

The Fallacy of the Colonial System

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Abstract

This paper tries to shed some light upon the fallacy and the failure of the colonial powers to efface the subaltern culture by both violence and assimilation. The colonial force of violence, collective death and acts of disinformation operates reversibly and breeds uncontrollable challenges that work in the direction of wrecking such force and revers the relation of power in favor of the colonized people.

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1. Introduction

The frantic hanger to seize and capture foreign resources and raw material is the only motivation that pushes the European powers to a massive upsurge into exotic lands looking for profit and gains. Veiled by the disguise of commercial, exploration and philanthropic missions, military voyages and fleets had been sent to other parts of the world to spread civilization and the “word of God.” Soon the pretext of exploration turned to be a highly planed colonial project of conquest, exploitation and colonization. The impact of colonialism on colonized people is tragic and disastrous yet, this impact does not fail to affect the colonizer as well. A part from being dehumanized by the role he has to play, the colonizer becomes insecure, displaced, ambivalent and unstable in the colonized land.

1.2 The contradicted and boomerang system:

The colonial system based profoundly on the assumption of the inequality of human races. This culturally and individually embraced assumption by the colonial powers in history posits the superiority of the white race and the inferiority of the non-white. It is a political pretext to naturalize the thrust to foreign territorial expansions and dominance. Asserting the dichotomous characteristics between the self and the other

has created a traumatic atmosphere between the two and sharpened the sense of aversion and resentment held by both to each other. The colonizer's way of seeing and interpreting both his own cultural identities and that of the colonized's not as a variety of cultures but as hierarchal ensembles is seen by the latter as an unjustified and traumatic stand that necessitates a force of resistance to dismantle such a compartmentalized structure. Energized and fueled by the accumulation of anger and indignation, the colonized started to clamor and agitate the colonial presence in the colonized land by forming a critical force of deterrence and ever-increasing resistance to eject the colonizer and the colonial exploitive system out and at all costs. In such an explosive and inflammable atmosphere, there is only one outcome with threatening effects to the colonizer's rule and that is the outrage of the colonized which "can produce an explosive mixture of unexpected power"(Fanon 1966) that cannot be curtailed or contained. Anger and indignation caused by the colonizer's inhuman acts have provided the colonized with affirmed physical stamina to revolt and strike.

1.3 Conclusion:

For the colonized who went through a systematic process of exploitation, humiliation, tragic suffering and dispossession that confiscated his freedom and dignity, the phenomenon of colonialism necessitates an urgent and indispensable means of a death struggle to regain what has been usurped from him. His real weapon might not be the strong and advanced military apparatuses the colonizer possesses but his long and agonizing memories of death and pain inflicted on him by the colonizer have equipped him with a firm determination to confront his enemy with a stick or a knife or even bare-handed. For the colonizer, who grows unstable, displaced and insecure due to the repercussions of the perilous strangeness and bewilderment of the exotic

world beyond his borders, the colonial phenomena become an instance of irremediable trauma and complicated predicament that limits power and curbs functionality. Such status of confusion and perturbation in an unpredictable land has culminated in personal, psychological and material costs that eventually brought the colonial system to its inevitable doom and destruction.

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