

Neocolonialism

Africa and The African Diaspora: Looking Within and Ahead. A Continent and Its Peoples

History, Modernity, and Post-Independent Africa

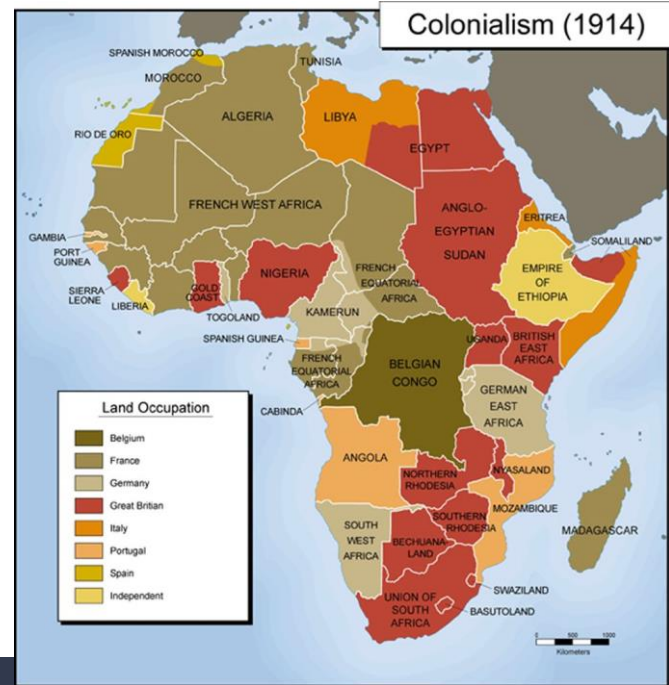
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What is Neocolonialism ?

Neocolonialism is the system in which developed countries of a state continue in dominating their less developed colonial nations despite the countries being independent

(Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy).



Map of colonized Africa in 1914

African Colonial Period took place around the 1480's - 1500s when European powers took Africa apart and chose what colonies.

Decolonization of Africa, 1945–1960. After the WWI and WWII when Africa established its independence from European Powers (*U.S. Department of State*).

Even after the original decolonization of Africa there are still nations and groups that are still colonized and/or persecuted in countries in Africa.

Colonialism

Colonialism or to colonize means to take over another nation, taking control of its people and exploiting it (Blakemore).



Africa's borders were "carved up" up by colonial powers at the 1884-5 Berlin Conference

Problem with Neocolonialism

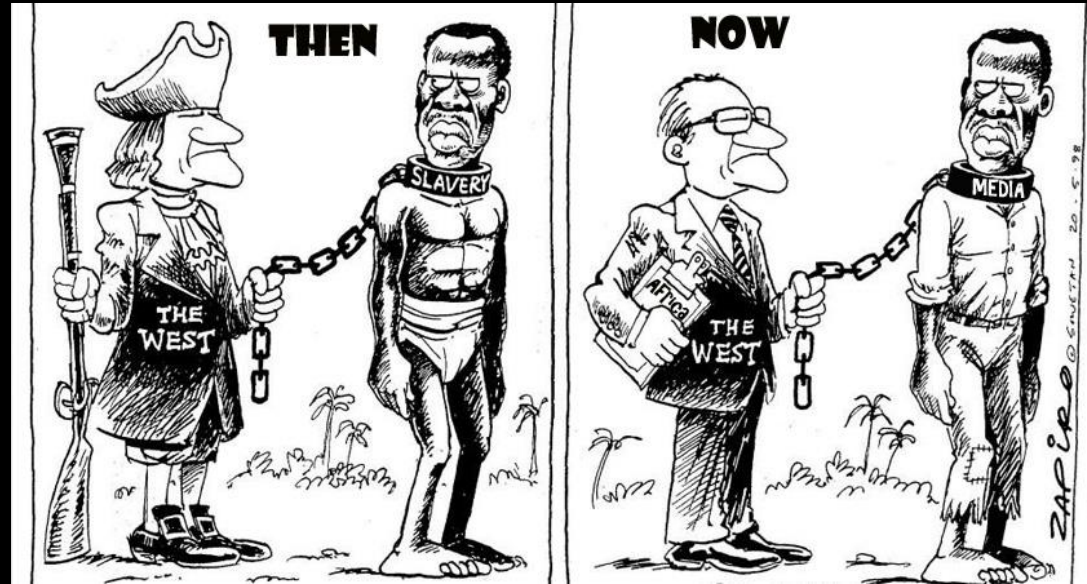
Neocolonialism leaves formally currently colonized countries in chaos and mess (Halperin).



