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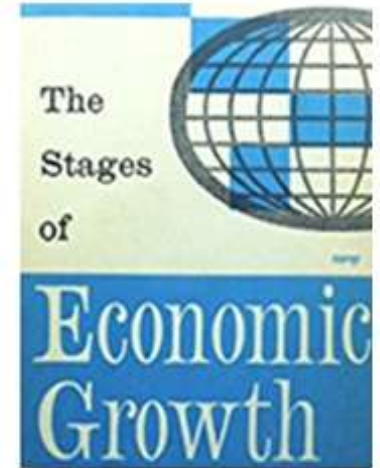
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You will remember...

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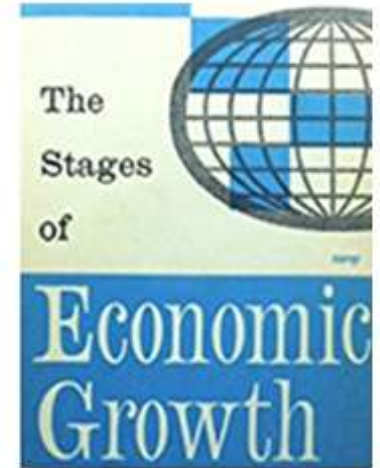
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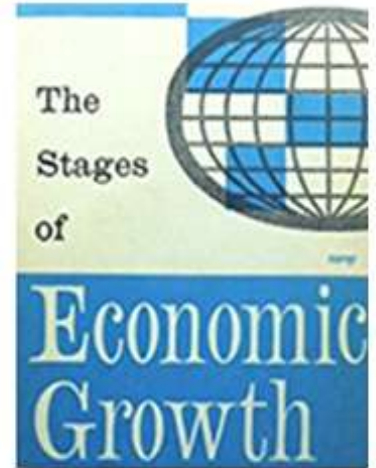
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The fate of African colonies was determined from outside the continent for the interests of European trade and industry



**African territories were sought for their potential “raw materials” AND their potential “markets.” Very rapidly territorial “boundaries” were drawn in ‘scramble’ of preventive occupation.**

<https://environmentaljusticetv.wordpress.com/2017/03/15/africa-states-of-independence-the-scramble-for-africa-2/>

Africa was also important to Europe for its manpower – military manpower recruited for inter-European wars.



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# What has been the legacy of colonialism?



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*'The British came to one of the richest countries in the world... Over 200 years of exploitation...loot and destruction reduced it to a poster child for third world poverty.'*



# What has “development” been so difficult in Africa?



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# What has China's role been in Africa?



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# What is happening to agriculture in Africa?



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# What kind of “investments” have the Chinese made?

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# Is there a new chapter of “investment colonialism” emerging in Africa?



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# Assignment posted for Week 4

*“...each of you should draw up your own list of what you each think are the seven (7) most important enduring legacies of modern European colonialism.*

*Please develop this list in hierarchical order – starting with the least important and building toward the most important legacy in your view.”*

# So what are ....

## The major legacies of European Colonialism ?

Let's explore your responses....

- Steven - Tang Yiming
- Lily - Liu Yun
- Jeremy - Chen Jeremy
- Jenny - Wang Yingxiao
- Jane - Wang Jianyi
- Ashley - Cong Ashley
- Alice - Zhang Yifei



Do you want to see  
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I made a list of 18 important  
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17. Enduring & pervasive sense of victimization – leading to an expectation of apology, retribution, compensation, restitution, or revenge. Has created a sense of a “right” or entitlement to “development” based on growth and inevitable expansion like that which Europe experienced. Reparation movements.

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18. The near universal *secular religious belief* of the nation-state in what can be described as “growthism” based on the unquestioned assumption of “*techno-scientific salvationism.*”

*Belief systems – Colonialism’s most important legacy:*

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In this sense you can argue that a

a particular religious belief system is colonialism's most important legacy:

Remember...

*Beliefs* are those things that guide your action when you do not know what you are doing. They are “second nature” – habits of learned culture

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Can humanity survive this quasi-religious belief?

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What kind of legacies of colonialism do you think are most important?

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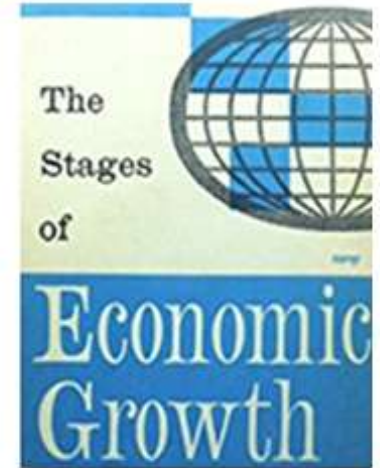
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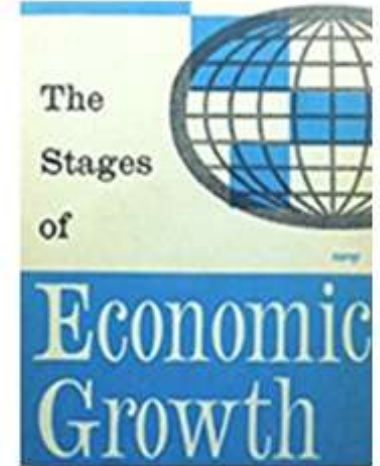
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