

Brexit

View from Europe

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Comparison with Mad Cow Disease



1992 – MAD COW DISEASE OUTBREAK AREAS



2016 – BREXIT REFERENDUM LOCAL RESULTS



IT MAY, HOWEVER, BE A MISTAKE TO JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS

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unprepared in order to get the
unspecified for the uninformed. >

UK is mad #1

- Dominant soft superpower
 - Hugely influential
 - Single Market
 - Margaret Thatcher initiative
 - All meetings conducted in English
 - English officials dominate committees
 - Anglophile replacements

UK mad #2

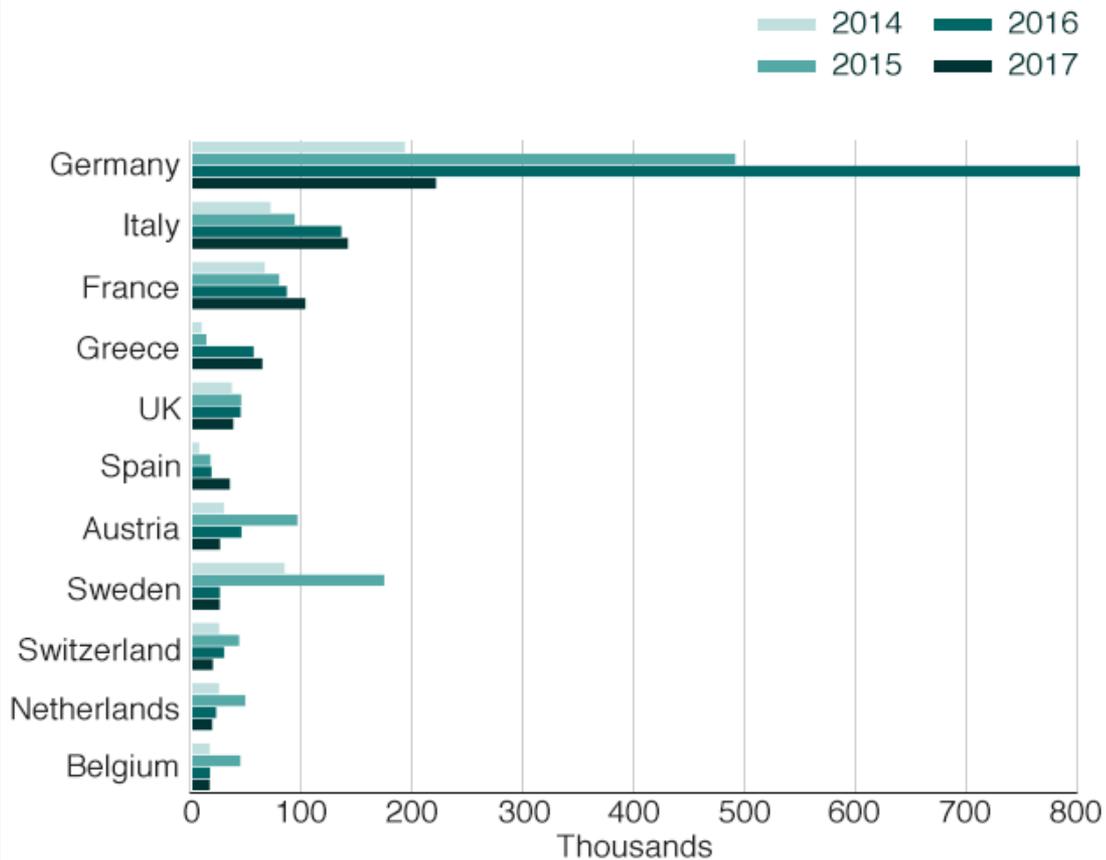
- Biggest beneficiary from
 - foreign investment
 - single market
 - migration
- Granted special treatment
 - Budget contribution rebate
 - Opt outs
 - Schengen
 - Euro

UK Mad #3

- Serious engaged and successful player
 - CoM votes between 2009 and 2015
 - No – 56 times
 - Abstained – 70 times
 - Yes – 2,466 times

