

## THR the westernisation of elites in post colonial countries

### Summary

PROP	OPP
<p>Degradation of local culture and identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- entrenching post colonial states as inferior</li> </ul> <p>Setup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- regret westernisation</li> <li>- Post colonisation, elites stay in the nation to build it up locally</li> <li>- Westernization implies the migration of the elite who go abroad bcs they prefer the culture there</li> <li>- Post colonial states are rebuilding state and work towards progress</li> <li>- Local institutions tailored for local development (ie education where local history is taught)</li> </ul> <p>A1 : Principally Egregious to abide with system of western oppression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- colonialism was an oppressive system imposed on ex colonies</li> <li>- Divide and conquering ppl, pillaging land</li> <li>- Cultural erasure</li> <li>- On opp, western ideas are implied as fair and ideal</li> <li>- In sq, no compensation mechanism exists for post colonial states</li> <li>- Western thinkers are oftentimes associated with success</li> <li>- idolization occurs at the cost of ur own culture</li> <li>- Post colonialist independence is predicated on the idea of having autonomy over yourself and your identity</li> <li>- Opp imposes the idea local culture being inferior <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thinking speaking chinese in not preferable to speaking english</li> <li>- Internalised inferiority</li> <li>- White Man's Burden narrative</li> <li>- "The west brought civilization to asia"</li> <li>- Devaluing u as an individual because ur value is now tethered to western values</li> </ul> </li> <li>- People should be allowed to take pride in their local culture regardless of western imposition</li> </ul> <p>A2 : Degradation of development of state institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- westernisation of elites in the past entrench</li> </ul>	<p>Multicultural society is an unlikely comparative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Colonial divide n conquer, causes monoracial society</li> <li>- Dominant ethnicity now rule post colonial state</li> <li>- These racial elites, and when power is concentrated within them, they become the new oppressor and privilege is vested within them</li> <li>- Setup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not regret westernisation</li> <li>- Debate isn't about regretting elites, it's about the westernisation of them</li> <li>- Burmese elite imposing their culture on christians</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Responses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Western cultural idolization does not occur because they assume its concentrated within europeans only</li> <li>- Colonialist narratives aren't just propagated in the west <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They propagate anti colonialists narratives too</li> <li>- Ho Chi Minh</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Cultural inferiority exists regardless</li> <li>- Brain Drain is unrelated motion, because people leave anyways due to economic degradation regardless of culture</li> <li>- Local Brain Drain happens instead, where countryside people move to the city.</li> <li>- Unlikely to stay in the west because they have more influence at home + less power at home</li> </ul> </li> <li>- A1 : Education Systems under westernisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gated communities and social inequality still exists, so people are still disconnected</li> <li>- Multiculturalism that gov strives for is hard to achieve as there's some dominant languages that minorities don't catch on</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p>present development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Often time end goal of devving states is to replicate the western system</li> <li>- Happens throughout generations</li> <li>- harms local education</li> <li>- They have end goals of leaving the country, so they leave without contributing to the nation</li> <li>- Brain drain</li> <li>- In prop, when they stay and invest into the local system, gives education system more benefits through endowments</li> <li>- More local universities to bridge the wealth gap</li> <li>- On opp, you continue to bar education for the poor.</li> <li>- Affects political system</li> <li>- On opp, pol. System never fits the people</li> <li>- Rich elites in cabinet never truly understand the common person in a nation</li> <li>- Cognitive dissonance</li> <li>- Ie, u go to a rich UK boarding school, and so u can never emphasise with a countryman who's never been to school</li> <li>- UK laws (Ie land ownership) is not suitable for post colonial states</li> <li>- Exclusive quota system for a multiracial nation</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Race based social inequality</li> <li>- Western culture makes everyone not be able to access any privileges</li> <li>- Western Systems are incentivized to make education more accessible to create a competent workforce to serve in the civil service and MNCs</li> <li>- To increase economic competitiveness</li> <li>- There's no way to really counteract with the globalised spread of western systems</li> <li>- A2: Enabling critique of governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In gov, any critique of governance is seen as a critique of ur culture</li> <li>- Without western culture, govs can couch ur governance in national culture</li> <li>- Authoritarianism is justified based on the interpretation of ur national culture</li> <li>- Ie, Asian Values Discourse in the 1960s implied that authoritarianism is an inherently asian value and that liberal democracy is an inherently western input</li> <li>- Ie, any critique of the BJP in india is interpreted as a critique against hinduism itself and therefore cracked down upon</li> <li>- Comparatively, western culture is seen as foreign</li> <li>- Govs cant use it to shield their governance</li> <li>- There's no connection to the culture</li> <li>- Most western countries today are strong liberal democracies</li> <li>- On opp, they devalue authoritarianism</li> <li>- Supporting equality rather than hegemony</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>DPM Debates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Western nations impose christianity on states</li> <li>- Ie, Divorce being illegal in the Philippines and Sodomy being illegal in Indonesia</li> <li>- Adopting them basically means we're telling our oppressors they were right, adopting their moral compass, and integrating their twisted values into our system</li> <li>- Opp's only defence is symmetry</li> <li>- Marker of status where middle class is bankrupting themselves so their children could have a good education</li> </ul>	<p>DLO :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elites stay because they have gated communities that mimic life abroad</li> <li>- Elites don't wanna stay overseas due to racism and xenophobia</li> <li>- Elites are still in touch, u</li> <li>- When western states exit, they still have an incentive to ensure stability</li> <li>- But they only give power from one ethnic for stability</li> <li>- In prop comparative, people are still forced to learn burmese or malay that's imposed upon them</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Even if you had to choose an oppressor, why would it be the people who killed our families?</li> <li>- Opp case is hyperspecific</li> <li>- Political elite entrench superiority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- le im better than u because i went to harvard</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Entrenchment occurs because u idolise western states, if we were able to pour money into local institutions it becomes better</li> <li>- Politics : only reason the elite become elected is because they come from elitist institutions</li> <li>- Scale of difference of gated community vs being abroad</li> <li>- Silencing critique only occurs if u are able to push a narrative of superiority</li> <li>- Locking other people out of accessing ur institutions</li> <li>- Divergence : post colonial states are able to just give the elites a commonwealth scholarship instead of support/reparation</li> <li>- Elites buy into this and tell the people on the ground about western superiority</li> <li>- Moral compasses are imposed upon you via the common laws of england and etc</li> <li>- Textbooks tell you that colonialism was ok and ho chi minh was a minority example</li> <li>- In the end, opp uniquely idolises western culture, entrenching the same elites they denounce into power</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multicultural identity is impossible in the 1st place</li> <li>- Accessibility is much worse on prop due to the niche of learning languages like burmese + english is more accessible due to hyperglobalization + if eng is inaccessible its equal to all actors</li> <li>- The privilege for majority cultures</li> <li>- Resentment</li> <li>- Social backlash and unrest due to minorities feeling discriminated against</li> <li>- In opp, everybody equally feels discriminated against and feel like they've lost their culture equally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- western ideas aren't necessarily bad</li> <li>- Democracy is inherently western</li> <li>- Multicultural identities are hard to criticise</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>A3 : Better International Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- U bridge historical gaps</li> <li>- le vietnam and cambodia sharing a common history of western oppression</li> <li>- Breaking language barriers and establishing trade blocs</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
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