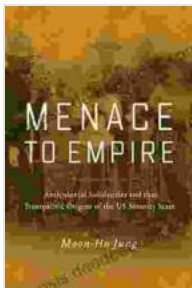


# Anticolonial Solidarities and the Transpacific Origins of the US Security State

## Abstract

This article examines the transpacific origins of the US security state through the lens of anticolonial solidarities. It argues that the US security state emerged not only as a response to the Cold War, but also as a result of the United States' long history of colonialism and imperialism in the Pacific.



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The article begins by discussing the concept of anticolonial solidarities, which refers to the ways in which people from different colonized countries have come together to fight for their liberation. It then provides a brief overview of the history of US colonialism and imperialism in the Pacific,

focusing on the role of the United States in suppressing anticolonial movements.

The article then examines the ways in which anticolonial solidarities shaped the development of the US security state. It argues that the US government's fear of anticolonial movements led it to adopt a number of policies that expanded the power of the state and limited the rights of its citizens. These policies included the creation of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the National Security Agency (NSA), and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The article concludes by discussing the implications of the transpacific origins of the US security state for contemporary US foreign policy. It argues that the United States' history of colonialism and imperialism continues to shape its approach to the world, and that the US security state is a product of this history.

The United States is today the world's leading superpower, with a vast military apparatus and a global reach. The US security state, which encompasses the military, intelligence agencies, and other institutions, is one of the most powerful and oppressive forces in the world.

How did the US security state come into being? The traditional answer to this question is that it emerged as a response to the Cold War. The United States, fearing the spread of communism, adopted a number of policies that expanded the power of the state and limited the rights of its citizens. These policies included the creation of the CIA, the NSA, and the DHS.

However, this traditional answer is incomplete. The US security state did not emerge solely as a response to the Cold War. It also has its roots in the

United States' long history of colonialism and imperialism in the Pacific.

This article examines the transpacific origins of the US security state through the lens of anticolonial solidarities. It argues that the US security state emerged not only as a response to the Cold War, but also as a result of the United States' fear of anticolonial movements.

## **Anticolonial Solidarities**

Anticolonial solidarities refers to the ways in which people from different colonized countries have come together to fight for their liberation. These solidarities have existed for centuries, and have played a major role in the history of decolonization.

One of the most important examples of anticolonial solidarity is the Pan-African movement. The Pan-African movement emerged in the late 19th century, and brought together activists from across the African continent to fight for African liberation. The Pan-African movement played a major role in the decolonization of Africa, and continues to be a source of inspiration for anticolonial movements around the world.

Another important example of anticolonial solidarity is the Asian-African Conference. The Asian-African Conference was held in Bandung, Indonesia in 1955, and brought together representatives from 29 countries from Asia and Africa. The conference issued a declaration that condemned colonialism and imperialism, and called for the creation of a new international order based on equality and cooperation.

Anticolonial solidarities have played a major role in the history of decolonization. These solidarities have brought together people from

different countries to fight for their liberation, and have helped to create a new international order based on equality and cooperation.

## **US Colonialism and Imperialism in the Pacific**

The United States has a long history of colonialism and imperialism in the Pacific. The United States first began to expand into the Pacific in the 19th century, and by the early 20th century, it had established a vast empire that included Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines, and other islands.

The United States' colonialism and imperialism in the Pacific was often brutal and oppressive. The United States suppressed anticolonial movements, and imposed its own values and institutions on the people of the Pacific.

One of the most important examples of US colonialism and imperialism in the Pacific is the Philippines. The United States colonized the Philippines in 1898, after the Spanish-American War. The United States ruled the Philippines for nearly 50 years, and during that time, it ruthlessly suppressed the Philippine independence movement.

The United States' colonialism and imperialism in the Pacific had a profound impact on the people of the region. It led to the loss of land, culture, and independence. It also created a climate of fear and suspicion that continues to this day.

## **The US Security State and Anticolonial Solidarities**

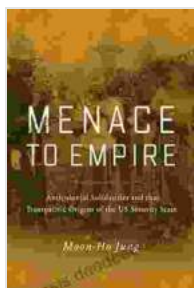
The US security state emerged not only as a response to the Cold War, but also as a result of the United States' fear of anticolonial movements. The United States government feared that anticolonial movements would

threaten its empire in the Pacific, and it adopted a number of policies to suppress these movements.

One of the most important policies adopted by the United States to suppress anticolonial movements was the creation of the CIA. The CIA was created in 1947, and it has since played a major role in suppressing anticolonial movements around the world. The CIA has conducted covert operations to overthrow governments, assassinate leaders, and destabilize countries.

Another important policy adopted by the United States to suppress anticolonial movements was the creation of the NSA. The NSA was created in 1952, and it has since played a major role in surveillance of anticolonial activists. The NSA has collected data on anticolonial activists, and it has used this data to track their movements and disrupt their activities.

The US security state has also played a major role in suppressing anticolonial movements in the United States. The FBI, which is part of the US security state, has conducted surveillance of anticolonial activists, and it has used this data to disrupt their activities. The FBI has also infiltrated anticolonial organizations,

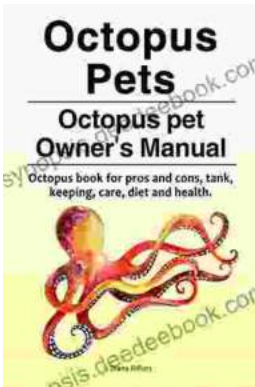


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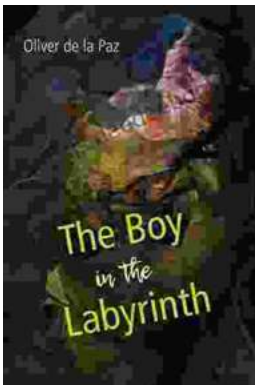
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