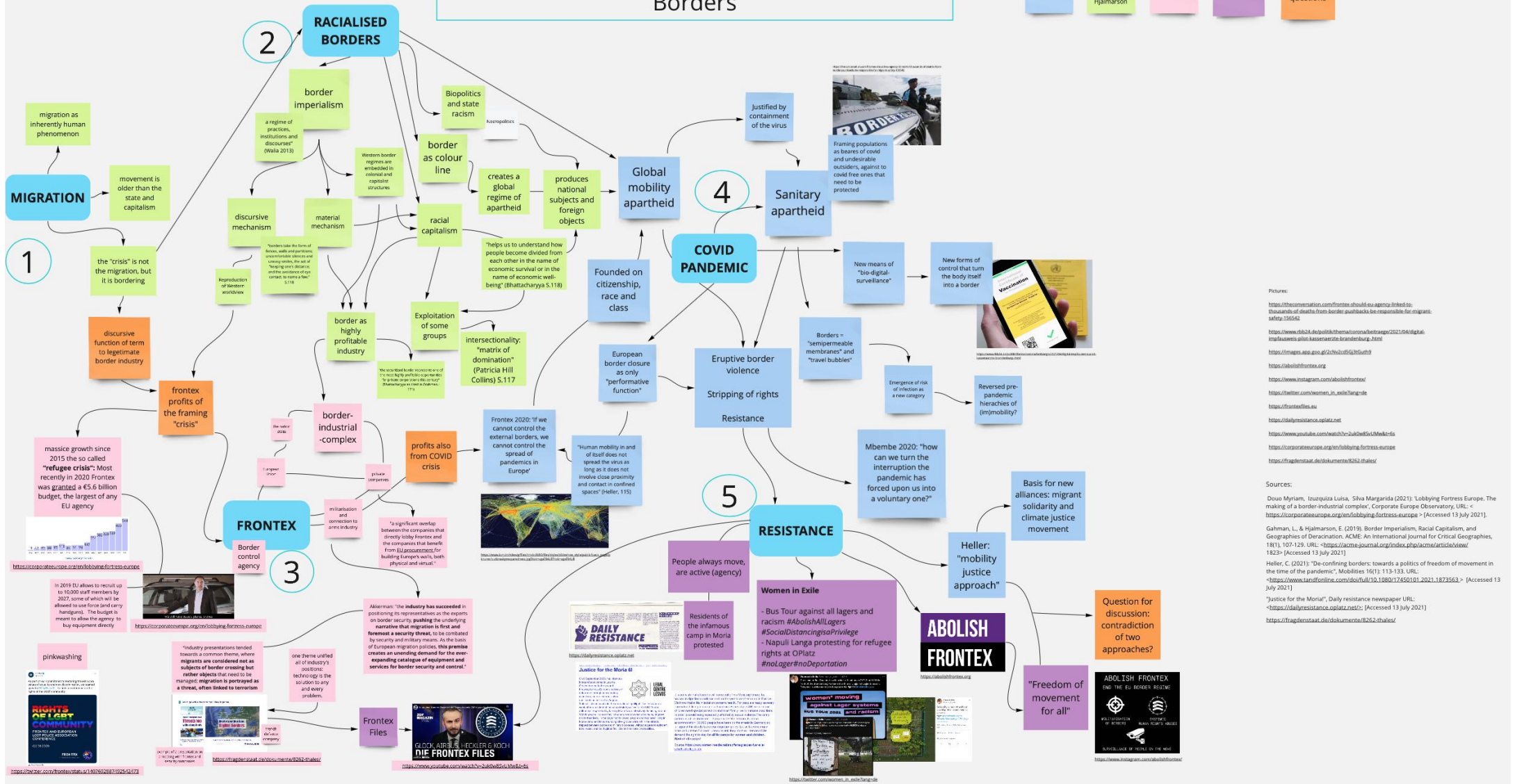


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Western border regimes are embedded in colonial and capitalist structures

Biopolitics and state racism

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border as colour line

creates a global regime of apartheid

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Exploitation of some groups

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border-industrial-complex

profits also from COVID crisis

Frontex 2020: 'If we cannot control the external borders, we cannot control the spread of pandemics in Europe'

massive growth since 2015 the so called "refugee crisis": Most recently in 2020 Frontex was granted a €5.6 billion budget, the largest of any EU agency



<https://corporateeurope.org/en/lobbying-fortress-europe>



private companies

militarisation and connection to arms industry

"a significant overlap between the companies that directly lobby Frontex and the companies that benefit from EU procurement for building Europe's walls, both physical and virtual."



