concern



**Safety benefits:**  
Roads will be safer  
and accidents will  
decrease

*“There is absolutely no scenario where a human driver can handle an emergency situation as well as a properly-designed self-driving car.”*

*“...typically car crashes aren't intentional and the whole idea behind self driving cars is that a computer doesn't doze off, can react faster, and can be more aware in 360 degrees around the car than humans can thus we can achieve a reality in which no accidents occur because all of the cars are driven with the necessary awareness and reaction time to completely avoid any collision.”*

**Safety concerns:**  
possible mechanical  
malfunctions and  
“kinks”

*“There are also risks with autonomous vehicles - the potential for equipment/sensor failure, software being unable to adequately handle bad weather, the potential for exploitation by hackers etc.”*

*“You seem to have a lot of faith in unproven and incredibly expensive technology. [...] I see a lot of needless death and destruction caused by these vehicles before all of the kinks are worked out. You simply dismiss them out of hand.”*



# Drill Down on Social: Ownership Changes & The Environment



9%

**Positive spin –**  
ownership will decrease  
in favor of SDC services,  
which will in turn  
decrease congestion and  
pollution

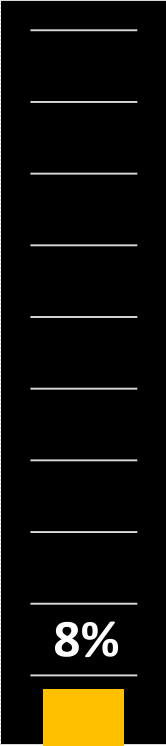
**Negative spin –**  
people will purchase  
their own SDCs and  
travel further distances  
at higher speeds more  
often, therefore  
worsening emissions

*“consider two options: everyone owns their own, and driverless cars as service (think Uber but without a driver) If everyone is going to own their own - we're looking at a decades-long transition and I don't expect a self driving car”*

*“How awesome would it be if no one owned cars but self driving cars would show up whenever you need em? #Reduce pollution!!!”*

*“Not having to drive would cause people to commute longer and longer distances, leading to more suburban sprawl and traffic congestion. As well as ever greater dependency on the automobile, more burning of fossil fuels and pollution [...]”*

# Drill Down on Social: Regulations & Liability Questions



When will regulations be put into place and what will they entail?

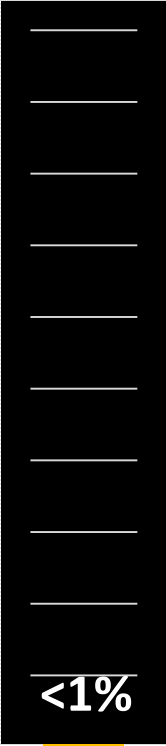
Who will be held liable in future car accidents?  
OEMs?  
Passengers?  
Software developers?

*“The legal system fleshing out liability here is of paramount importance to the development of the industry. It's important to properly balance the liability so people will want to make the self driving cars”*

*“Tesla wants to eventually make it so your Tesla vehicle will drive off while you're at work or asleep and pick up fares. **Can you imagine being liable in instance like that?** Where strangers you won't meet possibly get in a accident as the vehicle malfunctions?”*

*“My understanding is it's coming down to how the laws are written with regards to insurance. **Normally, drivers are insured.** But if the car is driving itself, does that mean the car company has to carry insurance for every car it sells? What if the problem is software and not the hardware? Then is it the software developer whose insurance picks up the tab?”*

# Drill Down on Social: Data Protection & Privacy Qualms



Concern exists for:  
**Personal data and  
journey history**

*"Your last point is valid, I think privacy concerns exist, all these cars will probably be connected to the so called internet of things so every journey will essentially be logged[...]"*

*"If in some day all our cars have self driving or self aware features, then that means nearly all locations in the city are within reach of cameras and possibly microphones. I'm not "a paranoid" about privacy stuff, but that is quite impressive nonetheless."*

