

Colonialism and resistance: social history and current events

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- This is a huge subject about which much could be said
 - and much is said by many anthropologists
 - who see the impact of colonialism and people's responses to it (often resistance of one sort or another) as being one of the major features of recent and modern cultures
 - and one of the most important things that must be understood in order to comprehend many cultures
 - some people would argue that this is one of the main themes of cultural anthropology today
- We will take the readings as background for globalization
 - since we are running out of class time, I will let these readings speak for themselves
 - but please don't neglect them - they are all the more important to read because I will not amplify them in class or in these notes.
- General points:
 - Colonialism is the context for much of the interaction between cultures in the last few centuries
 - must understand it to understand:
 - development and functioning of many cultures
 - both colonized
 - and colonizing
 - interactions of cultures
 - it is also the context for much ethnography up to very recently, and sometimes still
 - affects the goals, interests, and methods of anthropologists
 - affects how anthropologists are received by people in colonized cultures
 - context for explanations of cultures and changes in them in terms of systems (Middleton)
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