Contributions of Western Colonialism to Human Flourishing: 
A Summary of Research

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This bibliography is intended to serve as a resource for students, scholars, and the general public interested in the contributions of Western colonialism to human flourishing. It covers most of the ways that the public good has been variously defined and selected statements for each dimension concerning colonial contributions. The intent is to bring together representative research findings concerning Western colonial contributions in order to encourage a more robust debate on the subject than presently exists.

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