

PHILOSOPHY TALK

Lessons from NoDaPL:

Decolonizing ‘Allyship’ for Indian Country

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Veterans Stand for Standing Rock bolstered the NoDAPL protest by raising funds to purchase and transport supplies and functioning as “human shields” to protect protesters from heavily militarized police and private security teams. One might claim that those veterans served as allies in the protest. Being an ally, however, has recently come under scrutiny given its ability to contribute to epistemic injustice. Drawing from the interactions between native and non-native NoDAPL protesters, I argue that we can retain the use of allyship so long as the concept is subject to decolonizing methods.

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