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PRESENTING QUASI-EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

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Paranoia por el Joker en EEUU: el estreno del Guasón pone en alerta a la policía

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- How could we know?
- Let's design a study...

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- Let's think of what we would need...
 - Comparable groups
 - Internal validity (that changes in X affect changes in Y)
- What are we **avoiding**?
 - Endogeneity
(this is, X correlated with ε when $Y = X\beta + \varepsilon$)



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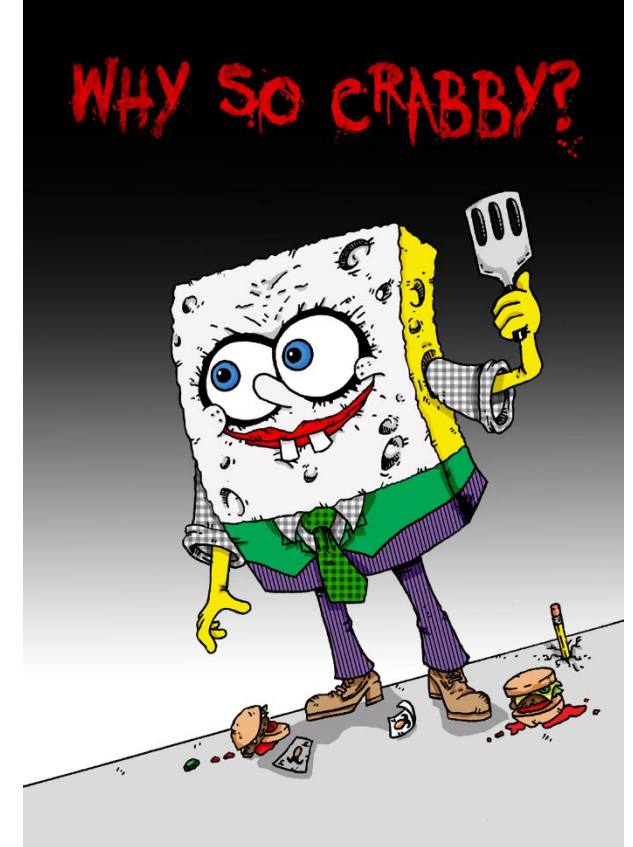


- What if we have a variable (**Z**) that removes correlation between **X** and ϵ ?
 - **Exogenous** differences
 - Using one variable as an **instrument** of another
- What if we study crime **tendencies before** and **after** actions movies are showed?
 - If **tendencies** are **similar**, maybe we don't need comparable groups.
 - Just the **difference** matters

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- What if we **artificially** build a **comparable** group?
 - Only reason to pass an action movie was the population of a State, we could use a **control**
- We could compare medium populated states around a **cut-off point**
 - If breaking point of showing or not a movie was P people, then being **little down P** and **little above P** would be similar
- How could we **be sure**?



PART IV: CUASI AND NON-EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

- Instrumental Variables
- Differences in Differences (and natural experiments)
- Panel Data
- Regression Discontinuity
- Robustness Check

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