

Brazil and Imagination: Dismantling Systems

Study Guide, Episode 4

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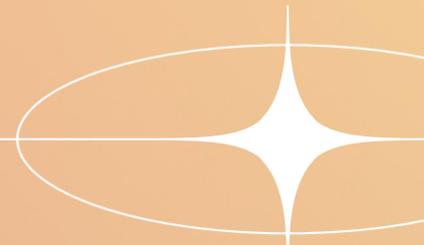
Brazil



Culture

- Mixture of African, Portuguese, American Indian, and many other tradition
- Music & Dance: Samba, Bossa Nova, Capoeira
- Soccer (known as *futebol*)
- Carnival

- Largest country in Latin America
- Only Portuguese-speaking country in America
- Largest African population outside Africa
- Much of Brazil is developed, but at least 22% of population still lives below poverty line
- Many serious social problems

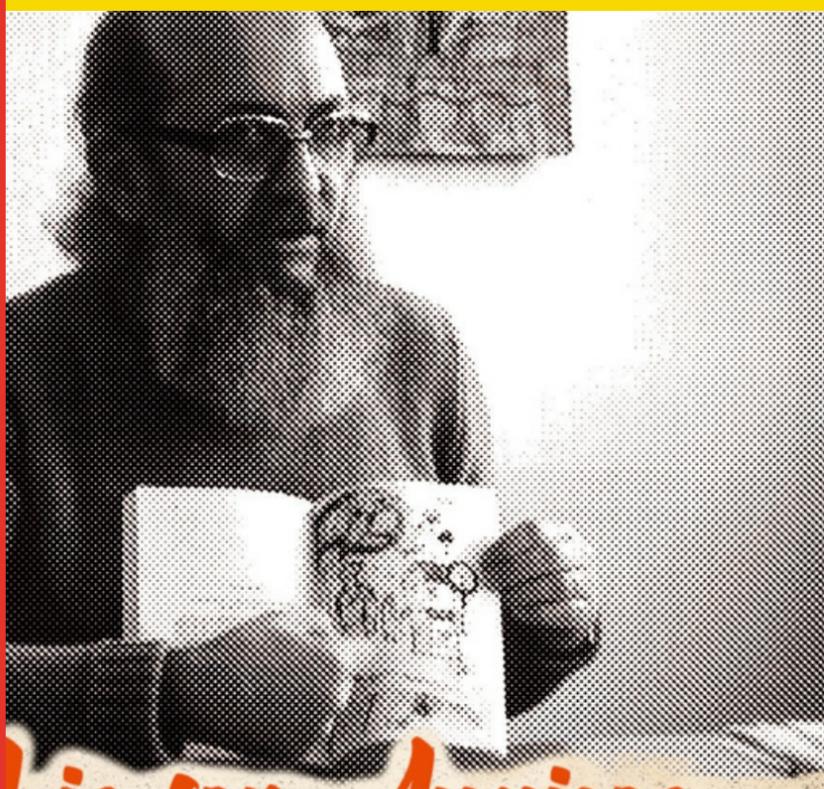


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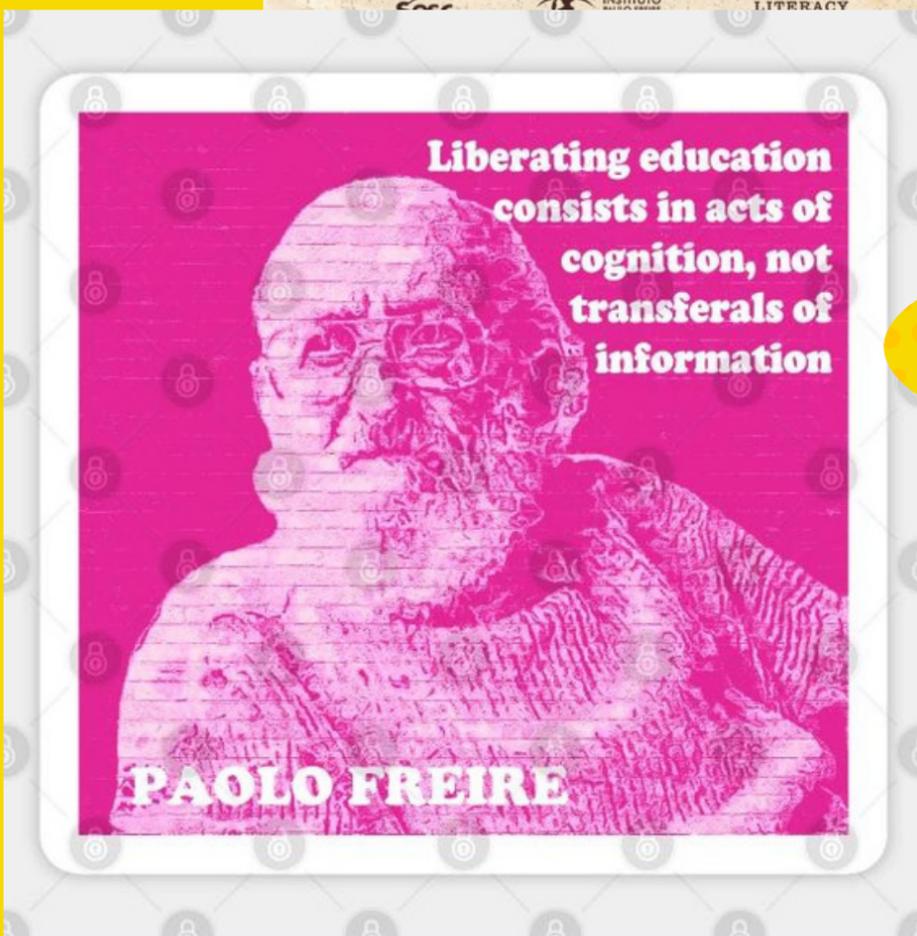
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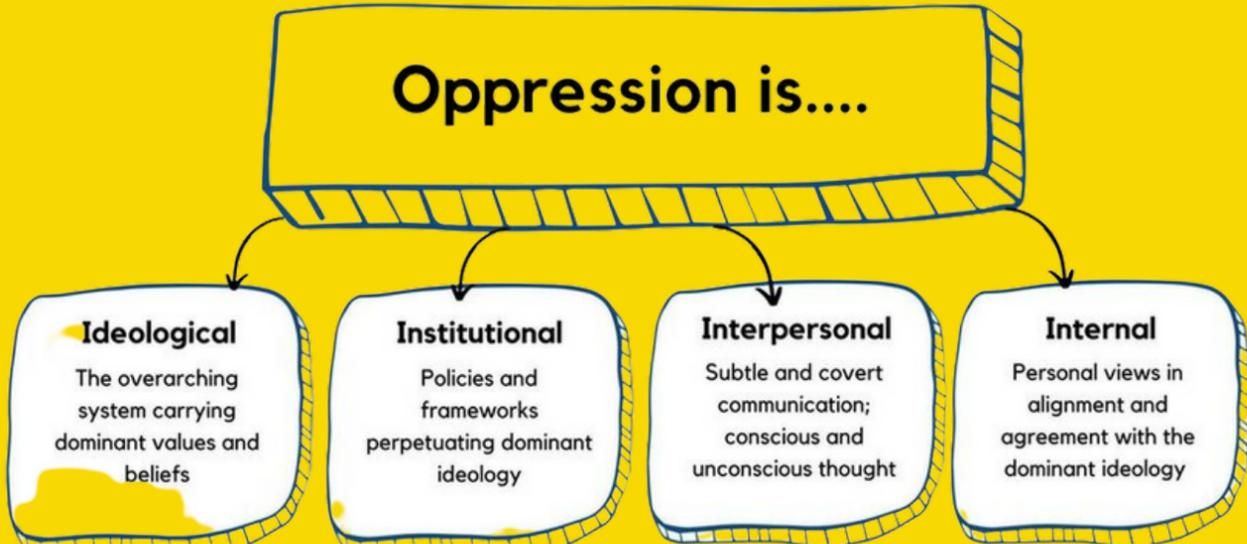
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- **Consientização** – “makes it possible for men to enter the historical process as responsible Subjects, consientização enrolls them in the search for self-affirmation and thus avoids fanaticism (20)
- **Praxis** - “Thought and study alone did not produce *Pedadgogy of the Oppressed*; it is rooted in concrete situations... Continued observation will afford me an opportunity to modify or to corroborate in later studies the points proposed in this introductory work.” (21)
- “The **pedagogy of the oppressed**... is a task for radicals; sectarians cannot carry it out.” (24)

The Four Is of Oppression

Adapted from Cheyenne E. Batiste, "Does Your Content Perpetuate Inequity?"





