

U8 Bristol Hallowe'en Special
The Spectre of Colonialism
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Africa can't go back to the way it was before countries were carved out of it/

Were we pushed by Inida or did we run? The country was left with problems by a hasty exit - but we were not welcome there . . . so what was the solution?

Comparisons between a country thats experienced colonialism and one who has not is almost impossible.. is that the same conclusion as the statement "colonialism has been bad." Surely one needs a comparison to make that judgment?

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Neo-colonialism

Spread of technology was inevitable, and perhaps a positive aspect of colonialism

Reinforced the caste system in India

British East India Company - had to go to India to get influence. Had a private army.

Guilt doesn't really help -

Seeing it as bad is different than personally feeling bad about

Apologising for it is near impossible.

Sorry means you won't do it again. Are we really not going to exploit countries of resources and make amends? Until you stop punching someone, you surely can't apologise . . .

Our wealth isn't purely based on colonialism

Countries often have hands tied: African debt.

Venezuela, you may observe a strong leader with a different line to the status quo - but only due to oil wealth. Pulled out of IMF and World Bank.