

Episode 13: A Domination Chronicles Lexicon

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Welcome to the domination Chronicles podcast. I'm your co host, Peter Dorico and I'm your co host Stephen Newcomb. Together, Peter and I have 90 years of experience researching, discussing and writing about indigenous people's issues. Our conversations examine themes such as the original free existence of our native nations and peoples invasion and colonization as a claim of a right of domination and civilization as a process and system of domination.

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now let's get into it. The underlying code or pattern of domination used against original nations is revealed in the meaning of certain key words. For example, one meaning of the word civilization is the forcing of a cultural pattern on a population to which it is foreign. The word forcing is the clue. It helps us understand that this definition of civilization is referring to a cultural pattern of domination being imposed on nations and peoples that are living free and independent of that forced imposition. Another key word is state. The German sociologist Max Weber defined the state as a relation of men dominating men. If the state is to exist, he wrote in his 1919 essay, politics as a vocation, the dominated must submit themselves to the authority claimed by the powers that be. Sovereignty is another term to add to our list. Jonathan havercroft, in his book captives of sovereignty, defines sovereignty as an unjust form of political domination that limits human freedom. Ascendancy is the fourth word on our list of key terms in the Johnson versus Mackintosh ruling of 1823 Chief Justice John Marshall stated that the character and religion of this continent's native inhabitants provided an apology, meaning a rationale for considering them to be a people over whom the superior genius of Europe might claim an ascendancy. The word ascendancy that Marshall chose is defined as controlling influence, governing power. Domination. Dominion is the fifth word on our list. William Brandon, in his book new worlds for old, examined the etymology of the word dominion, he traced it to the Latin word dominium, and he summed up his explanation by stating political power grown from property. Dominium was, in effect, domination. Property is the next word on our list. The eminent English jurist William Blackstone defined property as despotic dominion, which accurately translates as despotic domination. In their law school textbook, property and law Lance Liebman and Charles Monroe har used Blackstone's definition to characterize property as quote, the first establishment of socially approved, physical domination over some part of the natural world. Empire is the seventh word on our list of terminology. In his book, The Rising American empire, historian Richard Van Alstyne explains that the United States was founded as an empire. Here is how he opens his book. The title of this book comes straight from George Washington. Even as early as 1783 the United States was to Washington

a rising Empire. The phrase describes precisely what he and his contemporaries had in mind, that is to say, an Imperium, a dominion, state or sovereignty that would expand in population and territory and increase in strength and power. Empire is most definitely a term of domination. And on two occasions, the US Supreme Court has referred to the United States as the American empire, once in Loughborough versus Blake in 1820 and again in the insular case, downs versus Bidwell in 1901

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