Boal's work, drew attention as a cultural activist. The military coups in Brazil during the 1960s looked upon all such activity as a threat. Walking home from an Arena performance of Brecht's *The Resistible Rise of Arturo*, Boal directed in 1971, Boal was kidnapped off the street, arrested, tortured, and eventually exiled to Argentina, then self-exiled to Europe. In Argentina, in 1973 he published his first major theatre text, *The Theatre of the Oppressed*.



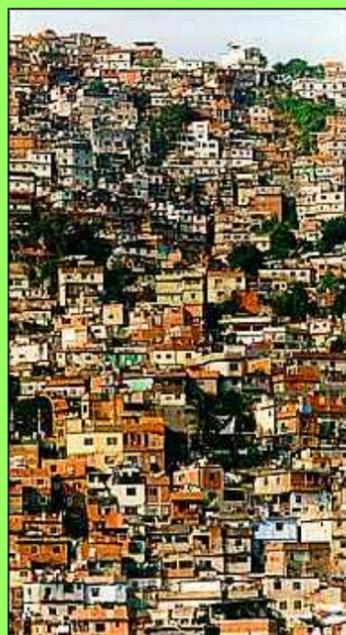
Augusto Boal Who is he?

- Boal developed the idea of **Spect-actors**.
- **Forum Theatre** is a type of theatrical game where a problem is shown in an unresolved form. The audience is invited to suggest and enact solutions. The scenario is then repeated, allowing the audience to offer alternative solutions. The game is a contest between the audience and actors trying to bring the play to a different end.

Image theatre consists of creating short scenes, a maximum of a minute or two, with a strong image that the entire audience can easily understand, identify, and apply to their own lives. Images can be realistic, surrealistic, symbolic or metaphorical.

- The only thing that matters is that it is true; that it is felt as true by the protagonist. (the person leading the performance) Images tell the story in a condensed, outline form using pictures with little or no talking. The audience is pulled in immediately because they know exactly what is being said. Movement, music, and ensemble are used to heighten the impact.

Invisible theatre is rehearsing a scene with actions the protagonist wants to try out in real life. This is done in a place where these events could happen and in front of an audience who, unaware that they are an audience, accordingly act as if the improvised scene was real. Thus, the improvised scene becomes a reality. Fiction penetrates reality. What the protagonist had rehearsed as a plan, a blueprint now becomes an act.



FAVELAS



- *Favelas* are shantytowns that surround every major city in Brazil
- Many people have no electricity or running water
- They are often right next to wealthy neighborhoods



BRAZIL

The shape of Brazil forms a large triangle with a large coastline.

CLIMATE

The climate in Brazil is tropical which means it is very hot and humid. It has an amazing rain-forest with a lot of animals.

SPORTS

Favorite past times for citizens of Brazil are swimming, and car racing and basketball. The most popular sport, though, is football which is our version of soccer.

FOOD

People from Africa, Italy, Syria, Lebanon, and Japan have moved to Brazil melding the cultures and the making their food a mixture of flavors and wonder.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Brazil has many different animals. These include over 100,000 different insects, 1,500 fish, and 1,600 bird species.





Brazil is the 5th largest country in the world by land area and population.

It is called **Brasil** in Portuguese; it is the only country in South America that speaks Portuguese.



The territory now called Brazil was claimed for the Portuguese Empire on April 22, 1500, by Pedro Alvares Cabral. **Independence was confirmed in 1822.**



The capital of Brazil is **Brasilia** and the largest city is **Sao Paulo.**



'Christ the Redeemer' is a statue of Jesus Christ in Rio de Janeiro. It is among the Seven Wonders of the World.

The motto of Brazil is **"Ordem e Progresso"** which means Order and Progress in English.

The word "Brazil" comes from **Brazil wood**, a tree that grew abundantly along the **Brazilian coast.**



Animals of Brazil include **armadillo, tapirs, jaguars, pumas, caiman crocodile, the spotted ocelot,** and many other exotic reptiles and insects.



Brazil covers **three** time zones.

75% of Brazil's people live in the cities.



60% of the **Amazon Rainforest** is located in Brazil.



Brazil is the largest producer of **coffee** in the world.

In Brazil, the **Iguassu Falls** consisting of **275 falls** is the largest