

European Expansion, Extermination of Indigenous People of America during 16th, 17th Centuries

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Abstract

In this research, there is an attempt to restore historical memory that neglected to reveal the crimes committed against the indigenous people of "Abya Yala" within a careful reading of historical events with the aim of justifying the conquered peoples and revealing and revealing the circumstances associated with the European expansion (Portuguese, Spanish, English, and French) in South America and North America during the 16th and 17th centuries AD, and clarifying the forms of violence and crimes committed and the ugliness of what they committed, which is considered an organized and systematic crime against humanity, despite the attempts of many colonial circles to erase and deny it, and to refute the circulating ideas that what happened is a natural event during wartime and does not rise to the level of genocide, but rather it is just self-defense. This study sought to prove the bloody and racist practices that led to the annihilation of people and places, it was not just an annihilation but several annihilations: the annihilation of indigenous races, the desecration of the land, the destruction of the population, the marginalization of the cultural and civilizational heritage and erasure it from local and human memory.

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