



**SUSPECT CITIZENSHIP: RACISM
AND ANTI-RACISM IN
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RACISM AND ANTI-RACISM IN POSTCOLONIAL EUROPE

What is Europe?: Colonialism/Post-colonialism

Black Europe/Blackness in Europe

Race in Europe: racism as exception, global colorblindness

Racism/Anti-racism

Black Lives Matter?

Suspect Citizenship

COLONIALISM AND POST-COLONIALISM

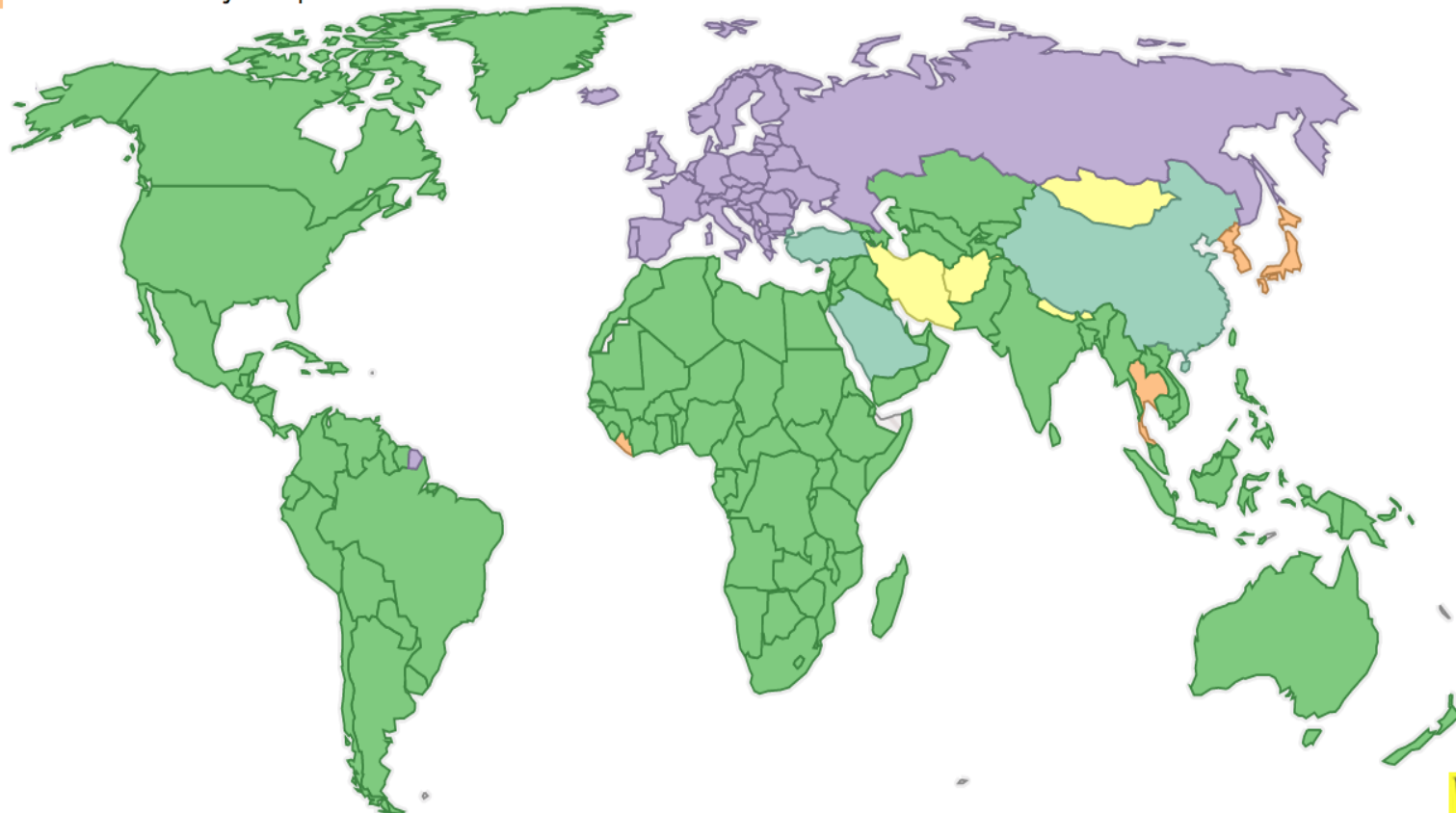
- mechanism of “naked violence”
- colonial rule ‘is the bringer of violence into the home and into the mind of the native’
- violence is the ‘natural state’ of colonial rule



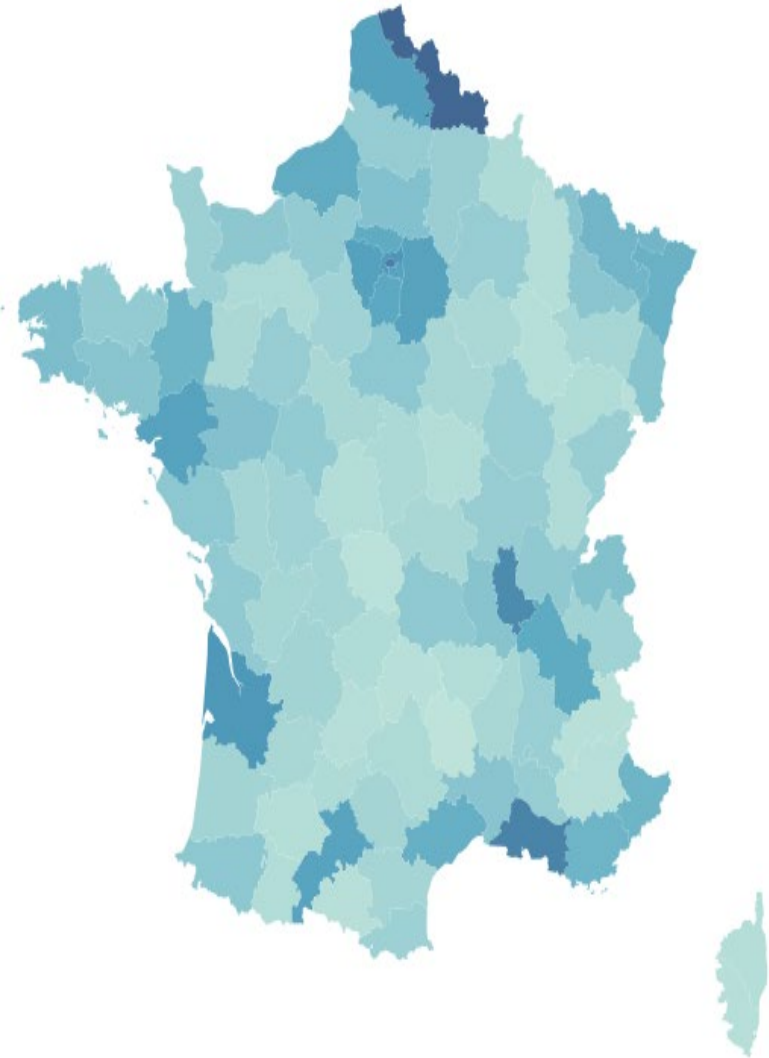
EUROPE AND ITS COLONIES

Countries that have been under European control

- Europe
- Colonized or controlled by Europe
- Partial European control or influence
- European sphere of influence
- Never colonized by Europe



WHERE/WHAT IS FRANCE?



RACE IN EUROPE

Racial Europeanization framework (Goldberg 2006)

- Race and racism are exceptional in Europe, i.e. they exist elsewhere
- Muslim as “other”; rise of Islamophobia
- “political racelessness”
- global race theory (Weiner 2012) indicators of racialization
- Global colorblindness; race as taboo

BLACK EUROPE/BLACKNESS IN EUROPE

Small 2017:

“Black Europe is not just Black people in Europe. It did not begin in the second half of the twentieth century, when Europe actively recruited more Black people than ever before to fight and work and live here. It began with the invasion of Africa by Europeans; it continued with the kidnap, transportation, and enslavement of millions of Africans; and with the encompassing grasp of colonialism and imperialism across Africa, the Americas, and elsewhere”

BLACK EUROPE/BLACKNESS IN EUROPE



- Ambiguous hypervisibility
- Entrenched vulnerability
- Black irrepressible resistance and resilience





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LAMINE SIENS (25) MOHAMED ELMI (24) GERARD LE METEIL (13) CHULAN NELSON LOBRY OLIVIER MASSONAUD LOUIS MENDY JOSEPH RANDOLF LARAMI SAMOURA TINA SERBA
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CHRISTIAN PANCRATE (25) HOUCINE BOURAS (13) TIMOTHÉE LAKE (20)

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AMADOU KOUME
ABDOULAYE CAMARA
BABACAR GUEYE
LOUIS MENDY
#VIESVOLEES

“When George Floyd died, that’s our brother. They [Floyd and Traoré] died the same way. I recognize myself in Black Lives Matter, we are all Black Lives Matter. Our common issue is racial discrimination. **Here as over there, it is the Blacks, the non-whites, who are being killed.**”



BLACK LIVES MATTER IN EUROPE?

