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DECOLONIZING DISABILITY - AN ISP

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Goals

- Understand the entanglings of ableism and colonialism
- Learn about disability from an indigenous perspective
 - A basis for radically re-imagining disability
- Provide students and faculty with some much-needed critical disability studies resources

Primary Findings

- Ableism and colonialism are deeply entangled
 - I. Colonialism produces impairment
 - II. Eugenics reifies ableism-colonialism
- Differing Western and Indigenous perspectives on impairment are a result of differing values

Resources, open to all:

- Annotated Bibliography
 - Compiles & summarizes 18 articles I read for this project



- Video Lecture
 - Summarizes my findings

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4Juvj DHgs0DITWvTvMZOMqEvpojaMOPg



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