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## IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

### 2009 AUTOVANTAGE ROAD RAGE SURVEY

#### LOS ANGELES

- **ELEVENTH MOST COURTEOUS**—Los Angeles (tied with San Francisco) ranked as the 11<sup>th</sup> most courteous city in the nation in terms of road rage compared to 24 other major American cities. Last year, L.A. was in the No. 7 position for *least* courteous. This year, Portland, Ore., ranked as the most courteous city. The top 10 best cities (with the most courteous drivers) are:

#1	Portland, Ore.	#6	Washington, D.C.
#2	Cleveland	#7	Philadelphia (tie)
#3	Baltimore	#7	St. Louis (tie)
#4	Sacramento	#9	Boston
#5	Pittsburgh	#10	Seattle

- For the first time in four years, a new city claims the title as the worst in the U.S. for road rage; New York has unseated Miami as the least courteous city.
- **EATING OR DRINKING**—Los Angelenos were least likely to report eating or drinking daily while behind the wheel, at 13 percent, while drivers in Minneapolis/St. Paul are the most likely to do this, at 34 percent.
- **CELL PHONE USAGE**—LA drivers were also least likely to report using their cell phones while on the highways and roads of Los Angeles, at 14 percent. Dallas drivers are the most likely to do this, at 31 percent.
- **SLAMMING ON THE BRAKES**—Los Angeles respondents were the second most likely to report seeing others slamming on the brakes at the last minute, tying with St. Louis in this category. Atlanta and San Diego tied for the No. 1 spot.