- Fighting racial denial
- Naming racism
- Protesting police violence
- Reckoning with slavery and colonialism
- Affirming Black European presence

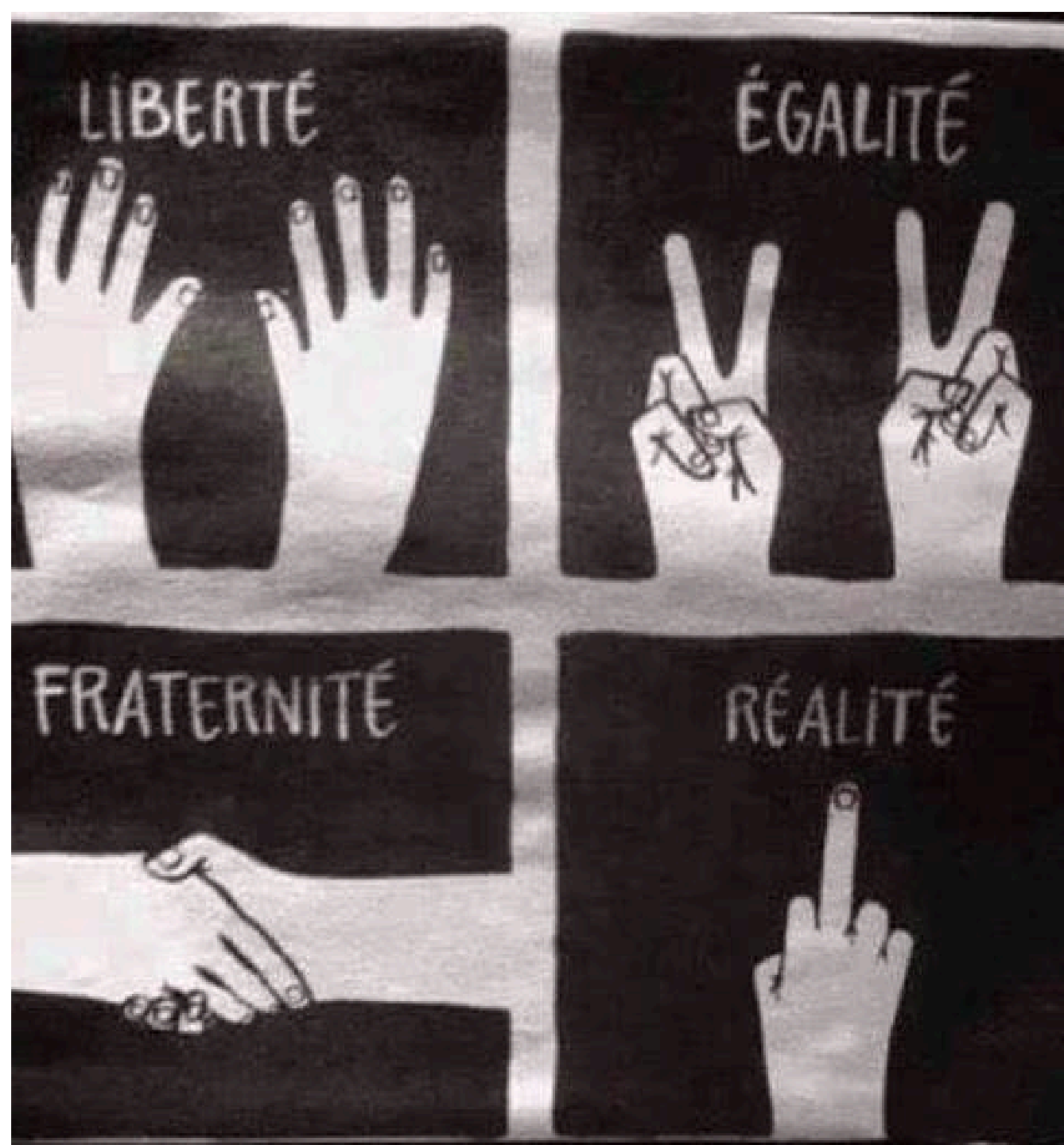


SUSPECT CITIZENSHIP

- Nexus btw boundaries of belonging/non-belonging; anti-racism at macro-level; & activism against state violence
- Suspicion attached to specific populations
 - “Citizenship”: racialized and differential (Bhabra, Volpp, FitzGerald, Glenn)
 - “Suspect”: suspicion attached to specific populations/surveillance of suspect communities (Ragazzi)
- Liminality of full societal inclusion/permanent minority status (Korteweg and Yurdakul, Yural-Davis, Mamdani, Small)

