

CRITICISMS OF ASE (AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT)

1. REVENUE OVER SAFETY

- Many critics argue that speed cameras are **primarily a cash grab** for governments or private contractors rather than a genuine safety measure.
- Placement can sometimes seem designed to **maximize fines** (e.g., at the bottom of hills, or in areas with quickly changing speed limits), not to reduce accidents.

2. EROSION OF PUBLIC TRUST

- When people feel cameras are **unfairly placed** or **overly punitive**, they lose trust in traffic enforcement and even in government.
- Drivers may see them as **"traps"** rather than safety tools.

3. NO DISCRETION OR CONTEXT

- Unlike a police officer, a camera can't judge circumstances — for example, speeding briefly to avoid a dangerous driver, or moving with the flow of traffic.
- They **issue fines automatically**, with no room for explanation.

4. LIMITED EFFECT ON DRIVER BEHAVIOUR

- Some studies show cameras **only slow drivers down at specific locations** ("hot spots") but don't change long-term driving habits.
- Drivers **may brake suddenly** near cameras, then **speed up again**, which can cause new risks.

5. EQUITY CONCERNS

- Fines hit low-income drivers harder, creating **disproportionate burdens**.
- They may also exacerbate **systemic inequalities** if cameras are placed more heavily in certain neighbourhoods.

6. POTENTIAL FOR ERRORS

- Cameras can **misread plates**, ticket the wrong vehicle, or fail to account for unusual situations.
- **Contesting these errors can be difficult**, since the burden often **falls on the driver to prove innocence**.

7. SURVEILLANCE CONCERNS

- Some people see them as another step toward **constant government surveillance**, eroding **privacy** and **freedom** of movement.



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