

# THE 'SECURITY LANDSCAPE' IS CHANGING RAPIDLY CAN POLICE (EDUCATION) KEEP UP?

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#### INTRODUCTION

#### My research domain: public perceptions of security

#### Recent research

- Security perceptions in Rotterdam (Eysnk Smeeys, 2016)
- International trends in security perceptions (Eysink Smeets & Voloaard, 2015, Eysink Smeets & Foekens, in progress)
- Public worries about the influx of migrants (Eysink Smeets & Boot, in progress)
- Societal Impact of terrorism E(ysink Smeets & Boot, in progress)

Essayistic presentation, not a classical research paper......

#### CONTENT

- 1. the changing security landscape?
- 2. four trends
- 3. implications for police (education)

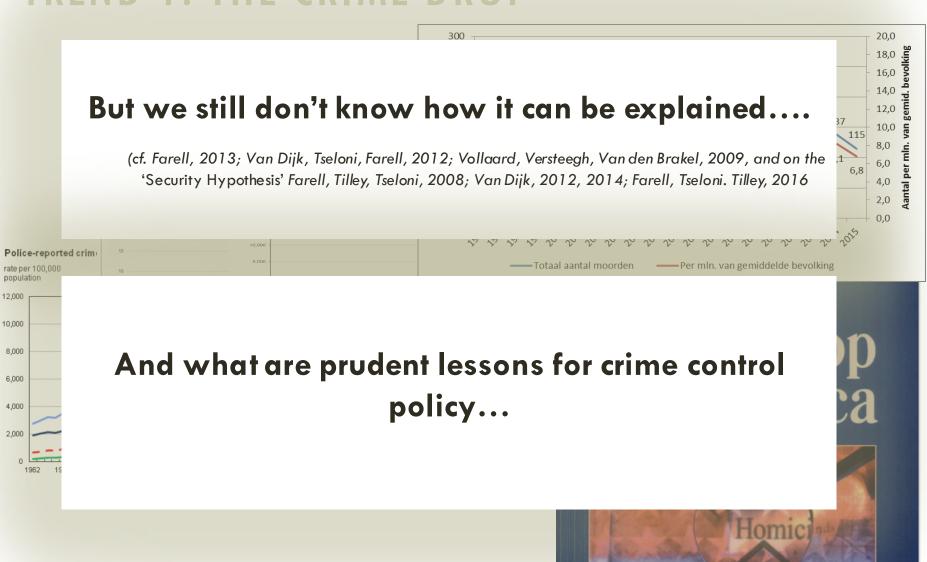
### THE CHANGING 'SECURITY LANDSCAPE'?

The combination of threats, challenges, expectations and the context in which they take place

Different viewpoints/dimensions possible, looking at influence of cf.

- \* informatisation
- \* internationalisation
- \* immigration
- \* inequality
- \* horizontalisation
- \* 'experience' economy
- \* or, much debated.....

#### TREND 1: THE CRIME DROP



1. Crime drop

Popular narrative:

