

# **Social Justice Watch 1013**

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If you are observing  
#ColumbusDay2019 today here is a  
list of what you are celebrating...

1.) Christopher Columbus's army  
used indigenous people as dog food.  
They were known to feed live babies  
to dogs in front of their horrified  
parents.

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2.) His "voyage" initiated the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade when he captured 1600 Taino people and shipped them to Spain for gold. Most died on the journey.



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3.) Columbus sold indigenous girls into sex slavery for his own personal profit. He journaled, "There are plenty of dealers who go about looking for girls; those from nine to ten are now in demand."



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4.) Columbus's army required any Taino person 14 or older to bring them a thimble of gold dust every 3 months. If not, the army would chop off their hands and tie the victim's hands around their neck. Most victims bled to death. An estimated 10,000 Taino people died this way.



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5.) His army raped Indigenous women. His close friend Michele de Cuneo wrote about the following...

"While I was in the boat I captured a very beautiful Carib woman... I conceived desire to take pleasure. I wanted to put my desire into execution but she did not want it...



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and treated me with her finger nails  
that I wished I had never begun... I  
took a rope and thrashed her well, for  
which she raised such unheard of  
screams... Finally we came to an  
agreement that I can tell you that she  
seemed to have been brought up in  
a school of harlots."



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6.) After 50 years of "Columbus discovering America", 2.86 million of the estimated 3 million Tainos living on the island now named Hispanola had died, 95% of the population. Imagine if in a period of 50 years, 19 out of every 20 people you knew had died.



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Columbus did not discover America; it was already home to an estimated 100 million indigenous people. The indigenous people of what many of us call Turtle Island have been living here since the beginning of time.



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Columbus was not even the first European person to travel to present day America and also did not demonstrate that the world was round; that fact had been widely accepted in Europe for centuries.



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Los Angeles City Councilman Michael Bonin is an Italian American who voted to change [#ColumbusDay](#) to [#IndigenousPeoplesDay](#). He said the genocide perpetrated by Columbus diminishes the story of his Italian ancestors who came to the US “to building something not destroy something.”

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# **How to respect my ethnic name.**



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# Things you should **NEVER** say

1

## "I'm never going to remember that"

Sometimes the name can be hard to say but you're being dismissive and showing that you don't value the person



2

## "Do you have something shorter for that?"

Let them offer their nickname to you first. If they don't, then don't probe for a shorter version of their name.

3

## "Can I just call you \_\_\_\_ instead?"

This is disrespectful because you are disregarding an entire person's history and identity by giving them a different name. There's also an uncomfortable power dynamic.

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# Equally inappropriate actions

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Tapping the person  
on the shoulder  
because you'd  
rather not get their  
name wrong

5

Pointing to them in  
a meeting

6

Replacing their name with 'him, her,  
them' and hoping you'll get away  
with it



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# How to help

1



## Repeat their name after they introduce themselves

When you don't repeat their name, it can be quite frustrating because we would like reassurance that you've heard and can say it correctly.

2

## Reassure them

"I really want to make sure I say your name correctly, can you teach me?"

3

## Emails + Business

Incorrect names on a legal document is time consuming to correct for the person. This distracts from more important tasks. Double check the name when writing an email.

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# How to help

4

## Dating

Help your loved one out by teaching your friends and family the pronunciation in advance to avoid any awkward encounters.

5

## Call others out

If you hear someone's name being said wrong and they're not in the room, then please do correct them.

6

## 'Forgive me, could you remind me...'

Politely ask for a reminder. Look, I understand. I'm awful with everyone's names too to be honest because I'm far too nervous about meeting someone new and I don't hear their name, let alone how to pronounce it.

Here's a good tip: jot down the pronunciation in your notepad in a way that you will remember!



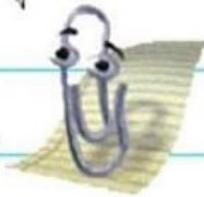
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Dear Susan,

But what's your  
real name?

OK

Dear Shuai Yingchun,



**Don't immediately disregard someone's integrity by asking 'but what's your real name though?'.**

If they're a good friend, then it may be special for you to enquire more about their heritage and background, but it's all about the tone and energy you bring to the question. If you've just met them and you're asking to have a laugh, that's just plain rude.

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# Why is it so hard?



**Basically, when you try and write a name from another language, sometimes it can't be transliterated accurately because the letters for a particular sound doesn't exist.**

Yeah, you're probably having to create sounds you probably didn't even know that existed!

Transliteration is the process of converting one written script into another written script, such as Hebrew characters into the Latin alphabet

Mohammed can be spelt in several ways in the Roman alphabet. Only the consonants M-h-m-d appear in the written version of Perso-Arabic scripts.

