

One Nation Under God: Operation White Wash

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It is an American tradition to overpower countries with a dominant military, leaving behind an established order that politically serves the American government's interests and caters to private investors of commercial development. Under the guise of protecting the world from terrorists and oppressive rule, it is commonplace for America to forcefully replace democratically elected leaders with corrupt dictators who are willing to cooperate in the in exchange for their own self-interests.

Domestication and colonization provide American corporations with a submissive environment to dominate as it reaps the benefits of cheap labor and low environmental law and human rights standards. With this edge on the market, companies are able to provide merchandise for the world at low costs, spreading rampant consumerism across the globe.

Although this seems advantageous for the American, the world has suffered greatly from America's rapid expansion and contagious consumerism. As the world becomes saturated with companies such as McDonalds, Disney, Coca-Cola, and Wal-Mart pushing into new markets, humanity's diverse cultures are being whitewashed. American military occupation, strategically manipulated mass media and rampant commercial development convince populations they are "liberated", "free" and democratic

In this installation, nothing stands out. There is no gray area. There is only black and white... no color. Diversity is gone. The countries chosen represent nations that have been targeted by the US military and multi-national corporations. White piles of rocks stand as fortresses marking a territory. The flag is one of homogeneity and domination. Their single star represents the sameness of everywhere and everything. These countries are barren wastelands with the sole purpose of making stuff and buying stuff. It's a dystopian vision for the future.

If we are to be without opinion, without voice, without cause, then the Earth and all its beautiful life is fucked. If you look around and see nothing wrong, you are blind. If you find bliss in not caring, then you are part of the problem. Together we have evolved to this unhealthy state. With the same sense of togetherness we have the option to do what we must... to evolve to a sustainable existence.