

The only way to reduce the amount of traffic in cities today is by reducing the need for people to travel from home for work, education or shopping.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

The most viable measure that can be taken to overcome traffic congestion in urban areas is to diminish people need to daily commute to workplaces, shopping malls, and schools. The fewer people travel the less traffic jam we have. However, I strongly disagree with this solution.

Firstly every profession cannot be done at home such as engineering, medicine and firefighting. This kind of occupations needs a skilled person in order to carry out their responsibilities at the workplace. Similarly, when we do online shopping the delivery staff is still on the street to hand over goods to their recipient and also we cannot judge products quality by a picture on the internet. In addition to this, some technical courses need special laboratory works and online classes cannot amply fulfill these requirements. Indeed online courses cannot be compared with classroom teaching. Moreover, confinement of a person in an area can develop some physical and emotional problem like obesity and depression.

In order to tackle traffic congestion governments should take realistic actions. One such action can be public transportation improvement which can discourage citizens to use their private cars. Furthermore, the state can encourage people to use environment-friendly vehicles like a bicycle at least in short distances by dedicating a separate lane for them.

In conclusion, reduction of our needs to travel cannot be taken as an effective measure for traffic jam problem because commuting is an inevitable part of our daily life. In order to address this issue, we should tackle its root causes by the use of public transit and eco-friendly vehicles.