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IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT 2009 AUTOVANTAGE ROAD RAGE SURVEY

WASHINGTON, D.C.

- **SIXTH MOST COURTEOUS**—Washington, D.C., ranked as the sixth most courteous city in terms of road rage, compared to 24 other major American cities. This is a major shift in gears compared to last year's ranking of fifth *least* courteous. 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.
- **TALKING ON CELL PHONE**—Drivers in Washington, D.C., (tied with San Francisco) are the second least likely to observe drivers talking on their cell phones every day. At No. 1, Portland drivers are least likely to see this.
- **EATING/DRINKING**—Ranked at No. 2 with Baltimore, Washington, D.C., drivers are least likely to see other drivers eating or drinking while driving every day, at 48 percent. Pittsburgh is least likely to observe this, at 34 percent.
- **HONKING HORN**—Things aren't all quiet on the roadways. Tied with New York at 49 percent, drivers in Washington, D.C., are second most likely to admit honking their horn at other drivers in reaction to rude or aggressive driving every day. Last year, D.C. ranked sixth most likely in this category. Pittsburgh is most likely to do this at No. 1.