

Indigenous Anarchist Federation

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Indigenous Anarchism is a concept that has been around for a long time. In fact, the anarchism practiced by many tribes in North America predates European anarchism by thousands of years. This anarchism was only recently destroyed by the forces of colonization, capitalism, and white supremacy.

Today, Anarchism is dominated by Euro-centric ideas about relations, culture, and spirituality. Anarchists in the so-called United States and Canada are predominantly white. This has shaped the anarchism of these predominantly English speaking countries in a profound way.

This is not the case with Anarchism in Latin America which, though initially influenced by Anarchists from Europe, has been shaped by the contributions and struggles of Indigenous Anarchists throughout so-called Latin America.

The Indigenous Anarchist Federation (Federación Anarquista Indígena) works to unite the unique anarchist struggle of Indigenous people in North America. It is a platform to share indigenous anarchist ideas, struggles, philosophies, and challenges.

Anarchism in North America must reflect the Indigenous peoples' traditions that were displaced by the forces of colonialism, forced-religious conversion, militarism, and capitalism. We must be able to articulate an Anarchism that both speaks to the material realities of our relatives both living on the rez and in diaspora, all while maintaining the diverse perspectives of our peoples' various cultures. We must create a place where these conversations can be had... where our ideas and dreams can be fleshed out. IAF strives to provide the space for this to happen.

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