

nothing will ever go your way. The idea of a contact zone is a great idea, however, the concept is impossible to fully achieve because reconciling our differences is practically impossible. Louise Pratt uses a great example of the Inca and Spanish, where Pratt explains the encounter between one another:

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“Gunman Poma's New Chronicle ends with a revisionist account of the Spanish conquest, which, he argues, should have been a peaceful encounter of equals with the potential for benefiting both, but for the mindless greed of the Spanish” (Pratt, 660)

“The Spanish, he writes, brought nothing of value to share with the Andeans” (Pratt, 660)

“The Indies, he argues, should be administered through a collaboration of Inca and Spanish elites.” (Pratt, 660)

Connect
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The text shows the dominance one culture had on another, and the inequality with it. I personally feel that this will most likely happen because humans naturally desire to showcase their dominance / superiority among others. Although some humans are better at containing it, there will always be the few that're completely trigger happy, resulting in horrendous outcomes like these. However, I do believe that there is another side to the contact zone that's extremely useful and powerful. Louise Pratt's example of the 'Diversity, Ideas, Values' class subject displays the pros of the contact zone extremely well:

2nd
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“All the students in die class had the experience, for example, of hearing their culture discussed and objectified in ways that horrified them; all the students saw their roots traced back to legacies of both glory and shame; all the students experienced face-to-face the ignorance and incomprehension, and occasionally the hostility, of others.” (Pratt, 667)