**Mohamid, Mohamad,  
Muhamad, Mohamed,  
Muhammad, Mihemed,  
Mahomet, Muhamed.**

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Mary	<u>Yazhini</u>
Jack	<u>Chenguang</u>
Timothy	<u>Dofi</u>
James	<u>Fahmida</u>
Rachel	<u>Anpu</u>
Lucy	<u>Anjolaifeoluv</u>
Charles	<u>Asaka</u>
Elizabeth	<u>Fujo</u>
Daniel	<u>Onya</u>
Tom	<u>Nguyên</u>
Samuel	<u>Akiharo</u>
Mark	<u>Drahomír</u>

Charlotte  
Chenopods  
Where you really from?

Ignore All  
Add to Dictionary

Add to AutoCorrect

Reply to Comment  
Delete Comment  
Resolve Comment

Smart Lookup...  
Translate...

New Comment

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# A heavy history



Colonisation gave rise to a language hierarchy in which the language of the coloniser was inscribed as the most prestigious language (Brenzinger 1992).

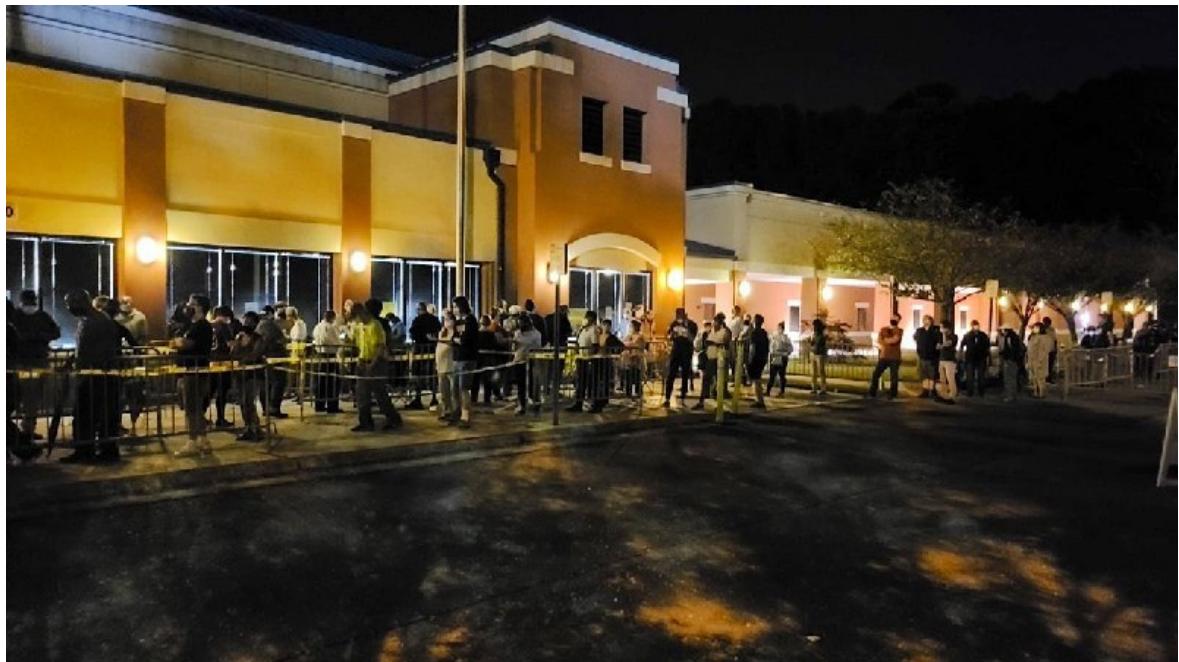
Naming practices by European colonizers served to inject a sense of shame and legacy of inferiority. Of **the world's estimated 7,500 languages, over half will be extinct by the year 2050 owing to imperialism** (Eames 2019).

European colonizers defiled African names to erase African identity. **Names not only aid in the construction of identity**, but also concretize a people's collective memory by recording the circumstances of their experiences. Thus, to obliterate African collective memories and identities, the colonizers assigned new names to the Africans or even left them nameless, as a way of subjugating and committing them to perpetual servitude (Fitzpatrick 2012).

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Quitting was her only option. She is one of 865,000 women to leave the workforce last month.

That's four times the number of men who left the paid workforce

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"I got it wrong. And it hurts my heart. I mean, it truly hurts my heart." These are the white women voters Trump has lost in battleground Pennsylvania.

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'The destruction of humanity is a higher priority than the preservation and advancement of humanity.' — In January, @AOC called out the U.S. government for spending more on military than its own citizens in need [source](#)

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This is a picture of voter suppression. Why do Americans have to wait in lines this long? This is the line in Suwannee Georgia today to vote.

I worked in the Congo in election run by UN and it was much easier to vote. [link source](#)

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