

Korrekturhinweise

America's love affair with the automobile

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Begründungen

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The text says: "Drivers may feel spooked by seeing the first self-driving cars appear in coming years. But the new era could prove far less disruptive and bloody than the automobile's 20th-century battle to push pedestrians off U.S. streets." In the near future motorists may therefore feel frightened by autonomous vehicles.

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The text says: "The change in American public opinion from thinking of cars as wildly dangerous vehicles to having a 'love affair with the automobile' was no accident. Instead, it reflected a serious push by the car industry to change people's psychology. Automobiles had to win the battle for hearts and minds before they could take over streets where people had once swarmed." Therefore, America's attitude towards automobiles was a result of carefully planned manipulation.

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The text says: "One key difference between the two eras of transition may prove to be a huge blessing — the rise of self-driving cars could boost road safety and eliminate thousands of unnecessary motorist deaths in the U.S. each year. That futuristic scenario stands in contrast to the relatively bloody rise of cars in the early 20th century." Therefore, driverless vehicles could keep fatality rates low.

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The text says: "American hearts and minds did not change easily when cars first appeared. Pedestrians crowded the streets of U.S. cities and towns at the start of the 20th century, walking alongside horse-drawn wagons, carriages and trolleys." Around 1900, U.S. urban areas were therefore dominated by people walking on foot.

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The text says: "If a pedestrian strode into a street and maybe a wagon wheel ran over their foot, the law would be on their side [...]. Judges would say pedestrians belonged there, and that if you're operating a heavy dangerous vehicle, it's your fault." In case of a crash, walkers were therefore mostly much better off.

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The text says: "Car accidents led to injuries and deaths among pedestrians and a strong public backlash against automobiles [...]." Therefore severe crashes made people turn against cars.

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The text says: "People even pushed for a 1923 law requiring all cars in Cincinnati to have a mechanism limiting their speed to no higher than 25 mph, but car makers gathered enough support to defeat it." Therefore, attempts to slow down cars were stopped by the industry.

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The text says: "The automobile industry eventually began waging a psychological campaign to get pedestrians out of the streets." Therefore, finally car manufacturers took measures to clear the roads for their cars.

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The text says: "First, it [the automobile industry] invented the term 'jaywalking' (a reference to the idea of jaybirds as loud idiots) to make fun of pedestrians walking in the street as being stuck in the past." Therefore, people moving on the roads on foot were considered old-fashioned.