

Motorways in Austria “Autobahn”



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- Our daily life is car orientated
- shapes environment

Where does this “lifestyle” come from?



The main idea

- Nazi regime has influenced our today's infrastructure
- Building of the “Reichsautobahn”

ground-breaking ceremony





Plans 1938

- A1: 150km planned
17km finished
- After war – building started again

How it looks today



- Would Austrians road system look different if Hitler hasn't started with building the "Reichsautobahn"?



Streets, but no cars...

- Would our infrastructure look different nowadays?
(path dependence)

Methodology

- National Case Project
 - Austria
 - Highway A1 Salzburg - Vienna

Sources

Primary Sources

- Interviews from politicians after WWII about decisions of building the highways
- Archives – old maps, plans,...
- Newspapers during WWII – propaganda
- Newspaper after WWII – reports about highways

Secondary Sources

- Book „Deutschlands Autobahnen – Adolf Hitlers Straßen“