From the beginning of the history of transportation there has been much confusion. Many people from as far back as feudal society have had debated on what side of the road that should be used for travel from the initial location to the desired location. Presently about 35 percent of the world’s countries use the left side of the road for forward motion, but most of the world uses a “right hand” rule for driving. Some have held debate of which rule superior to the other and vice versa. Obviously some would assume that the “right hand” rule would be the superior way of driving due to the majority of the world participating in it. Some would say that the “left hand” rule is a better rule and most of the world has not realized its efficiency. The question remains which rule for driving is more efficient and safe. Which should be embraced for the use of the entire population? Is there a more efficient rule, should there be a rule or does it even matter with all of the studies reaching the same ending result when studied to a large number. This is a perplexing question and one that should and will be addressed in this paper.

A way to proceed with solving a problem, especially one such as difficult as this, is to start off with a bit of back story. The history of transportation has been ripe with various origin stories. Since there are one of three options of sides to drive on (left, right, and no rule) many different cultures have made a rule independent of In previous times of society most people rode horses on the left side of the road. This was done for multiple mostly trivial reasons. The first and most common is that most people are right handed and had their swords were worn on the left side of the hip for the convenience of a quicker draw. So, knights rode on the left side of the road for strategic advantage of utilizing their right hand for attack. This rule also made it convenient for it was more natural to mount a horse from the left with a sword equipped and it prevented the sheath of the sword from making any unwanted contact with travelers. It was not until the use of mock carriages for farming did anyone try to ride on the right side. This was due to the fact that the farmer would ride the left back most horse while he lashed, with his right hand, the horses closer to the front. Since serfs and farmers had historically higher population percentages compared to other groups this eventually made the right hand rule the most popular.

From hundreds of years trying to build a better road has almost always had a priority of governments, businesses, and people. Whether their reasons were for war, commerce, or just to visit the neighbor many have always wanted more efficient travel.