

DISRUPT



SETTLER  
COLONIALISM

MINI-INFO-ZINE

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Tawnshi (hello)! This zine was created in Tkaronto on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Wendat, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations, under the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which precedes colonial treaties on this

✿ land. ✿

This is a small piece of a large conversation, written by one participant in that dialogue. It is small intentionally, and is not fully exhaustive but aims to introduce settler colonialism, the harm it causes, and some ways to disrupt it. Marsee (thank you) for your time and intention!

## **COLONIALISM**

is a system of control of land & people, where a country violently invades another territory, ***occupying it with settlers, & exploiting it economically.***



This includes **exploitation of land** when police & military forces violently displace Indigenous people for industry & **exploitation of people** as in the Transatlantic slave trade. **Discriminatory policing & disproportionate incarceration** are ongoing suppression & **exploitation of Black & Indigenous people.**

## SETTLER COLONIALISM

systemically erases Indigenous peoples & history through ***settlers laying claim to Indigenous lands as if they are their own.***



This erodes understanding that diverse Nations of **Indigenous peoples & cultures belong on their lands & remain on them still.** The trope of 'untouched wilderness' & of Indigenous peoples as 'history' are settler colonial ideas that support ongoing colonial exploitation and violence.

In this way, actions & attitudes reinforce violence towards Indigenous and Black peoples, cultures, & histories, through contributing to settler colonial narratives. Too often, these narratives go unchecked if the people who have experienced colonial violence don't speak up, yet when it happens our voices are often dismissed by this same settler colonial logic.



This is why it's important to disrupt settler colonialism (while not speaking over Indigenous and Black voices).

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### SETTLER COLONIALISM!

*Ask yourself* how your actions affect Indigenous & Black peoples (even if you are Indigenous &/or Black)

*Lean into discomfort*; speak up & make gatherings uncomfortable. Direct frustration due to protests towards those in power

*Listen* to the folks who say harm is occurring, if others in the community do not feel harmed that doesn't negate the issues

*Be self-critical*, interrogate ingrained stereotypes & assumptions based on fear or limited information

***Be critical of news sources & gov't officials,*** what do

they stand to gain when they delegitimize Indigenous &/or Black struggles?

***Remember the colonial project is ongoing.*** The gov't, law-makers, & police continue to actively work to harm & exploit land, Indigenous peoples, & Black folks.

***Support & participate in civil disobedience.*** Blockades, sit-ins, & other illegal actions are important & often necessary to create awareness & change. **Laws are not inherently just,** they have been & continue to be tools of oppression.

***Learn about whose traditional territory you are on!***

**PS.** Governance structures like band councils were forced on Indigenous communities, displacing systems of gov't operating on these lands since time immemorial, to allow limited participation in colonial decision making.

**Recommended reading:**

✿ Indigenous Women and Two-Spirit Harm Reduction Coalition Decolonization 101 zine

✿ Media Indigena podcast

✿ APTN News & CBC Indigenous

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