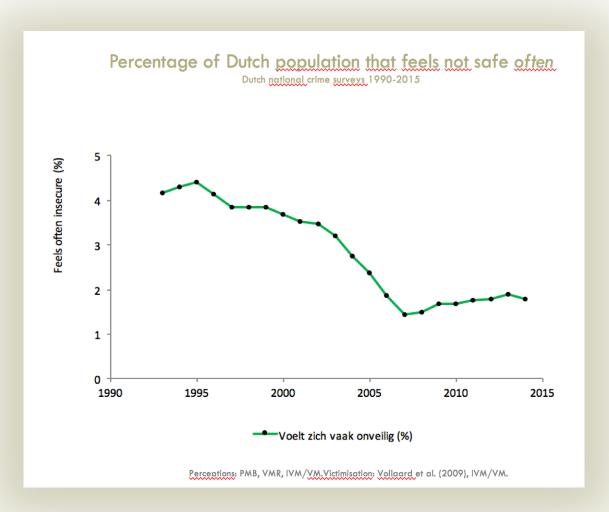
2. Fear drop

## A VERY STUBBORN BELIEF....

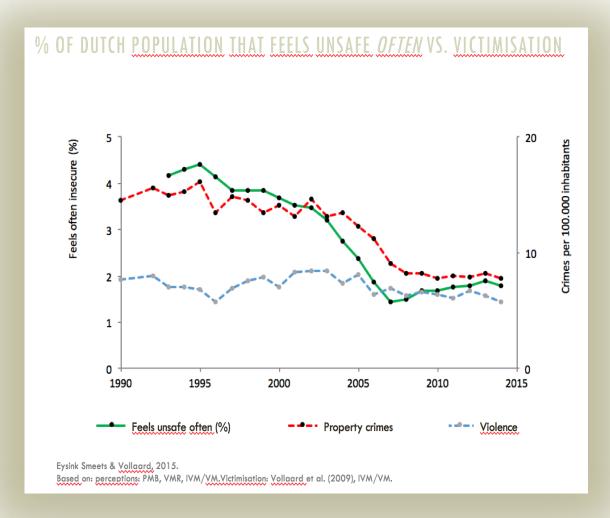
Crime is steadily going down, but...
...people don't seem to notice

'Fear?'

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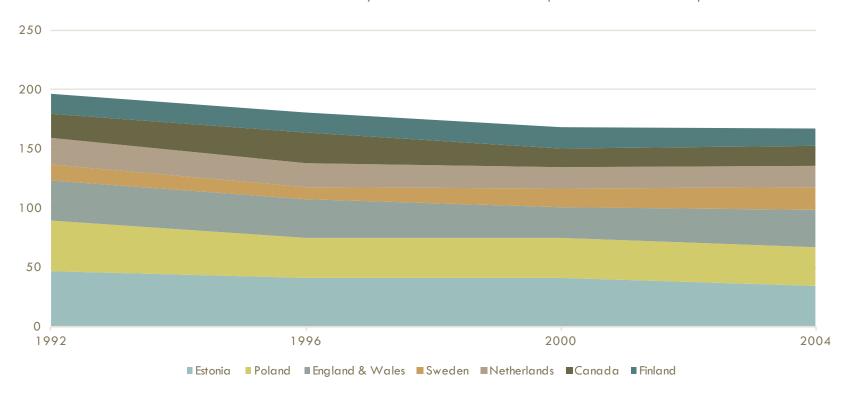
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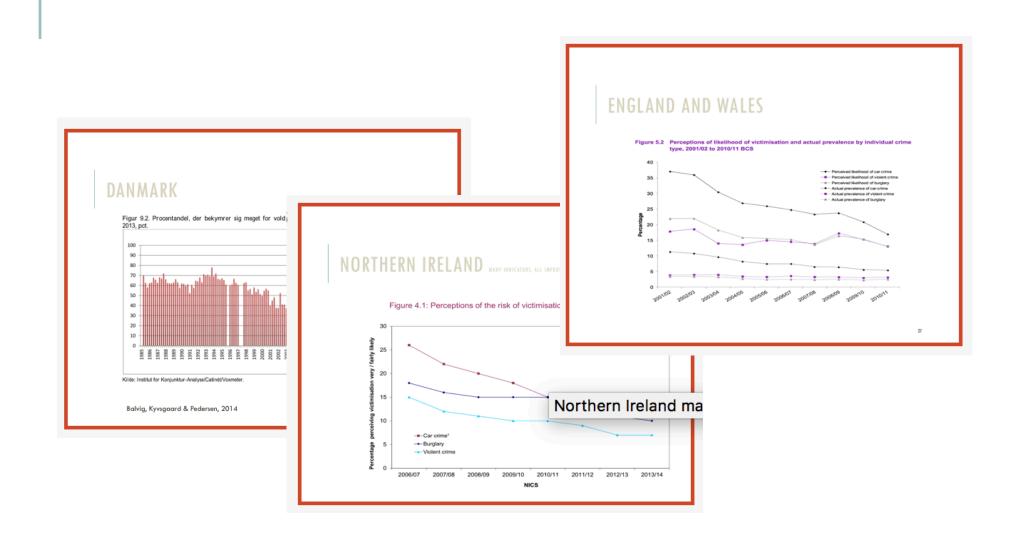


#### FEAR OF CRIME - ICVS

ICVS 1992-2004/5

% of population (per country, so total adds up to more than 100) feeling (very) unsafe after dark on the street
Only based on countries that were present in all 4 ICVS sweeps





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Popular narrative:

