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# The west and colonial guilt: Should ex colonizers still be held reponsible or is it all an excuse for modern failures?

## The delegation of India agrees that 'the past should be left in the past'

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As the world evolves and modernizes, previous colonial powers like the UK and France, still pay for the actions of their ancestors driven by the guilt they carry and due to international pressure.

Some say that ex colonizers' aid is still needed, and not enough steps have been taken to mitigate the consequences of colonialism such as deep-rooted inequalities.

However, some argue that the past should be left in the past and both colonizers and colonized countries should simply move on and grow independently.

The delegation of Nigeria noted that "There's still an issue in some places for displaced and indigenous communities since they are still facing troubles in education, issues with getting a job, a house, so it's good that people are helping."

This emphasizes the struggles that Nigeria still faces because of colonialism.

This comment suggests that ex colonizers are still to blame for the problems their ex-colonies face even though this delegation stated, "If the UK hadn't colonized Nigeria, Nigeria could still be in a bad situation".

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Despite this, some ex-colonies think forging their own path is the best alternative.

When interviewed, the delegation of India agreed that “the past should be left in the past” and “colonisation can scar people’s minds and colonizers may cause those colonized countries to bring back such bad memories”

This delegation displays a point of view that is often neglected by demonstrating that it is doing just fine without the assistance of its ex-colonizer, and it is even better off without its aid.

However, the delegation of the UK still expresses a sense of guilt and yearns to aid directly since ‘it (the UK) has played a large role in perpetuating inequalities of today and is trying to remedy this out of moral duty’.

Even so, this delegation stated that the consequences “should be repaid without decimating the UK’s economy (...) with the help of the UN and other nations”.

The delegate of France argues that each country should take responsibility for its own situation.

“France isn’t to blame for the political and economic instability of its ex-colonies” and “this delegation believes that the way the world has grown isn’t Frances’s fault, but it isn’t the ex-colony’s fault either since they are only trying to make their own choices”.

As former colonizers and ex-colonies fight over what should be done, one thing is clear: This debate is far from over.

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