Immigration 1

Top 10 EU countries for asylum applications

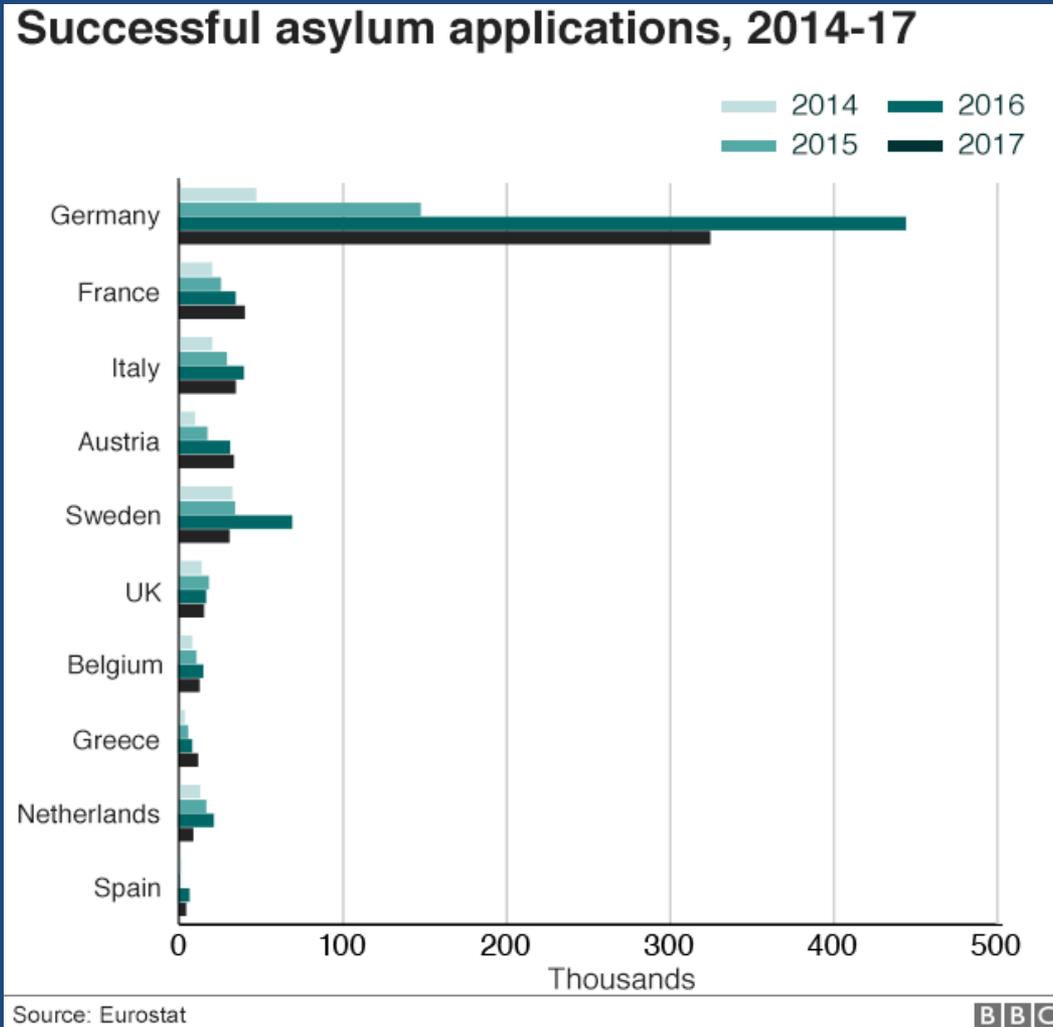


Source: Eurostat

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Immigration 2



Europe has its own problems

- Germany in Political Crisis
 - Part caused by Immigration and rise of AFD
- France in Political Crisis
 - Part caused by rise of populist demonstrations
- Italy in Political Crisis
 - Caused by rise of populist parties
- Spain in Political Crisis
 - Caused (in part) by separatist populism
- Poland, Hungary, Greece & Belgium

Viewed as self mutilation

- No desire to assist UK with Brexit
- “Helping with Brexit” regarded as profoundly anti-European (and anti-British)
- Pro-Brexit arguments regarded as toxic lies