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cf. cybercrime

3. Crime change

And recent new threats

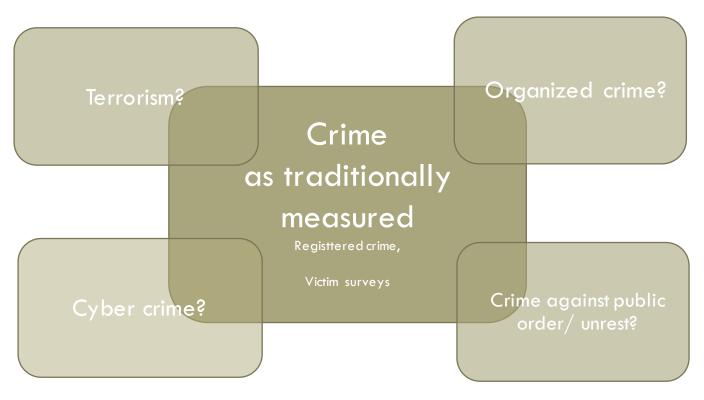
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But....that is based on our traditional ways of recording and measuring...

#### THE CRIME CHANGE



Lewis, 2013

"the current measures are inadequate to cope with a changing trend in criminal activity"

Crimedrop

Popular narrative:

Feardrop

Population remains fearfull

cf. cybercrime
Crimechange

And recent new threats

Fearchange

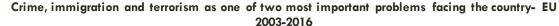
#### Recent and ongoing qualitative research:

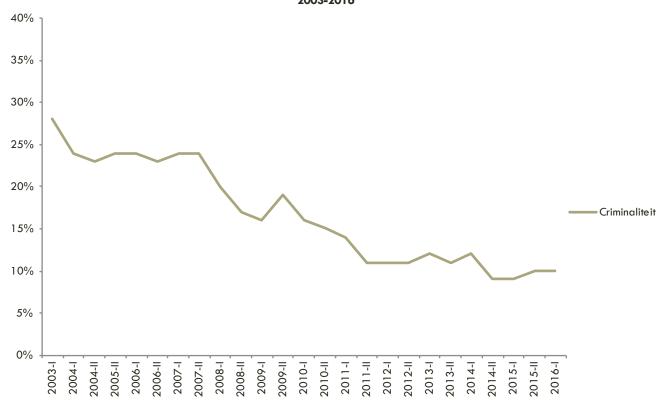
Marked Shifts in public 'security' worries & fears

Eysink Smeets (2016, Eysink Smeets & Boot, in progress) Eysink Smeets & Boot, in progress), MARGIN-project (in progress)

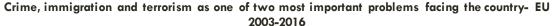
But some surveydata point in the same direction

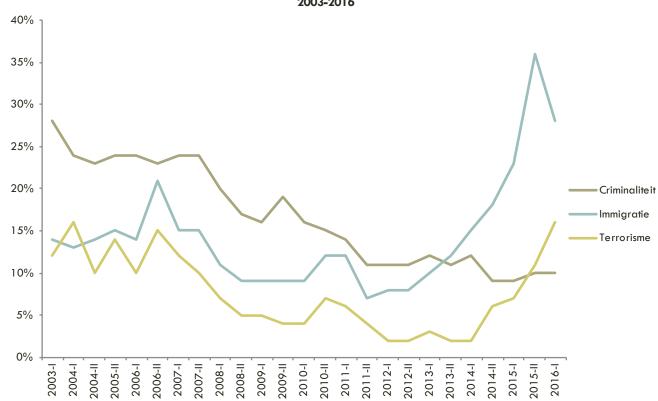
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# CRIME, TERRORISM AND IMMIGRATION AS IMPORTANT PROBLEM FOR THE COUNTRY — 'EU-30'





Implications for police (education)

### IN ALL HUMBLENESS...

#### New challenges

that the traditional ways of measuring or recording are unable to show ask for:

- Other ways of timely identifying those challenges and their implications for the police
- Adaptiveness, to find answers,
- Led by a clear view of what the function of police in (your) society is

# Consequences depending on the police – model and your view on the function of the police(?)

Policing by consent – policing by control

#### Police legitimacy central?

Core function of the police is to be there and intervene when something happens that'... ought not to be happening and about which someone had better do something about now' Bittner (1970)

That asks for enlarging professional and institutional **empathy** as well

# Thank You!