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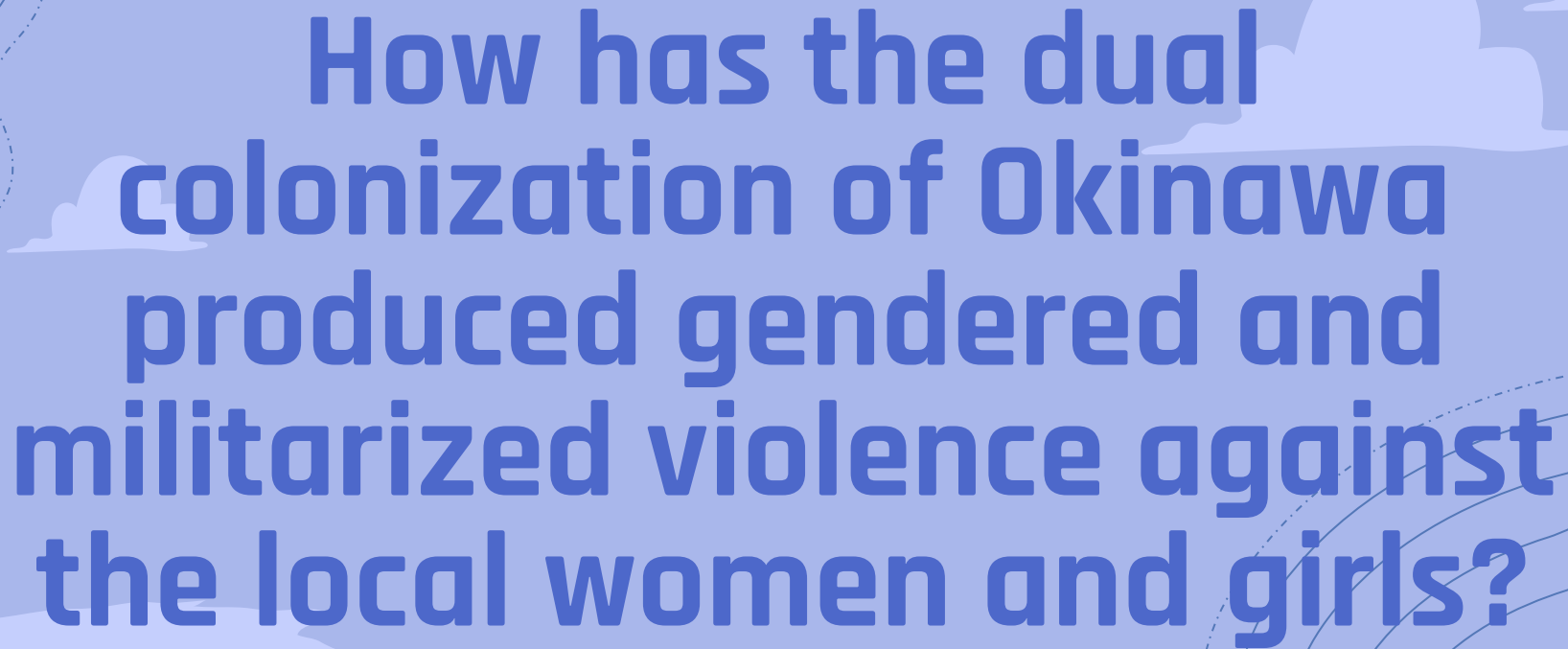
**“The past 50 years
Okinawa has been
sacrificed. There
have been crimes
committed, human
rights violations and
all around suffering.
We don’t want it
anymore.”**

- Suzuyo Takazato Okinawan feminist and
peace activist

Militarization of Okinawa

Okinawa currently hosts **over 74%** of US military bases in Japan despite making up only **0.6%** of Japan's total land mass



The background features a light blue gradient with stylized white and light blue elements. On the left, a dashed line outlines a coastline with a path of small squares leading inland. On the right, there are soft, rounded shapes representing clouds or hills. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

**How has the dual
colonization of Okinawa
produced gendered and
militarized violence against
the local women and girls?**

**“Let’s go rape a girl,” he proposed.
“It was just for fun.”**

“What fools!...For the price they paid to rent the car, they (the U.S. Service men) could have had a girl (sex worker).”

50th year anniversary of the end of World War II and 40+ years of gendered militarized violence



Don't rape
OKINAWA



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The background is a light blue gradient with a topographic map overlay. The map features several contour lines, some solid and some dashed. A dashed line traces a path through the contours. In the upper right, a cluster of small squares is centered around a plus sign. In the lower left, another plus sign is visible. The overall aesthetic is clean and technical.

Questions?