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Critical Reaction 5

The foreword basically summarizes the idea of the book and tells the readers about Fanon’s life as well as his great contributions to anticolonialism and how constructive and prophetic his words are in the modern world. Fanon’s exploration of psycho-affective realm saves Algeria, Africa, the Third World out of decolonization.

Fanon begins the first chapter with explaining decolonization, claiming that it is a violent but successful historical process. Then he describes the colonist to be a persecutor, an exhibitionist and a destroyer since these national bourgeoisie use military force to manage the colonized. Fanon uses Cesaire’s poetry to describe such violent relationship between the relentless colonist and the colonized. In his writing, we can feel Fanon’s antagonism to how those greedy capitalist regimes treat the Third World. Even though the powerless colonized shows no threat, the Europeans are still aggressive in controlling and dividing the Third World. They are “playing the irresponsible game of Sleeping Beauty”.

Last but not least, Fanon presents a lot of pathetic cases where people have mental disorder because of the colonial war between France and Algeria. One case that impresses me the most is the first one of series b. Two Algerian teenagers murdered their white friend with no regret because “the Europeans want to kill all the Arabs”. I really despise this kind of people hurting innocent ones. I have read a piece of news, which says that a grownup killed kids in the kindergarten because he was bullied when he was once bullied in kindergarten. This action is sheer cowardice. You should revenge people who bullied you, not the harmless and unarmored children. Nonetheless, the case in the book indeed shows that the psychopathy teenagers are also the victims of the colonialism. However, no matter how much sufferings you have gone through, it is not your excuse to hurt the innocent. No matter what criminality that Algerians have made, the Europeans should not colonize them. Their aggressiveness shows their selfishness and makes things worse. Algeria deserves its liberty.