

Infrastructure

[T]he United States is notable for how much we spend and how little we get.

It costs about \$538 million to build a kilometer (about 0.6 mile) of rail here.

Germany builds a kilometer of rail for \$287 million. Canada gets it done for

\$254 million. Japan clocks in at \$170 million. Spain is the cheapest country in the database, at \$80 million.

All those countries build more tunnels than we do, perhaps because they retain the confidence to regularly try.

The better you are at building infrastructure, the more ambitious you can be when imagining infrastructure to build.

Ezra Klein, New York Time, May 31, 2022