Cultural appropriation is the adoption of some specific elements of one culture by a different cultural group when the subject culture is somehow subordinate in social, political, economic, or military status to the appropriating culture. It often involves the individuals or institutions from the dominant culture taking credit or not giving credit for the element of culture, or making a personal profit or benefiting in some other way from its usage.

In pretty much every corner of the Earth, our own ancestors faced oppression against our spiritual knowledge, as our tribal communities and earth-worshipping traditions assimilated to the dominant culture. When someone's behavior is labeled culturally appropriative, it's usually not about that specific person being horrible and evil. However, some of us have more privileges: race, class, access to power & resources that affect our livelihoods. It's about a centuries' old pattern of taking.

Cultural appropriation is a real issue because it demonstrates the imbalance of power that still remains between cultures that have been colonized and the ex-colonizers.