On this there is total unanimity

But they also recognise a popular vote to leave

- Three approaches

- 1 Be as obstructive as possible

- In the hope that the UK would serve as an example and then give up

- 2 Negotiate and offer compromises

- See what might happen
- Helps Prime Minister save face

- 3 Be as helpful as possible

- Not an option

Negotiating Position

- EU is awesomely powerful
 - Article 50 of Lisbon treaty (drafted by UK) gives them full power to specify severance terms. Effectively non-negotiable.
 - Any leaver has to come up with a proposal acceptable to all 27 members
 - Not what the leaving party desires
 - What the remaining 27 are prepared to accept
 - The UK has to propose the solution

Framework

- Article 50 declared on 30 March 2017
- Two year period to negotiate a withdrawal agreement
 - Ends on 29th March 2019
- Withdrawal transition period lasts until 1 Jan 2021 (or 2022)
 - During this transition period the real negotiations start

Article 50 triggered

29th April 2017 The European Council

- Appointed Michel Barnier
 - “unprecedented negotiating authority” for 27 states
- Laid out basic principles
 - No “Cherry Picking” Single Market
 - No hard border in Ireland

July 2017



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Option 2 broke down last September

- EU had been willing to fudge on single market
 - Effectively agree a transition period whereby everything stays the same
- But inability to solve Irish Border led to a collective sense of humour failure in Salzburg
- Papered over on 25th November 2018
 - Brexit deal signed

Brexit Treaty

- On 15th January presented by Prime Minister to Commons as “The only possible treaty”
 - 3 line whip
 - Heavy defeat
- On 29th January “a new possible treaty”
 - 3 line whip
 - Passed
- But rejected by EU, for reasons outlined by Theresa May on 15th January

Facing 5 possible outcomes

- Deal gets passed
- No deal Brexit
- Article 50 gets delayed
 - By 3 months
 - By 21 months
- Another vote

Deal passed

“If the Withdrawal Agreement is ratified before 30 March 2019, most of the legal effects of Brexit will apply as of 1 January 2021. “

“The future relationship between the EU and the UK can only be negotiated after the UK has left the EU.”

- 2 years of frantic negotiations
 - Heavy lobbying to maintain status quo
 - “UK not at table, so on Menu”
 - Trade deals not easy
- Huge Parliamentary process “up to” ten years of bills

Hard Brexit now “a 50% Possibility”

Current odds are 7-2

EU a machine for ensuring cross border activity occurs seamlessly

- Essential to air traffic, physical trade and service economy.

BORDER CHECKS ON PERSONS AT THE EU EXTERNAL BORDER

Union law on border checks at the EU external borders on persons distinguishes between controls of EU citizens and of third country nationals. As of the withdrawal date, controls of UK nationals upon entry to and exit ...will follow the rules for third country nationals.

In particular, UK nationals will **not be entitled to use the separate lanes provided for EU/EEA/CH citizens** and will be **subject to entry conditions for third country nationals upon entry.**

The entry checks on UK nationals will include verification of:

- the possession of a valid travel document for crossing the border.
- the duration of the stay
- the purpose and the conditions of the intended stay
- the existence of sufficient means of subsistence



90 seconds extra per person

- With investment at airports
 - 2 hours per plane
 - Total logjam with one day
- Dover/Folkestone
 - 20,000 outbound
 - Requires a twentyfold investment by the French Authorities to keep the delay down to 24 hours

Near Total silence from Member States

- Only Portugal have said they will create a third lane for UK
- France – nothing
- Spain
 - Have sought to impose Schengen visas on Gibraltese, raising the potential of Visas being needed for UK citizens

Leaving Customs Union

- TOMS contingent on being in Customs Union
- No TOMS
 - Obligation to register in every country that you do business in
 - Major problem for Wholesalers
 - Multiple VAT returns
 - Potentially also for Coach Operators
 - Requirement to do the same
 - No transport scheme relief
 - UK will lose all TOMS revenue