WHY SUSPECT CITIZENSHIP MATTERS

- State violence and ethnoracial boundaries
- Racial contract (Mills 1997)
- Belonging/non-belonging anti-blackness (Currington 2020)
- Bright versus blurred boundaries (Alba 2005)







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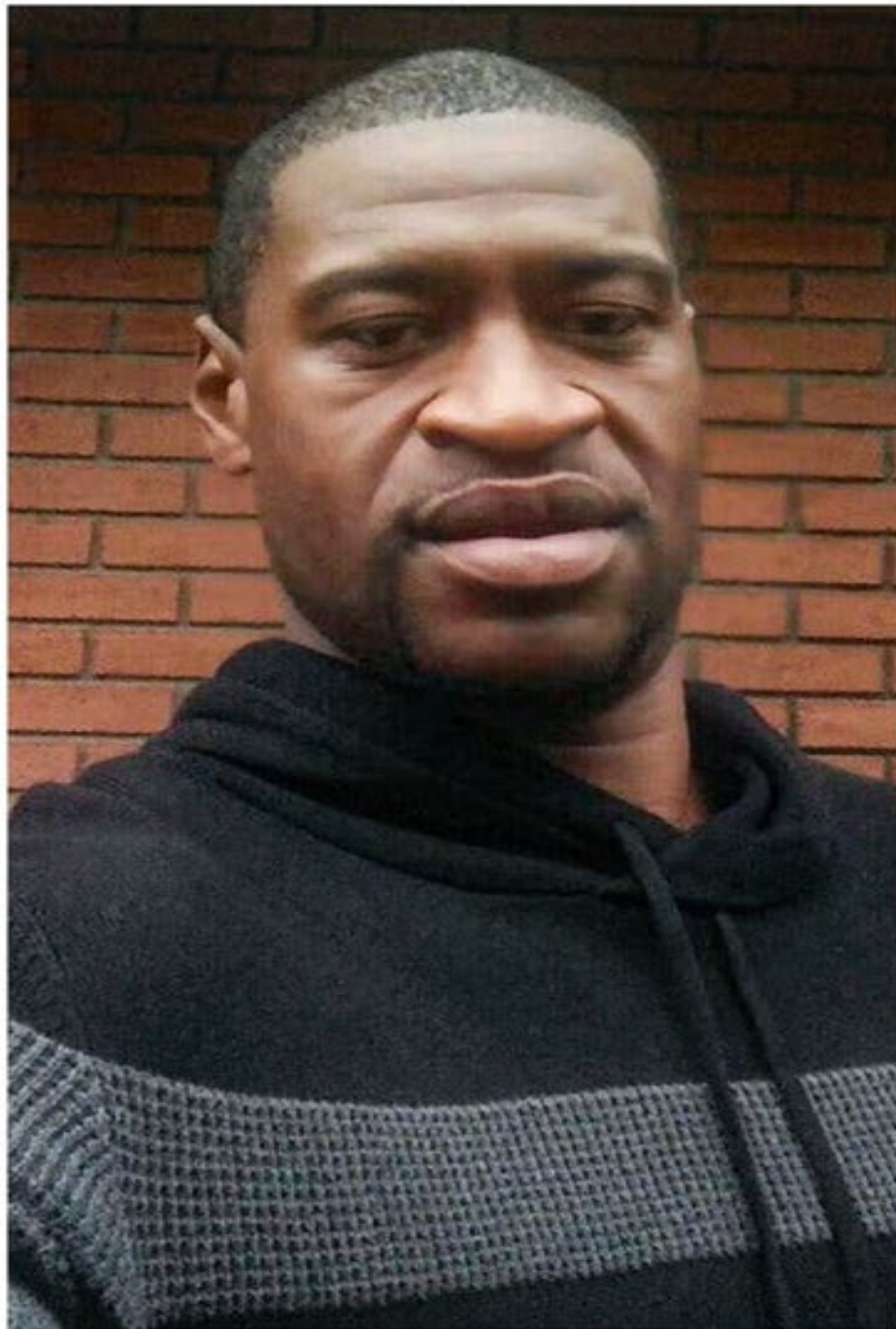
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