Automating Banishment: The Surveillance and Policing of Looted Land

Part 1 - NOT A MOMENT IN TIME

We begin with history. What lineage stands behind today’s policing?

Study Guide

Key Terms:

Settler Colonialism (Land theft//occupation//harm)
Neocolonialism
European conquest
White Supremacy
White Capital
Logic of Elimination
Redlining/Racially restrictive covenants
Deliberate deindustrialization
Neoliberal economic policies
Exploited labor pool
Surplus population
Weed and Seed policies
Displacement
Banishment
Gentrification
Gang sweeps
Surveillance
Police abolition
Decolonization
Los Angeles and Gabrielino-Tongva Land

Prompting Questions:

1. How is property law tied to conquest?
2. What role does private property play in systemic policing?
3. What are your experiences with police when dealing with housing?
4. What are some examples of displacement?
5. Do you have any examples of ongoing displacement in your communities? Anything that you suspect may be contributing to displacement?
6. What do you understand occupation to be, what modern examples of occupation can you think of in the world?

Resources:

Indigenous Resistance


Jenny Hamel, “LA’s Tongva Descendants: ‘We Originated Here,’” KCRW (July 17, 2018).

Charles Sepulveda, “To Decolonize Indigenous Lands, We Must Also Abolish Police and Prisons,” Truthout (October 13, 2020).


From White Privilege to White Supremacy: An Illustrated Interview with Laura Pulido: