

Immigrants, Tourists and Others from Away: Come Visit, but Don't Overstay

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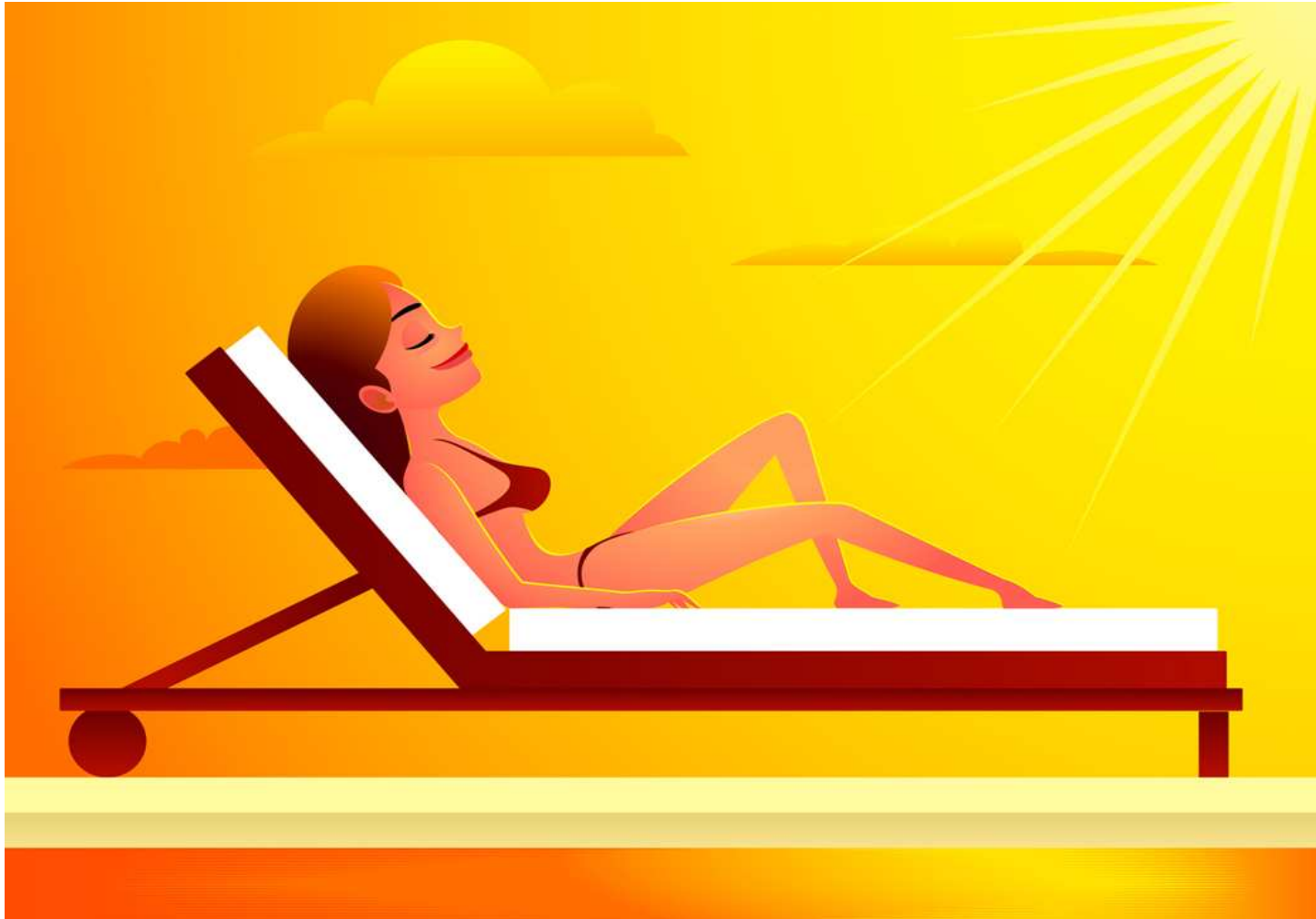
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Economic Dependency Rules

- “They get sick, so what? As long as they’re not violent, it’s OK. We need these people...”
 - Ibiza night club bouncer, contemplating two bare-chested young men gleaming with vomit.
 - (Royle, 2001: 208)

From Shore to Beach



Competing and Multiple Land Use



Competing and Multiple Users..



Prince Edward Island - Canada

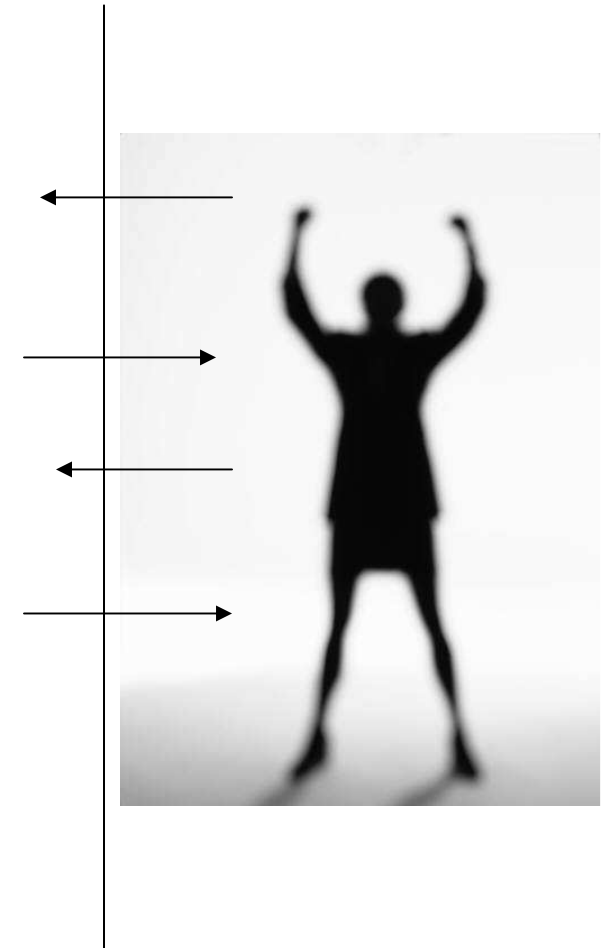
“We feel this Province has much to offer... Excellent quality of life ... Smallness is part of our charm ... Communities are strong and vibrant Proud of our warm hospitality” – *Premier Pat Binns, 2003.*



Scramble for Waterfront Lots



Strong Bonds – Weak Bridges



- PEI is too “closed” a society: fundamentalist ideologies and a distrust of people from away. (Respondent #019).
- I feel that, unless one is from PEI, he or she is looked down on... I have had employers tell me that they have received calls complaining about the hiring of someone “from away” in positions. (Respondent #100).
- PEI doesn’t treat people as persons who have potential or ability; they treat people as “sub-categories”, such as a daughter of this politician or important member of this party ... So, people who came from outside have no possibility to get jobs, benefits or social trust. (Respondent #134).
- Social life here is nearly non-existent; people are casually friendly, but most don’t want you to “invade their space”. I have made one friend from amongst Islanders; all the others are from away. (Respondent #166).

Malta



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Malta – High Resident & Tourist Density



Malta - Invasions by the Boatload



Glocal – But Siege Mentality is Strong

Fear of Invasion – Fear of Property Inflation
Xenophobia – Banal Nationalism – Imagined
Communities - Tight Social Bonding –
Superficially Welcoming - Invention of
Tradition ...

