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## Chapter 15: "The Late Agrarian World I: Networks of Exchange, 1500 - 1750"

### 15.1 - The evils of cochineal (Tlaxcalan cabildo, 1553)

1. The cabildo focuses on cochineal, but what are they really upset about? Why do they focus, for example, on the activities of women? And why are they critical of people showing off their cochineal-obtained wealth? How does this source show network activity threatening hierarchy?

The cabildo were really upset about the cochineal cactus being planted all over the tlaxcala community because due to it being planted foods were becoming very expensive. Famine started occurring, things were beginning to rapidly change, for the worse. The owners of the cochineal were known to devote themselves to mass services at church and holy days, but their actions were much different then being holy. The cabildo were focused on how much the wonders of cochineal were more about the wealth, and in that wealth so much drunkenness was going on and that led to woman being involved which the cabildo's knew if it was not for the cochineal, none of the sins and outrage would be going on in their community. This source shows network activity threatening hierarchy because the community was not known for such things but due to the plant being planted the dye brought harm to the community.

2. How well do you think the cabildo understands the problem they are seeing? What measures do they propose to deal with the problem? How practical do those measures seem to you? How well equipped is this hierarchy to manage its network connections?

The cabildo understands the problem very much. Once they noticed the difference of not taking care of the maize and other edibles but the cochineal, they knew something was wrong. The effects on people was proof.

The measures they proposed to deal with this problem was to take it to the lord Corregidor, it resulted in a definite number that no longer will there be planting at whim. A approval of 10 planting of cactus was declared for each person, nothing more.

These measures do not seem practical to me due to the effects of it. The hierarchy is well enough equipped to manage its networks, but only if people listen.