Concern exists for:  
**Pedestrians being  
monitored by cars'  
cameras/sensors**

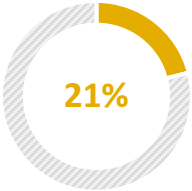
*"I'm pretty sure that the EU will find that self-driving cars are a violation of the privacy of people on the street, because the cars would have sensors that could detect the people."*

*"I believe it is only a matter of time before companies decide to profit from this data the same way social media co's profit from your personal data. I will be surprised if 20 years from now, the camera suite onboard SDCs will not be performing facial recognition on every pedestrian it passes and selling the data."*

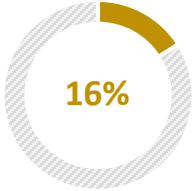


Getting Even Closer to Consumers via  
Our Community

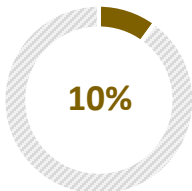
# Current understanding of autonomous vehicles among 18-34 year-olds reveals greatest association of “hands free”



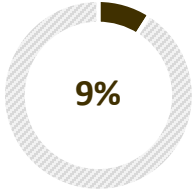
**Offers a hands free steering experience**  
(Give up control, autonomous driving, hands free control)



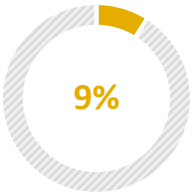
**Includes tech features**  
(WIFI, Bluetooth, GPS navigation, satellite radio)



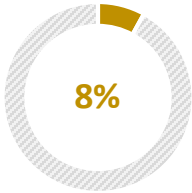
**Navigates traffic efficiently**  
(Obeyes traffic laws, follows speed limit, operates smoothly in heavy traffic)



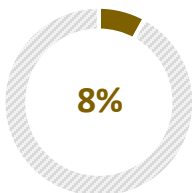
**Self-parking**



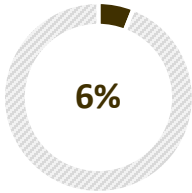
**Operates via sensors**  
(i.e. video cameras, motion sensors)



**Promises greater safety**



**Excels at braking**



**Designed to arrive at a programmed destination**  
(Punch in destination, car will take you there)

# This generation sees self-driving cars as an abstract concept, with only some realizing how it may actually be implemented

*“A self driving car is one that drives itself without a driver to maneuver or control it, it has features that can stop the car and make the car turn and go without a human touch.”*

*“A self driving car is a full automated driving vehicle that gets you from point A to point B with its AI software and safety driving performance through various sensors/radars.”*

*“Self driving means the person doesn't have to be in total control of the car at all times, sort of like an auto pilot”*

*“Most importantly, artificial intelligence software in the car that is connected to all the sensors and has input from Google street view and video cameras inside the car.”*

*“A self-driving car is one that will not require hands on the steering wheel while the car is in motion.”*

*“I'm sure it has some way to input where you'd like to go, and hopefully it will have sensors to determine how fast to drive and to make sure it doesn't hit anyone/thing”*



# While younger generations are more intrigued and excited than their older peers, concerns still remain

## Intrigued - 32%



*"I'm interested in them, but definitely want to wait until they are more easily accessible and get all the kinks worked out." – Female, 25*

## Concerned - 23%



*"I know computers aren't perfect, they freeze, they glitch, they get corrupted. I fear how this would affect a self driving car. I think accidents will happen." – Female, 30*

## Excited - 22%



*"I am excited in the possibility to the application that can result from using such vehicles. I also am excited by the reduction in car accidents." – Male, 31*

## Scared - 11%



*"These programs are made by humans which means it is still not immune to error or hacking." – Female, 22*

## Apathetic - 6%



*"I'm not too interested.. I like driving! I don't think we are ready yet and there would be problems as well." – Female, 33*

