College project shows that turtles are helpless, people are terrible

Nathan Weaver's college project was supposed to help him learn how to help the box turtle population, but he ended up collecting data on how awful people can be. Weaver, a senior at Clemson University, placed a "realistic rubber turtle" in the center of a highway and observed it in the hopes he would get ideas on how to help them cross the road safely. Instead, he was horrified to see drivers swerving to intentionally run over the fake reptile. A second test yielded the same results. "They seem so helpless and cute," Weaver's professor said. "I can't understand why you would swerve to hit something so helpless as a turtle." [Source]

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What do you do when you see a turtle in the road?

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think ourselves out of being the worst form of animal on the planet!!

915123
There was a turtle in the middle of the road on my way home one evening. A woman coming the opposite direction stopped and put her hazard lights on and I stopped traffic going the direction I was headed so she wouldn't be hit while she got out of the car and moved the turtle.

Ungrateful little thing bit her!

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davisbe
Breaking news: People are dicks.

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oregontoo
If it's safe, pull over and move it. How heartless do you have to be to run over it...intentionally?!

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Old Baldy
Let's start a foundation that installs tack-strips on turtle shells.

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fredthedog
A turtle or anything else, attempt to miss it while keeping it safe. When I could, I've taken turtles off the road. As to people going out of their way to needlessly kill something, I'm not surprised at all. It takes little, sometimes just the opportunity, for people to be cruel. (At Stanford, years back, several studies were done that proved this to be true.)

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jleg
Turtles are the worst thing to run over with your vehicle. That crunch is haunting, those people are big time sick.

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wrench42
The more I'm around people, the more I respect animals.

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mutatedspecies
I actually will stop and move it off the road. Stopped once and when I got to the turtle realized it was a fair sized snapper who had different ideas about being picked up but he lost the fight and went into the bushes anyhow.
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That's terrible! I would try to avoid running over a turtle if it was at all possible. That guy is going to cause an accident doing stuff like that. Anyhow, I myself have a box turtle named Diego that I found 12 years ago injured. A dog used him as a chew toy and he still has teeth holes in his shell. He (actually I have come to find out years later that it is a she) lives on worms, cucumber, chicken, dry box turtle food, and the occasional strawberry. I even put bird vitamins in her water and have an extensive sun lamp and heat lamp set up for her. I can't think of someone intentionally running over her. Again, I will repeat myself. That's terrible!