

Should cars be banned in  
city centers?

# Introduction

In today's presentation we will be talking about if cars should be banned in city centers or not, first we will show you a list of pros and cons and then present you with our conclusion.



# Pros

Banning cars improves the quality in inner cities

Noise level would be lower

We could be able to preserve some flora and fauna

More green spaces

More space for pedestrians and to cyclists

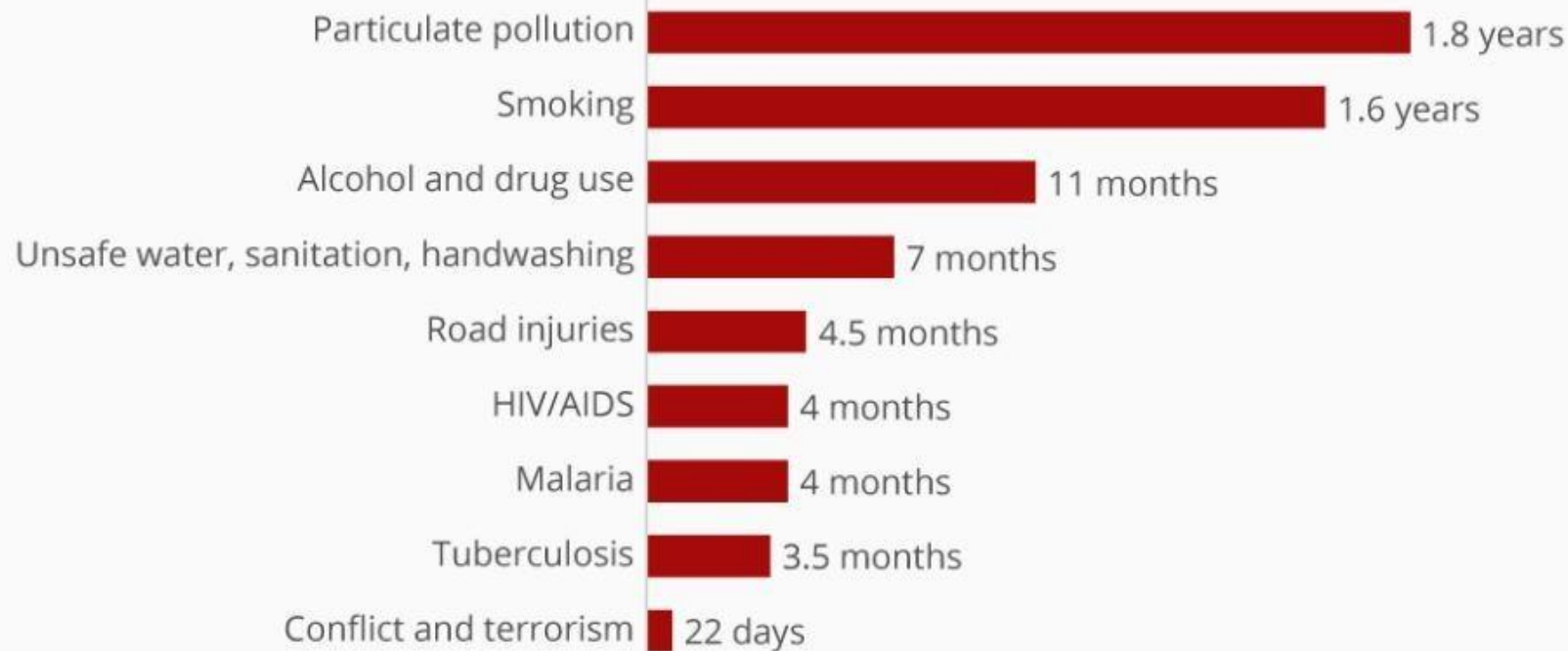
Less car being use it means that less pollution would be made



# Air Pollution Is The Greatest Human Health Risk

Average life expectancy lost per person worldwide due to the following

If current particulate pollution levels persist, today's global population will lose a total of **12.8 billion** years of life



# Cons



Banning cars would make life less efficient (unless public transportation is improved, a lot of time will be lost for simple daily commutes)

Drivers would lose their jobs

Issues with delivery (big item, eg. furniture, medical equipment...)

People with physical problems/old people would have more problems travelling around

# Cities that have made the transition to car-free centers

Oslo, Norway

Helsinki, Finland

Ghent, Belgium

Since making this decision, the populations in these cities can enjoy much better air quality and the reduction of noise pollution which results in better and healthier people.

# Challenge: defining the limits

The biggest challenge with banning cars from city centers is that it's very difficult to define which part of the cities cars shouldn't be allowed in.

The whole city?

The center?

The historic streets only?

What about big avenues that connect the whole city and go through the center?

# **Better alternatives**

Electric cars (or other sustainable fuel options)

Bikes

Electric scooters

Skating, rollerblading

Walking (walking for only 30 minutes a day has huge health and mobility benefits in the long term)



# Conclusion

Summing up, we consider that cars should definitely be banned from city centers, the pros more than outweigh the cons. However we must be careful with defining the limits of this ban in order to keep cities efficient and well organized.

Especially in today's climate crisis we must insist in making the transition, as individuals, to sustainable and environmentally friendly means of transportation even if it takes a couple minutes out of everyone's day.