
Cultural appropriation

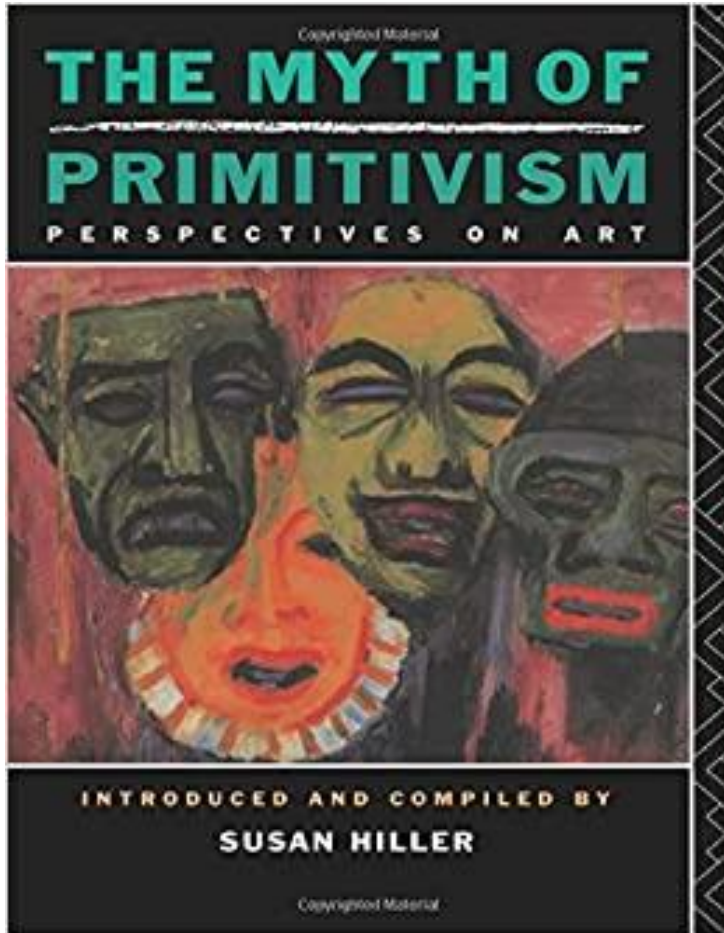


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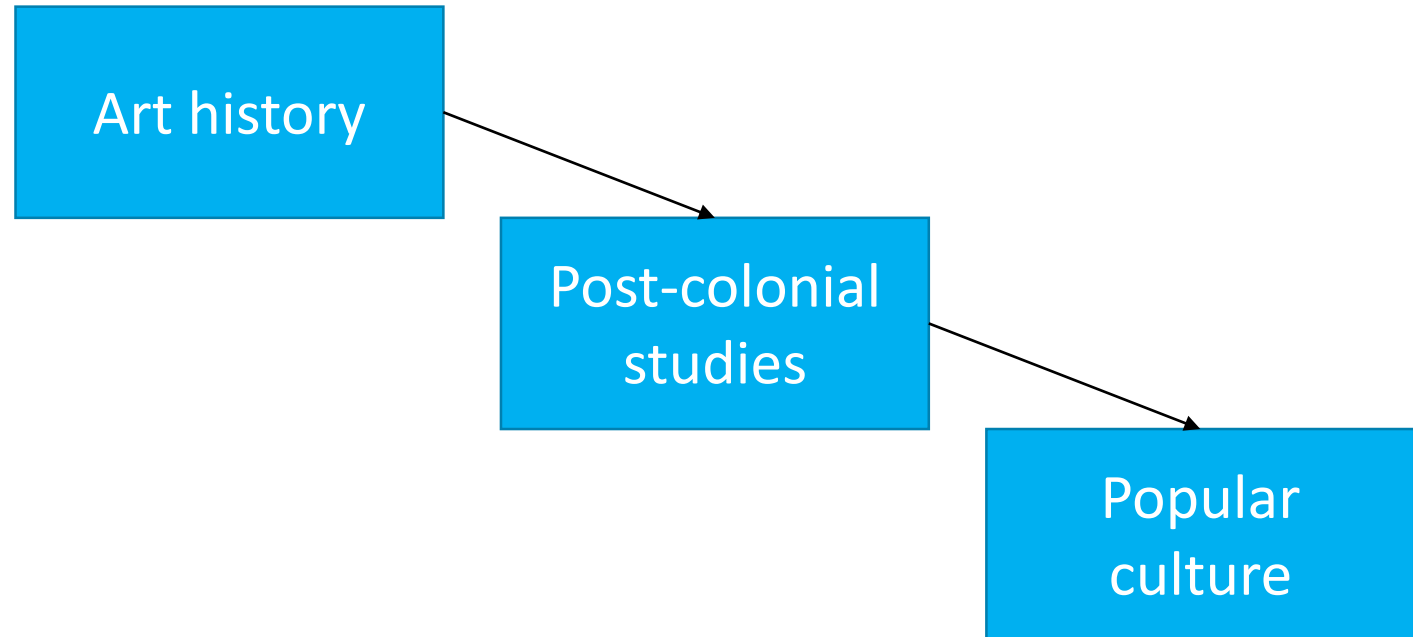
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History



