

Hybrid cars are an effective strategy to fight pollution.

Driving a personal car is a typical citizen's most air polluting activity. Because cars are the largest source of personal, as opposed to industry produced, air pollution switching to hybrid cars should have an impact on fighting pollution. Each vehicle produced is going to stay on the road for roughly 12 to 15 years. Cars generally have a long lifespan, meaning that a decision to switch to a hybrid car will make a long-term impact on pollution levels. Hybrid cars combine a gasoline engine with a battery-powered electric motor. This combination of technologies means that less pollution is produced. According to ineedtoknow.org "the hybrid engine of the Prius, made by Toyota, produces 90 percent fewer harmful emissions than a comparable gasoline engine. Instead of focusing on cars, which still encourages a culture of driving even if it cuts down on pollution, the nation should focus on building and encouraging use of mass transit systems. While mass transit is an environmentally sound idea that should be encouraged, it is not feasible in many rural and suburban areas, or for people who must commute to work; thus hybrid cars are a better solution for much of the nation's population.

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