## Confused - 4%



*"I think that this would be a great way to move technology forward but am afraid that it will cause more traffic accidents." – Female, 32*

	18 – 34 year-olds	35 – 65+ year-olds (weighted average)
<b>Intrigued</b>	32%	26%
<b>Concerned</b>	23%	31%
<b>Excited</b>	22%	13%
<b>Scared</b>	11%	16%
<b>Apathetic/ disinterested</b>	6%	5%
<b>Confused</b>	4%	2%
<b>Angry</b>	1%	1%





# Younger generations are looking forward to this technology and its potential to save them time



"I'm looking **forward** to the **future** - I'm looking **forward** to reclaiming driving **time** to do other things [...], and I'm looking forward, too, to taxi-equivalents being summon-able when you're out traveling, without needing humans."  
 – Male, 33

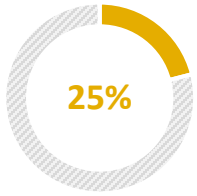
"Because we all need tools to make our life easier, to have more **time** to enjoy yourself and your family and that is how I see it"  
 – Female, 29

"Because it is an exciting advancement in technology. I have no idea when they will be available but the promise is intriguing."  
 – Female, 32

"I feel excited about self-driving cars because it will help me get more **work** done during my commute. It will help me be less anxious about my driving, especially at night or in poor weather conditions."  
 – Female, 26



# Despite concerns, younger audiences expect safety and reliability advancements to be made



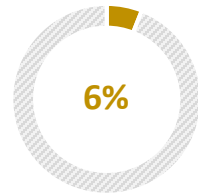
## Greater safety

(Less accidents on the road)



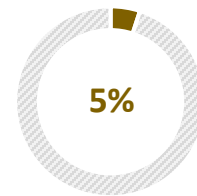
## Reliability

(Will reliably get you to your destination without needing to worry)



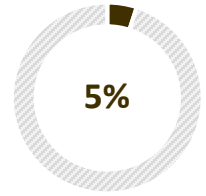
## Technology

(Tech features continuing to advance, will be fully computerized; some are still skeptical of the technology)



## Efficient

(Will efficiently get you to your destination – less traffic, ability to multitask while driving)



## Reduces / obeys traffic

(Follows all traffic laws and patterns, reduces congestion)

*“The expectations that I have of self-driving cars in the future is that **safety is a high priority**. Whatever is necessary to make sure that **accidents are a low-statistic** for self-driving cars.”*

*“I expect self-driving cars to be very **reliable/dependable** so I can multi-task in them without constantly checking the road.”*

*“For the future I love the idea of autonomous cars, which do the driving for me, and they do multiple functions much more advanced than those of today.”*

*“Would be able to allow us to be transported to destinations while doing other things and being productive”*

*“They must be able to operate in accordance with lights, detect flow of traffic, etc”*



# A Glimpse Into The Future: Their Vision of AVS in 2050



***“In 2050 I would travel to work by hyperloop (Elon Musk’s thing), I would have a rooftop greenhouse and grown my own organic vegetables, local organic farmers would deliver organic eggs, milk, cheese, and meat, and everything else would be delivered by Amazon, I would go out using the super fast hyperloop and live on the east coast and meet up with friends in San Francisco in less than an hour.”***



***“I feel that by the year 2050 I will be riding in a self driving car that I own. It will drop me off in the front and park itself. I wouldn't have to worry about getting lost”***



***“Going to work will be nice because I will have started my car from inside my home and got it warmed up and ready for me to go, **then I can put on my makeup as my self-driving car takes me where I need to go.** Grocery shopping will be all online, meaning I just order what I want and its waiting for me when I get home. Going out to dinner will be fun because my self-driving car will park itself, so it's like a built-in valet.”***



***“I would imagine more work from home positions. Groceries would be ordered with the click of a mouse and delivered by drone. **I could order a self-driving car that would take me to the movies or dinner with friends.”*****

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