

# WHY HIDE THEM?

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: CAPRICHOS (PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, 1797-1799) (30/85)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1797 - 1799

DIMENSIONES

218 x 153 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Etching, burnished aquatint and drypoint

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Documented work

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

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INVENTARIO

836 225

## INSCRIPCIONES

*Why hide them?* (at the bottom)

30. (in the upper right-hand corner)

## HISTORIA

See *Francisco de Goya y Lucientes, Painter*.

There is a known status test before the letter in which the title is written in sanguine.

In the first printings the title ended in a full stop, which was later corrected by replacing it with a question mark.

Two preparatory drawings of this engraving have survived (1) and (2).

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

In the foreground an old miser with deformed features tries to hide, almost to protect with his bent body, two bags of coins. Next to him, slightly in the background, a man in a frock coat and top hat can be seen pointing with his hand to the left. Somewhat further back, three other figures can be seen laughing at the old man's attitude. Goya is at pains to capture the physical decrepitude of the old miser as this is, at the same time, a way of characterising him from a moral point of view.

It is possible that those to whom the situation arouses a certain hilarity are relatives of the old man, perhaps his nephews and nieces, as indicated in the interpretation of this engraving provided by the manuscripts of Ayala and the National Library, who are confidently awaiting the death of the character. These texts suggest that the subject of the image could be either a bishop or a cleric.

The Aragonese painter worked on the basis of parallel lines without delimiting the outlines of the figures, using aquatint to achieve the cohesion of the figures and to shade the different planes.

In this print Goya criticises greed, which had already been dealt with, among other cases, in *Moral Dreams, Visions, and Visits of Torres with Don Francisco de Quevedo in Madrid* by Diego de Torres Villarroel (Salamanca, 1693-1770).

#### CONSERVACIÓN

The plate is preserved in the National Chalcography (no. 201)

#### EXPOSICIONES

##### **Goya. Gemälde Zeichnungen. Graphik. Tapisserien**

Kunsthalle Basel Basle 1953

from January 23th to April 12th 1953

cat. 220

##### **Goya. La década de Los Caprichos**

Madrid 1992

organized by Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San Fernando sponsored by Fundación Central Hispano, Madrid, consultant editor Nigel Glendinnig. From October 26th 1992 to January 10th 1993

cat. 176

##### **Goya**

Nationalmuseum Stockholm 1994

consultant editors Juan J. Luna and Görel Cavalli-Björkman.

From October 7th 1994 to January 8th 1995

cat. 61

##### **Francisco de Goya**

Museo d'Arte Moderna Lugano 1996

exhibition celebrated from September 22nd to November 17th.

cat. 30, p.57

##### **Francisco Goya. Sein leben im spiegel der graphik. Fuendetodos 1746-1828 Bordeaux. 1746-1996**

Galerie Kornfeld Bern 1996

from November 21st 1996 to January 1997

cat. 36

##### **Francisco Goya. Capricci, follie e disastri della guerra**

San Donato Milanese 2000

Opere grafiche della Fondazione Antonio Mazzotta

p.28, cat. 30

##### **Goya e la tradizione italiana**

Fondazione Magnani Rocca Mamiano di Traversetolo (Parma) 2006

consultant editors Fred Licht and Simona Tosini Pizzetti.

From September 9th to December 3th 2006

cat. 30, p.153

##### **Goya. Opera grafica**

Pinacoteca del Castello di San Giorgio Legnano 2006

exhibition celebrated from December 16th 2006 to April 1st 2007

p.31

##### **Goya et la modernité**

Pinacothèque de Paris Paris 2013

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pp.184-187  
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Museo Nacional del Prado

OROPESA, Marisa and RINCÓN GARCÍA, Wilfredo  
p. 64  
2013  
Pinacoteca de París

### **Goya. In the Norton Simon Museum**

WILSON BAREAU, Juliet  
pp. 42-75  
2016  
Norton Simon Museum

## PALABRAS CLAVE

**CAPRICCIO AVARICIA CRÍTICA**

## ENLACES EXTERNOS