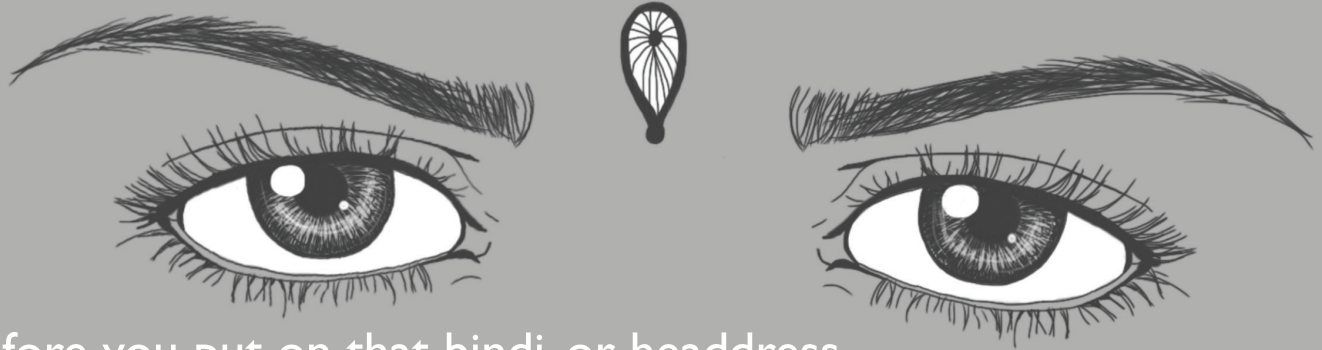


Cultural Inappropriation

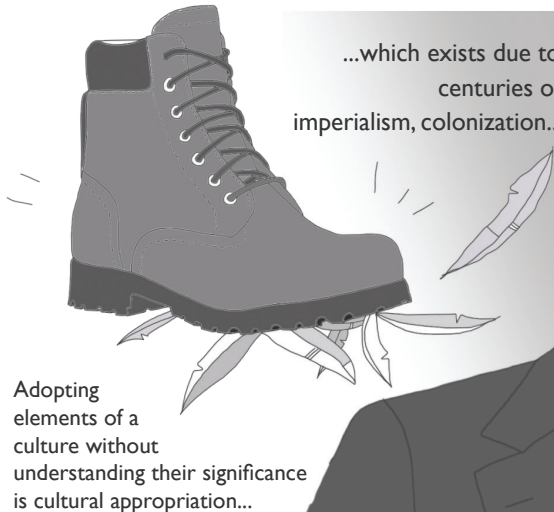


Before you put on that bindi, or headdress...

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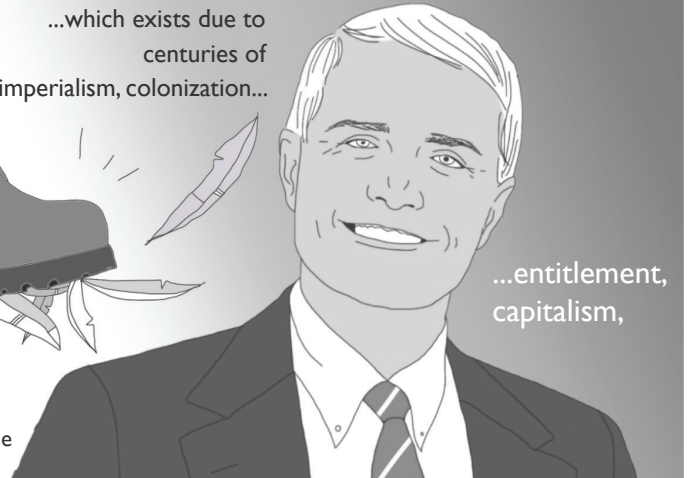


...Remember that culture is not a trend.



...which exists due to centuries of imperialism, colonization...

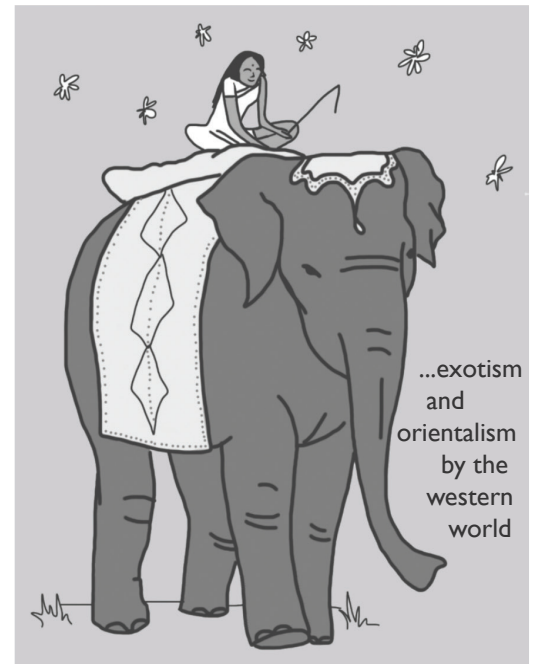
Adopting elements of a culture without understanding their significance is cultural appropriation...



...entitlement, capitalism,



oppression, racism...



...exotism and orientalism by the western world

Cultural appropriation is a form of oppression; it invalidates, romanticises and commodifies cultures.



You are not "just" wearing a bindi. You are not "just" wearing a headdress. They're attached to a culture. And unless you plan to respect and seriously carry the weight of these cultures and their history, you should think twice before wearing them.