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The legal lawlessness: for and against.

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Road transport plays an important role in the professional, social and private life of every person in our country and around the world as a whole. There is a huge number of motorists in Russia, and that's why the rules of the road are the most violated. Currently, not only the traffic police try to fight with the violators, but also the non-profit organization such as "СтопХам";.

This federal project was founded in Moscow in 2010 under the leadership of the movement Commissioner Dmitry Chugunov. There are departments of "СтопХам" in Moldova, Belarus and in some cities of Ukraine too. There is also the information, that this social movement may appear in Argentina. The main purpose of a public association is the fight against violation of traffic rules and disregard for others: parking in the wrong place, squatting urban land for parking, the use of sidewalks for movement by car and etc. Protesters seek the improperly parked cars, creating the interference to others. And in the presence of a driver, they turn to him with the request to park again the vehicle in accordance with traffic rules. In case of failure, or in the absence of the driver, they glue the sticker with the text "I do not care at all; I park where I want." on the car's windshield. The process is often accompanied by driver's attempts to fight and insults. It is also recorded on the video carriers (phone, camera), after which the project activists assemble videos and spread it on the Internet: on YouTube, VKontakte, and the official website of the movement. Alternatively, the activists also stand at the exits from the sidewalk, and "catch" any vehicles driving through there, adhesive stickers to those drivers who do not stop and go specifically to the participants of the movement, or refuse to back.

But not everyone shares their civic activism. According to the poll, committed on the territory of Russia in March 2014, about 52% of Russians aged 20 to 60 years, supported the motion; 24% of treated it as neutral, 17% did not support it, and 6-7% didn't know of its existence or had difficulty answering. [1]

Despite the fact that the movement coordinators argue that all of them are the volunteers and they establish the procedure for free on the street, many people are inclined to believe that the main activists' goal is earnings. Since apart from government grants, on YouTube they earn, according to some estimates, tens of thousands of dollars per month. This opinion is fully shared by the creator of the project "AntiСтопХам", Alexander Yanov. The more likes, the more advertising and revenue. Someone allegedly provokes people, someone is engaged in the shooting, someone pulls people apart and someone gluing stickers and so on. And if there are celebrities in the video, views go off-scale. [2]

For example, February 15, 2016 the motion "СтопХам" published another video of its raid on the streets of Moscow, in the course of which one of the traffic violators had become Nemov. According to activists of the non-profit organization, a former athlete improperly parked his car, thus creating an obstacle for other traffic participants. The winner of the Olympic Games of 1996 and 2000 had been caught in the double violation. If for the first time they had only conversation, then the next day Alexei hit the activist, who pasted a sticker on the windshield of his car. After that a scuffle ensued between them. Olympic champion Alexei Nemov wrote in social networks, that his son was sleeping in the car, the noise frightened him, so a boy began

to cry. So Nemov had to go to the counter.

Despite the mixed reaction, in the summer of 2013 Russian President Vladimir Putin supported «СтопХам». In his appeal to the representatives of the movement he said, that the struggle with rudeness is a very important and good things. We should add, that in 2105 "СтопХам" received a presidential grant - 8 million rubles. [3]

However, the legal assessment of the actions of the activists is not so clear, especially about the stickers. Some people believe that they can be qualified as hooliganism (Code Of Administrative Offences Of The Russian Federation, Article 20.1) or harm other people's property (Article 7.17), but there is another point of view: the stickers don't bring harm, because they're easy to remove and they don't leave marks.

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