Delay

- Only possible option
 - UK will ask for three months
 - Commission question the point
 - Offer 21 month delay
 - Possible they will set conditions
 - » Another vote or general election

Sustainability

- Climate change
- Local Environmental Impact
- Economic Impact
- Cultural

Davos 2019 “The Garden of Eden is no more”



Climate change

- Tourism deemed to be particularly damaging and obviously non-essential

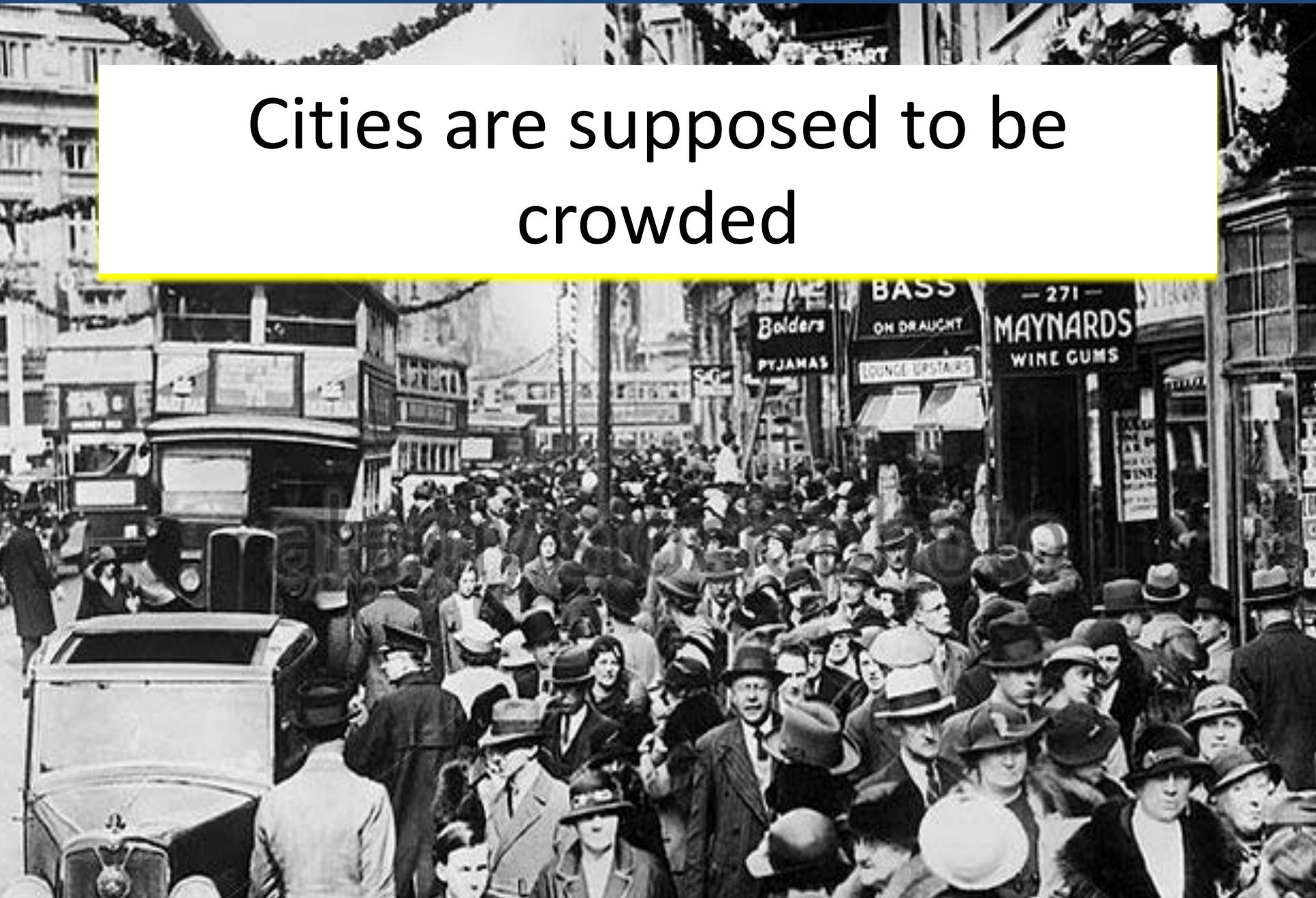
Contra Argument

- Tourism contributes massively economically and culturally

Local Environmental Impact

- Principally benign
 - City tourism
 - Uses existing infrastructure
 - Occupies accommodation otherwise unused
 - Uses cities as they are meant to be used

