

Volkslauf in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland

English Summary

RONALD LUTZ: „Volkslauf“ (Popular Long Distance Racing) in the Federal Republic.

Long distance racing has become a popular movement. Looking at it from its historical roots it appears to be an intermediate stage in the history of the utilization of the body. The development of the popular race as a long distance race carried out by large crowds shows that the human ability to run serves a number of needs and can be interpreted quite controversially. It becomes apparent that the „Volkslauf“ as a reflection of contemporary historical developments underwent deep changes. Besides a non-competitive "soft race" one can discern another, more competitive type which reflects a subversive transformation of human needs into sports events.