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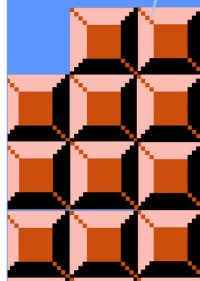
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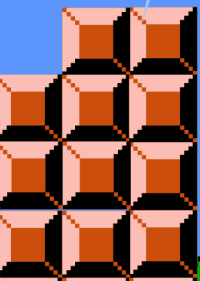


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We should never forget that the territory we call Canada has been stolen by European settlers from the Indigenous peoples who have lived here for thousand of years. The land was taken in order to appropriate natural resources to make the English and French crown richer. Why should we celebrate that?

Canadian colonialism isn't something of the past, as the oppression and racism against Indigenous people still exists, whether we think about the disproportionate rate of incarceration compared to white people, to the police abuse they face, or the military interventions (Restigouche, 1981, Oka, 1990, Gustafsen Lake, 1995, Elsipogtog, 2013). These interventions were meant to « discipline » Indigenous communities while they claimed rights that the Canadian government agreed to in treaties. Even then, the

treaties were signed after settlers invaded Indigenous territories and destabilized the ecosystem their communities depended on. Once again, is there anything to celebrate?

Even if the vast majority of the Canadian population comes from immigration, beginning with the 16th century period of colonization, the Canadian government maintains racist policies towards new migrants. They are marginalized, deprived of essential services they need to live in dignity, and are often treated like criminals or terrorists. Should we be proud of the welcome we offer to the people that often have to migrate here because life in their country of origin has become unbearable, often because of the imperialistic policies of our government or of other rich countries that can't get enough power and money?

This is why we'll disrupt Canada day on July 1st as much as possible. There is no pride in living in a country built on stolen land; a country accumulating riches all these years through the brutal exploitation of the resources here and everywhere else. There is no pride in living in a country that marginalizes Indigenous people and migrants.

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