"Some General Observations on the Problems of Cultural Colonialism" Kenneth Coutts-Smith



Definition

- Cultural appropriation is the adoption of an element or elements of one culture or identity by members of another culture or identity.
- Cultural appropriation is the unacknowledged or inappropriate adoption of the customs, practices, ideas, etc. of one people or society by members of another and typically more dominant people or society.

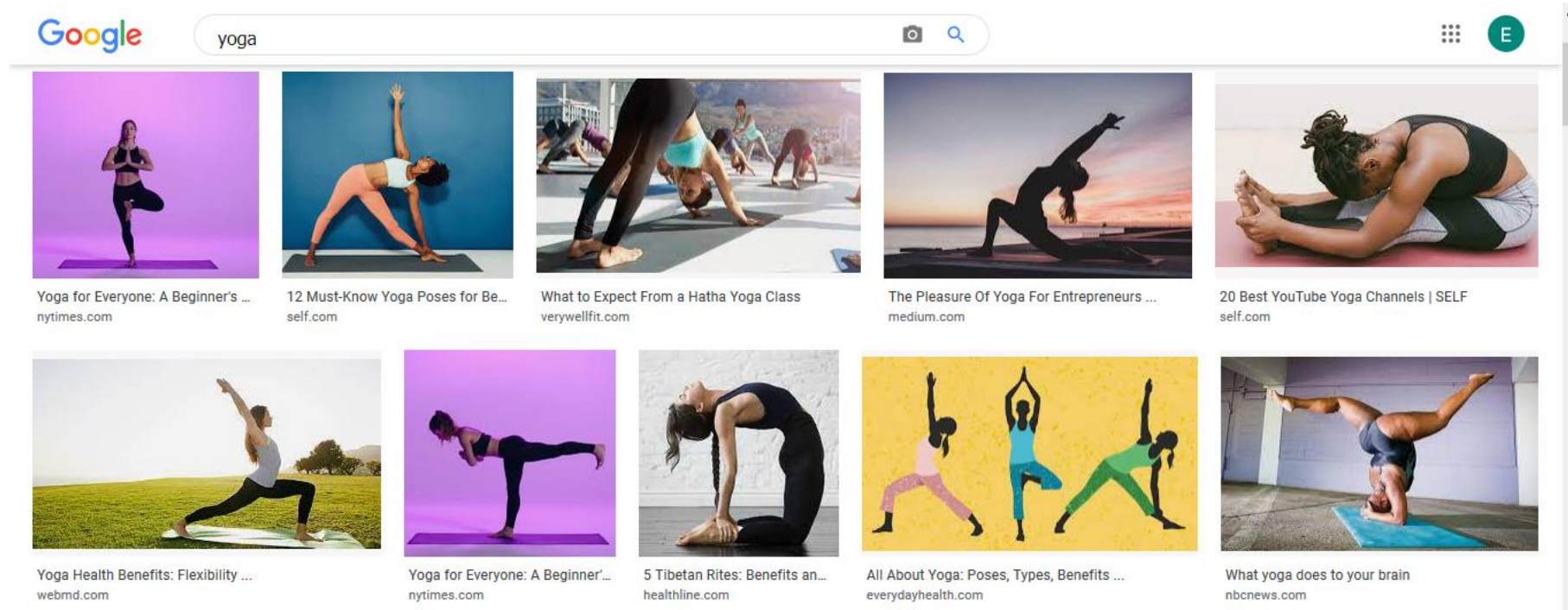
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- Penalising marginalised groups while rewarding privileged ones



Woman 'lost job chance' over hairstyle

A woman said she was left "shocked and embarrassed" after she was asked to change her hairstyle to secure a job.

Avoiding appropriation

- Consider the context
 - Does it feel respectful or is it promoting stereotypes?
 - Does the culture have a history of discrimination?
 - What is the cultural significance of this practice or item?
- Explore your motivations
 - Are you exploring a culture or following a trend?
 - Will you benefit in some way?
- Give credit
- Support businesses run by people from that culture

Discussion time

Further reading

- [There is no such thing as 'harmless' cultural appropriation, and we must call it out if we hope to fight systemic oppression](#)
- [What's Wrong with Cultural Appropriation? These 9 Answers Reveal Its Harm](#)
- [What Is Cultural Appropriation?](#)
- [A Guide to Understanding and Avoiding Cultural Appropriation](#)
- [Understanding the Harmful Impact of Cultural Appropriation](#)