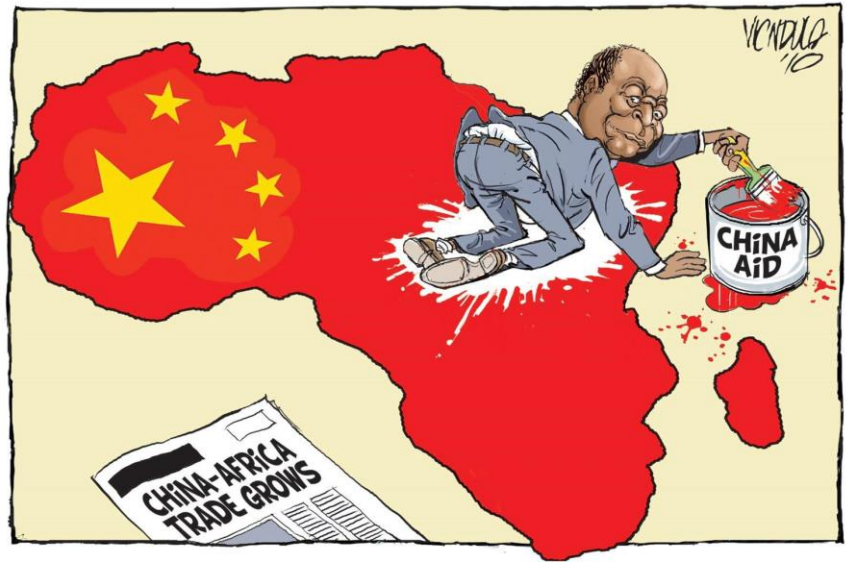
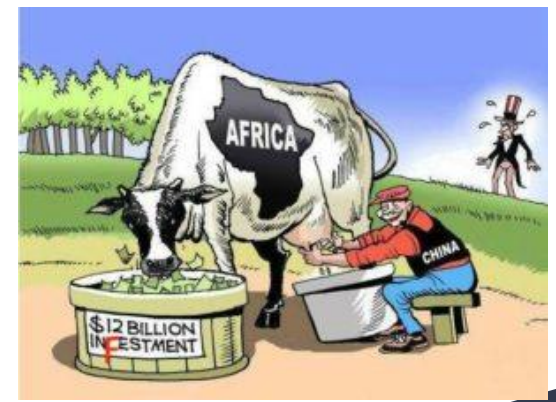
As nations continue to become less and less developed they continuously seek out help from former colonizers (Halperin).

Neocolonialism in Africa

Neocolonialism is very much alive in Africa. As African nations make deals with foreign governments that will cost the land and its people.



One of the most recent active neocolonialism cases that Africa is seeing is from Chinese corporations.



“In June 2017 a McKinsey & Company report estimated that there are more than 10,000 Chinese-owned firms **operating** in Africa.”
(McKinsey & am)

Since 2000, China as grown from being a small investor to becoming Africa’s biggest economic partner (McKinsey & am).

Trade between China and Africa **reached** close to \$300 billion in 2015 (McKinsey & am).

Consequences of Neocolonialized Nations

Political
Countries become
dependant on
outside markets
and trade

(The Colonization of Africa).

Social/Cultural
Neglect of the
local people and
culture

(The Colonization of Africa).

Consequences of Neocoloninazed Nations

*Environmental
Exploitation of
Land*

(The Colonization of Africa).

*Land
Foreign
investors own
thousands of
acres of land*
(The Colonization of Africa).

Possible Solutions to Neocolonialism in Africa

➤ **A Cultural Shift**

Leaving behind old western mentality.

➤ **Avoid Bad Foreign Investments**

Not taking bad investments that will cause damage to the nation.

➤ **Elect Good
Leaders**
Vote in People
that will do
better for Africa

➤ **Empowering Local
Communities**
Make Africa
dependent on
themselves rather
than foreign
governments

“So long as africa remains divided , it will therefore be the wealthy consumer countries who will dictate the price of its resources ”

-Kwame Nkrumah

The first Prime Minister and President of Ghana
and revolutionary.

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