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# Drastic Campaign to Reduce Auto Accidents Favored by Public

## Auto Inspection and Physical Exams Are Measures Favored

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**N**EW YORK, Apr. 6.—The American public does not complacently accept the idea that people are bound to be killed in automobile accidents, and it is in a frame of mind to submit to measures of the most drastic sort if there is any chance that traffic accidents could thereby be reduced, according to national surveys by the American Institute of Public Opinion.

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Nearly a million were injured, or two persons every minute.

In recent surveys by the Institute a half-dozen proposed safety measures

were put to the public—measures which have been suggested from time to time by engineering experts and safety groups. All of these proposals meet with a high vote of approval.

Thus, the majority of voters are in favor of compulsory brake and headlight inspection, strict driver's tests with regular physical and mental examinations, revoking the licenses of drunken drivers, and strict laws against pedestrians who "jay-walk" or cross the street against traffic lights. The majority even go so far as to favor speed "governors" on motors to prevent driving at high speeds.

Another proposal receiving wide discussion today is compulsory

## Speeder Gets a Ticket



To prevent auto accidents that result from speeding and other causes, American voters in a national survey favor many drastic safety measures. Last year 32,000 persons were killed in auto accidents, or one person every 15 minutes.

auto liability insurance. This too is favored by a large majority of voters.

The actual vote on each of these measures follows:

	<b>All Voters (% Favoring)</b>	<b>Car- Owners Only</b>
<b>Compulsory Brake and Headlight Inspection</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>Strict Drivers' Tests with Physical and Mental Examinations</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Revoke Licenses of Drunken Drivers</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Strict Laws Against Jay-Walking</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Speed Governors</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Compulsory Auto Liability Insurance</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>72</b>

Engineers and safety groups disagree as to the effectiveness and practicality of many safety measures. Some argue that speed governors would not necessarily reduce accidents. The significance of the survey lies not so much in the vote on any specific measure as in the fact that the public appears to be earnestly concerned with taking action. The majority of voters express a willingness to submit to almost any form of legislation or regulation that may reduce auto casualties.

It seems clear that if a program acceptable to experts in the traffic field is worked out, public support would not be slow in coming.

