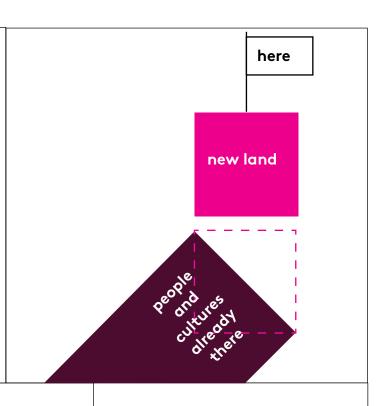Settler colonialism is a type of colonialism that specifically seeks out land and territory. Examples include the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Israel.

Settlers are, by definition, from somewhere else. They come to a new land not just to extract its resources (like oil, gold, or lithium) but to take the land for themselves.

here

new land

people and cultures already there

citizenship

no rights

In terms of immigration, settler colonialism helps us understand how the United States both relies on the labor of people of color, including migrants, while finding a variety of ways to marginalize and exclude them from full participation in the economy, society, and politics. The US casts migrants as racialized outsiders who have no right to be here.

" we are — here — because you were — there —

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settler colonialism

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