

Celebrate 500+ years of resistance to settler genocide

The celebration of Columbus Day is a celebration of the fascist genocide that started over 500 years ago when Columbus hit shore. The legacy of the destructive day when Columbus “discovered” Amerika lives on today in the exploitation of reservation land and First Nation people. To acknowledge such outright destruction, colonization and assimilation of one culture into another with a state holiday is gross. The continued havoc wreaked on oppressed nations both within US borders and abroad is a continuation of this same property-obsessed destruction, and is not cause to celebrate.

The most privileged Americans today bear the legacy of the grand murder and theft. The family of Massachusetts’ former governor Bill Weld, for example, “arrived in 1630 with only the shirts on their backs and 2,000 pounds of gold” and were rewarded for heading militia attacks on the Pequot Nation in what is now West Roxbury with lands stretching all the way to Dedham. But “poor whites” too sought to elevate themselves through brutal crushing of indigenous nations. In the 1600s, white farmers led a revolt (Bacon’s rebellion) to demand more land-grabbing war on native people, and, in Bacon’s words, the “utter Ruine and destruction” of all Indians. The event is considered a milestone of “democratic resistance” for many on the American left because one thing the settler attackers received for their alliance with the plantation owners was fuller voting rights—for whites only. The history of this country has been the history of genocide against indigenous people in the name of freedom and democracy.

Don't join in the celebration of this racist slaughter and oppression. Join MIM in the celebration of resistance to it. Fight for self-determination and help expose the oppressors in their own genocidal war.

**Basta Ya! No more lies
Columbus didn't
discover America,
he invaded it.**

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