Cities are supposed to be crowded



Sign of success

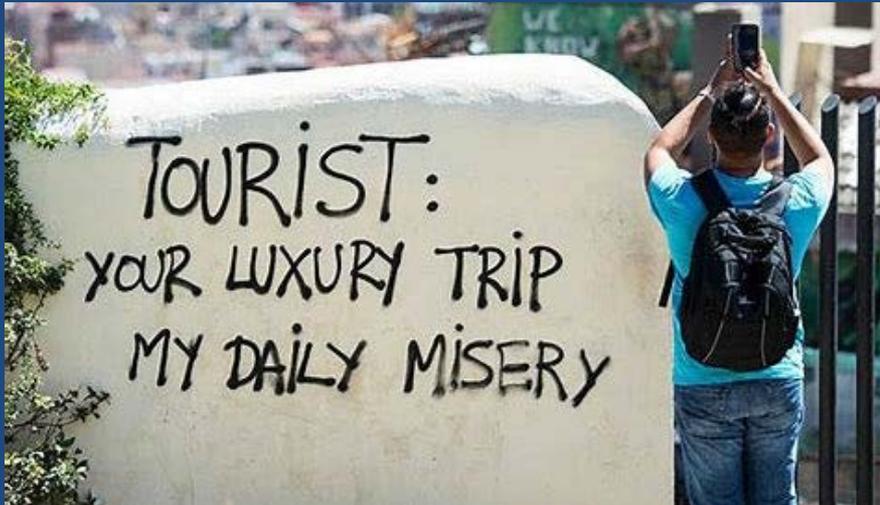
- “Overtourism”
 - Affects 10% of destinations
 - Affects 10% of these 10%
 - Affects 10% of these 10%, 10% of the time



ETOA plea to destinations

- Inform when peak dates and times are
- Pre-ticket wherever possible
- Talk to operators
- Increase capacity

Local Environmental Impact



- Atypical
- Mostly tourists suffer from other tourists
- Coaches are mistakenly singled out for blame

Rome

- Massive restrictions on Coach access
 - Effectively banning coach movements inside city
 - Even with accommodation
- Purpose to reduced congestion and pollution
 - Does the opposite
 - But popular

London

- Westminster
 - “I want to clear the streets of dog shit and tourist coaches”
- Camden
 - “coaches have the lowest priority in our planning
– below that of chauffeur-driven limos”

Coaches

- Should be central to the problems caused by overcrowding
- Huge potential for beneficial expansion

Economic

Cities

- Are where people arrive to trade goods and services
- Exist to entertain, impress, accommodate and fleece visitors
 - Principal purpose of their commercial fabric
- Resources are finite
 - Visitors compete with each other and locals
 - Prices go up
 - Character of neighbourhood changes
- Mutability feature of any dynamic city
 - Cannot have prosperity without displacement

Does not make Tourists popular



RES TURISMO
TOURIST GO HOME
REFUGEES WELCOME



WHY CALL IT

- Left field
- Counter cultural
- Sincere
- Cool

SHOOT THEM?

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NO

FOREIGNERS!

A photograph of a wall covered in graffiti. The graffiti is dark and somewhat blurry, but some words are visible, including 'Bigoted', 'Racist', 'Stupid', and 'Vile'. The background is a textured, light-colored wall. The text 'Bigoted', 'Racist', 'Stupid', and 'Vile' is overlaid on the left side of the image in a bright red, sans-serif font.

