I was a mission specialist for Canadian armed forces time-travel division. Canadians developed time-travel in response to the space-race. Convinced the country would not be able to compete in the space-race with the likes of the U.S. and Soviet Unions, Canadians decided to invest heavily in time travel while the other large players were investing in space-travel. Perhaps the other bigger parties were already aware of lack of value in being able to travel in time.

I went on over 80 missions in time. Towards the end of my career I kept refusing to go on missions. I reached the point where I could not face another mission. It was difficult to find people who would be willing to go on missions once they had been briefed on what a mission like.

As a result of all the missions I had been on, I recommended that no than six missions should be attempted by anyone. By the time one reached the fifth or sixth mission their brain felt like putty. There is a kind on insanity that grows the more time-travel one does. Time travel was too hard on the human soul. Human beings were not meant to travel in time and travelling in time took a piece of your humanity away. Some of the effects of time travel are depicted in movies. Travel to the past and you might find out when you return to the future that all your family and friends are not present in it. It could be as bad as experiencing the effect of everybody you ever knew died. It was heart-wrenching every time.

Later with feed back from other mission specialists the recommendation was changed to just three missions.

Finally, the recommendation was changed to zero missions.

After a couple of decades of time travel missions, it was found that there was no benefit to being able to travel in time, and it was extremely hard on the personal. The time travel division was shut-down.

In fact, it was determined that time-travel had potentially a detrimental effect in strategic terms from the perspective of armed forces. It cost significant manpower and resources to do time-travel and there was no perceived benefit. Strategically it was better to re-assign the resources used for time-travel to other uses.

A case by case analysis of all the missions undertaken was done. In all cases it would likely have been better if resources were applied to non-time travel missions.

Hence the little white lie. "Time travel is impossible." It is to prevent the ignorant from attempting feats that are always detrimental to the individuals involved.

It is certainly possible, but experience shows that there is little reason to do it. Better still if people can't do it because no-ones built a time machine. Label it as impossible and the serious entrepreneurs won't waste their time and resources attempting it. Label it as impossible and the number of people who have to be rescued from time-travel accidents is minimized.