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## Berlin nightclubs 政府出资保护夜总会

德国政府将动用公共资金来保护柏林的夜总会。由于房地产价格飞涨有些场所正在受到关闭的威胁。以下是本台记者 **Steve Evans** 的报道：

Ever since the 20s, Berlin's been famous for its nightclubs - **louche** and throbbing with music. Today, there's a bigger draw in that they bring money into the city in the form of budget airline revellers who sometimes land, go clubbing until dawn and then head for the airport again.

But some have already closed and more - about 15 on one estimate - are under threat. They were set up in disused buildings like power stations and warehouses in the poorer areas of East Berlin, but now find developers knocking on the doors.

The clubs are big music venues so more closures would remove a **vibrant** part of Berlin's music scene. Accordingly, the city government has set up a 'Music Board' with a budget of more than a million dollars.

There is a debate within the Berlin government over whether the money should be used to support music very specifically or the club scene in general.

But there is a wider issue: should vibrant, **grungy** nightclubs be supported by state money - is that not the **antithesis** of what these alternative establishments are about?

As one club manager put it: "We're an oasis of **fringe culture** in Berlin, living with the faint hope that we will survive.

"But," she said, "We don't want to be an island in the middle of a **gentrified town**".

## Questions

1. Is this statement true, false or not given: *Revellers like to draw.*
2. How do Berlin nightclubs bring money to the city?
3. Has it been decided how the state money should be used?
4. Are these Berlin nightclubs clean and smart?

## GLOSSARY

<b>louche</b>	声名狼藉的
<b>a draw</b>	吸引人的地方
<b>a reveller</b>	派对者/欢庆的人
<b>vibrant</b>	朝气蓬勃的
<b>a scene</b>	地面
<b>grungy</b>	脏乱失修的
<b>state</b>	政府
<b>the antithesis of something</b>	对立面
<b>fringe culture</b>	边缘文化
<b>gentrified</b>	修复改善

### Answers to the questions:

1. Is this statement true, false or not given: *Revellers like to draw.*

**Answer:** Not given, although we know that the nightclubs *are* a draw, they are an attraction.

2. How do Berlin nightclubs bring money to the city?

**Answer:** They attract tourists to the city.

3. Has it been decided how the state money should be used?

**Answer:** No, there is still a debate within the Berlin government about this.

4. Are these Berlin nightclubs clean and smart?

**Answer:** No. They are described as 'grungy'.