- Bigoted

- Racist

- Stupid

- Vile

Tourism is more than Money

- Underpins the cultural life of a city

- Museums & Galleries
- Theatres and Opera Houses
- Cafes and Restaurants
- Shops

All would struggle to exist without tourism

With tourism they thrive



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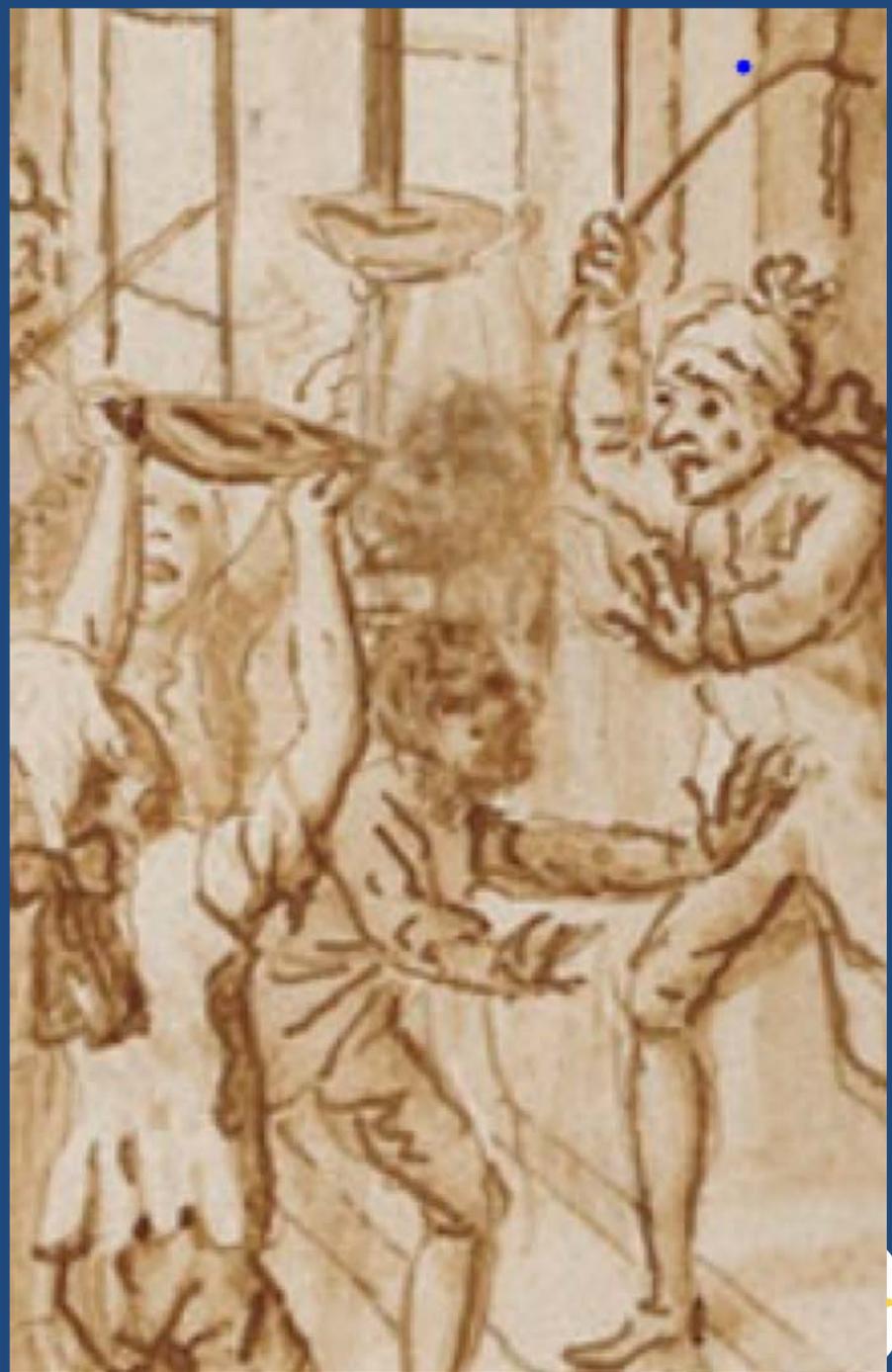








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Visitor

- Uses city as it is supposed to be used
- Rome was always a centre for
 - Fake antiquities
 - Pornography
 - Prostitution
 - Begging



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