

**Lesson Title**

New Legal Action Filed Against NYC Taxi Program

E-Newscast Video Link

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9nmbqkUWGA>

Video Length

Two minutes and forty-eight seconds

Grade Level

High School & Above

Summary

An impending addition of a new fleet of Nissan NV200's to New York's taxi cabs sparked debate when the model of the new machines were called into question. The city claims that they are taxis, while Disability Rights Advocates argues that they are vans, and will accordingly need to be made accessible. When New York City announced that the new fleet of taxis would not be wheelchair accessible, a number of disability rights organizations sued.

Review Questions

Out of the total number of taxis now, how many are wheelchair accessible?

What sparked the number of disability rights activists to sue the city?

What will happen if the new taxis are found to actually be vans?

Free writing "Journal" Prompt

If the city of New York is trying to avoid making their new vehicles wheelchair accessible, what reasons can you list that would make the city act this way?

Would it be more efficient if all the vehicles were wheelchair accessible? Why or why not?

What about this report do you have questions about, or want to know more about?