

# THIS ONE IS NO LESS SO

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: DISASTERS OF WAR (PRINTS Y DRAWINGS, 1810-1815) (67/82)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1820 - 1823

DIMENSIONES

179 x 220 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Aguafuerte, aguatinta bruñida, punta seca, buril y  
bruñidor

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Undisputed work

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

22 Dec 2010 / 24 May 2023

INVENTARIO

836 225

## HISTORIA

See *Sad forebodings of what is to come*.

The title of the print was handwritten by Goya on the first and only series known to us at the time of its production, which the painter gave to his friend Agustín Ceán Bermúdez. Thus the title was subsequently engraved on the plate without any modification from Ceán Bermúdez's copy for the first edition of *Disasters of war* published by the Royal Academy of Fine Arts of San Fernando in Madrid in 1863.

A preparatory drawing is kept in the Prado Museum.

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Several well-dressed figures, probably members of the nobility, carry an image of the Virgin on their shoulders. Behind them is a group of people carrying another religious image. Jesusa Vega has interpreted this to be the Virgin of Solitude, to whom Ferdinand VII entrusted himself, asking her to preserve his health, and the Virgin of Atocha, in whose hands the monarch had left the country when he left the throne in 1808.

In order to be able to read this print properly, it is also necessary to analyse the one that precedes it, No. 66, *Strange Devotion*. Both the titles and the composition used link the two prints and suggest an analogous relationship between them. The two prints show a sacred image being carried in the first case by a donkey, and in the second by a group of members of the aristocracy.

Nigel Glendinning suggests that the source of inspiration for engraving no. 66 may be the fables of Félix María Samaniego (Laguardia, Álava, 1745-1801) and José Agustín Ibáñez de la Rentería (Bilbao, 1751-Lequeitio, 1826). Engraving no. 66 reproduces the first part of them, in which the image is described. The second part, the moralising part, could be the one condensed in print no. 67, the one we are dealing with here.

If we compare this engraving with the previous one, we come to the conclusion that it is quite likely that the criticism is focused on the social class, well characterised by its somewhat old-fashioned clothing as Glendinning has noted, rather than on the circumstance that unfolds before our eyes. In this way, Goya would be questioning the aristocracy that revitalised this type of belief after the War of Independence, even when a certain sector of the Church itself questioned it.

#### CONSERVACIÓN

The plate is in the National Chalcography (cat. 318).

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