

# Cities

Because cities are so exciting, their inhabitants do not have to be. Their ease of access to culture saps any will on their part to make it themselves. But more than that, even if they do create, they are too close to the action to seriously question it. ... It is by viewing the culture from its margins that one spots how it might take a new course. In other words, boredom and isolation have their uses.

**Janan Ganesh,  
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on the large number of creative talents  
who come from outside large cities**