

Cultural Appropriation of Canadian First Nations

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Definitions

Appropriation?

Cultural?

What is Cultural appropriation?

A close-up photograph of a man with short dark hair, smiling broadly. The image is dimly lit and has a dark, semi-transparent overlay. The text "Why is this even a problem?" is centered in white. Three large black question marks are scattered around the man's face: one in the upper right, one in the lower left, and one partially overlapping the main text on the right.

Why is this even a problem?


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National Arts Centre play changed after First Nations man alleges cultural appropriation

- ◆ Chief Poundmaker
- ◆ *Gabriel Dumont's Wild West Show*





◆ Inuit performers decry cultural appropriation in Indigenous Music Awards

Image source: https://external-content.duckduckgo.com/iu/?u=http%3A%2F%2Fculmontreal.com%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2016%2F06%2Fcanadian_native_flag.jpg&f=1&nofb=1

Impacts/Consequences

- ◇ Inaccurate
- ◇ People rewarded for things they didn't create
- ◇ Cultures suddenly become "cool"
 - ◇ Celebrities
 - ◇ "Someone else's sacred object shouldn't be a casual accessory"
- ◇ Lack of respect & care

? Discussion Question ?

Where are the lines between *appropriating* a culture and respectfully *appreciating* a culture?

How do we make sure we are using parts of a culture respectfully?

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