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Hi Jason,

I enjoyed reading your latest post and as an Austrian myself, I would like to share my thoughts on the topic.

I mostly agree with what you said. You go into high school at an early age, too young for most people to know what they want to do in life. Joining a technical school more or less forces you to study your chosen field for years to come. Of course, changing schools or studying something completely different after you finish your secondary education is possible, but it's never going to be easy.

The advantage of a technical school is already having some experience. In Austria these institutes have a rather good reputation, companies are always looking for graduates in their field of work. Experience and education are undoubtedly the two most important aspects for getting a solid job. With a degree from a technical college, you will have both. On the contrary, finding a job in a different field will be more difficult because these schools are very specialized towards one area of expertise.

After finishing your education, chances are, it's not going to be very hard for you to find a well paying job where you can make use of your skills. Many people also choose to further facilitate their knowledge by going into university. Having a university degree increases your chances of getting a job and being paid well even more. Changing into a completely different field is possible as well, but you will have to put a lot of work into it if you do.

I look forward to hearing more of your opinions on the subject.

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