

## Let's celebrate that

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London is a lawless, dangerous, crime-riddled cesspit.

It must be true, I have seen the posts on Instagram, Nextdoor, Reddit and X.

Has anyone stopped to wonder if someone might have a vested interest in spreading this nonsense?



Finally, the government, police and cyber experts have started to express concern about the spread of disinformation.

The risks of disinformation as a tool of other states and non-state actors are now considered very real.

There has been a sharp increase in the number of social media posts spreading fake or misleading news, creating false narratives about safety in the country, including claims that the capital has become dangerous and lawless.

Even Trump has waded in, saying that London has no-go zones where police cannot go and parts of the capital that are under Sharia law.

Some types of crime, like shoplifting, are undoubtedly up, but who is talking about the numbers published on Monday that show London's murder rate is the lowest on record, far below places like New York? Across England and Wales, violent crime is also at a 30-year low.

To her absolute credit, Dame Susan Langley, the Lady Mayor of the City of London, has had enough and is encouraging top bankers, lawyers and executives to push positive messages about the UK to counter rising disinformation about crime that threatens investment in Britain.

Let's not leave this to the City, we should all support LONDON, tell our clients, particularly our overseas clients, that London is still the greatest city on earth.

My closing bit of good news: **The government has said business investment in the UK is at a 20-year high. Let's celebrate that.**