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The ethical issue was obtained from New York Times news website, “How Green Are electric Vehicles,” written on the 6th of August in 2021. The news can be obtained from <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/02/climate/electric-vehicles-environment.html>. Mainly, the authors focused entirely on how electric vehicles can care for the environment, thus resulting in an ethical question on how green electric vehicles are. Although the main reason for making electric vehicles was to reduce environmental effects and cost, plug-in cars cause environmental issues. Most automakers like Volvo, General Motors, and others worldwide are resolving to introduce to the market an all-electric lineup of cars as early as 2030 (Tabuchi & Plumer, 2021). Although the development of electric vehicles changes the shape of automakers, the ethical question that arises is; Are they as green as advertised? Experts at a higher rate agree that plug-in vehicles tend to be more climate-friendly than traditional vehicles. Despite that, most of them tend to agree that electric cars also have some environmental impacts.

The efficiency of electric cars depends on some significant factors, such as the quantity of carbon burned to charge up the plug-in vehicles. Electric vehicles are much greener than traditional cars for the rate they emit the carbon fuel to the environment is better only if it has enough coal to charge up the plug-in vehicles (Tabuchi & Plumer, 2021). The other issue was knowing where the electricity to charge the automobile might come from. The moral theory to be applied in this situation is consequentialism. The consequences of action develop the foundation of every valid moral judgment concerning the activity. For instance, since there is limited readily available coal, cobalt is mined, leading to unhealthy emissions for human consumption. Therefore, despite the automotive manufacturers working to ensure they build vehicles that use electricity, their actions should not have substantial consequences on the lives of individuals.

Reference

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