

Title: Chile Chooses Foreign Corporations over Indigenous Communities: The pre-Conquest Indigenous Mapuche Have Been Mistreated and Mischaracterized by the Government as Terrorists

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In this research paper, I discuss the Mapuche conflict, which mainly involves land disputes between the Chilean government and the pre-conquest indigenous Mapuche communities. The Chilean government places legal restrictions on their ancestral lands in order to provide an advantage to national and international logging and forestry corporations that use Chilean land for profit and in turn boost Chilean economy. My research paper's purpose is to show the obstacles placed on Mapuche people when trying to gain control of their ancestral land that was stolen by the Chilean government and then redistributed. In my research project, I use the 1998 Forestry Promotion Law No. 19,561 and Convention 169 of the International Labour Organization to explain the loopholes that the Chilean government figures out in order to continue with their economic development efforts while under the guise of giving the Mapuche communities more protection. They label protesters as terrorists, allowing for anonymous testimony. In the end, I will explain possible solutions that I have found from other articles; however, because most of the solutions involve the action of the Chilean government, the solutions are not guaranteed without the involvement of external global organizations such as the United Nations.

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