<https://www.iom.int/sites/g/files/tmzbd1486/files/figures/outbreakpreparedness.jpg?tok=exgaE9>

In 2019 EU allows to recruit up to 10,000 staff members by 2027, some of which will be allowed to use force (and carry handguns). The budget is meant to allow the agency to buy equipment directly



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Akkerman: "the industry has succeeded in positioning its representatives as the experts on border security, pushing the underlying narrative that migration is first and foremost a security threat, to be combated by security and military means. As the basis of European migration policies, this premise creates an unending demand for the ever-expanding catalogue of equipment and services for border security and control."

pinkwashing



<https://twitter.com/frontex/status/1407692887492542473>

"Industry presentations tended towards a common theme, where migrants are considered not as subjects of border crossing but rather objects that need to be managed; migration is portrayed as a threat, often linked to terrorism"

one theme unified all of industry's positions: technology is the solution to any and every problem.



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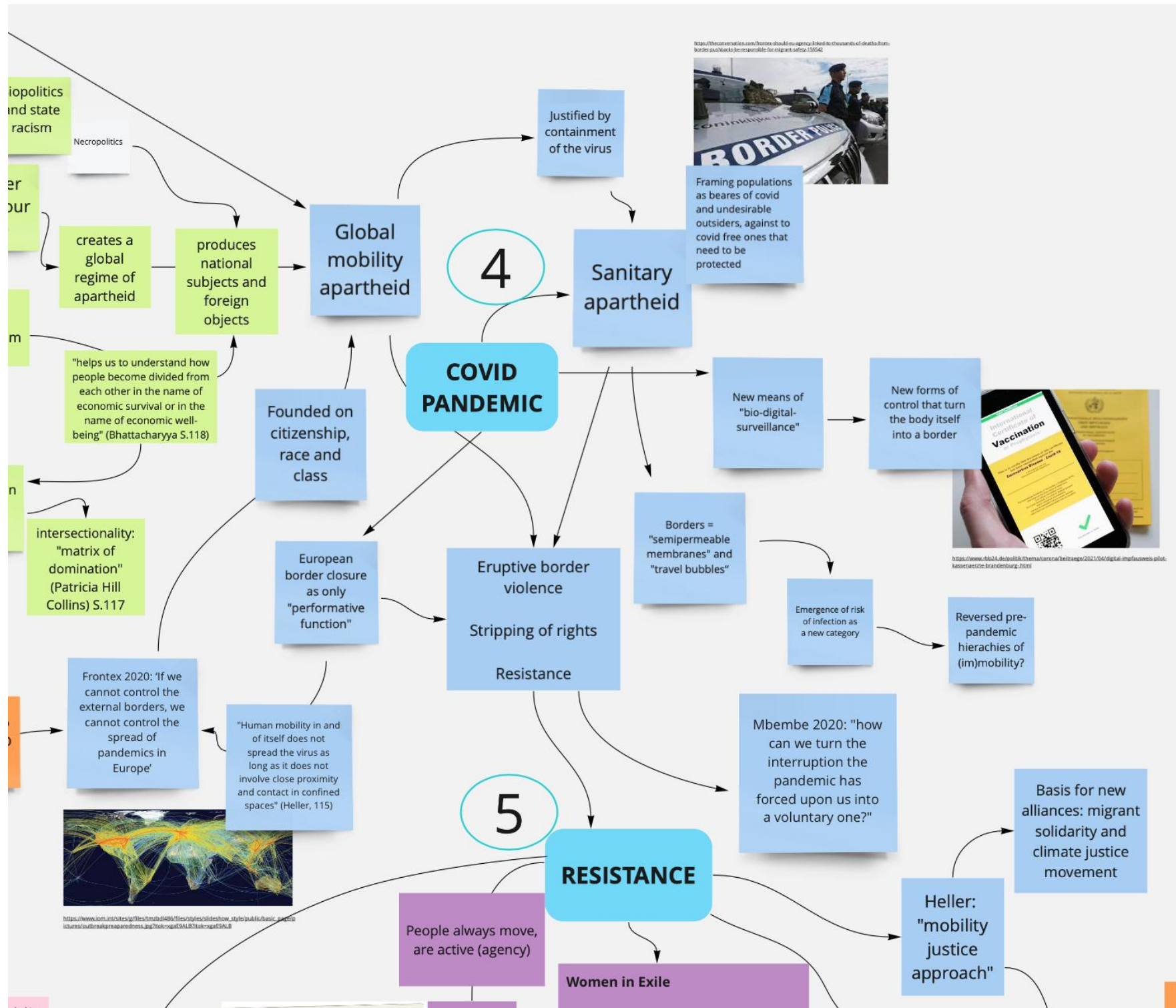
example of a presentation on a meeting with frontex and security companies

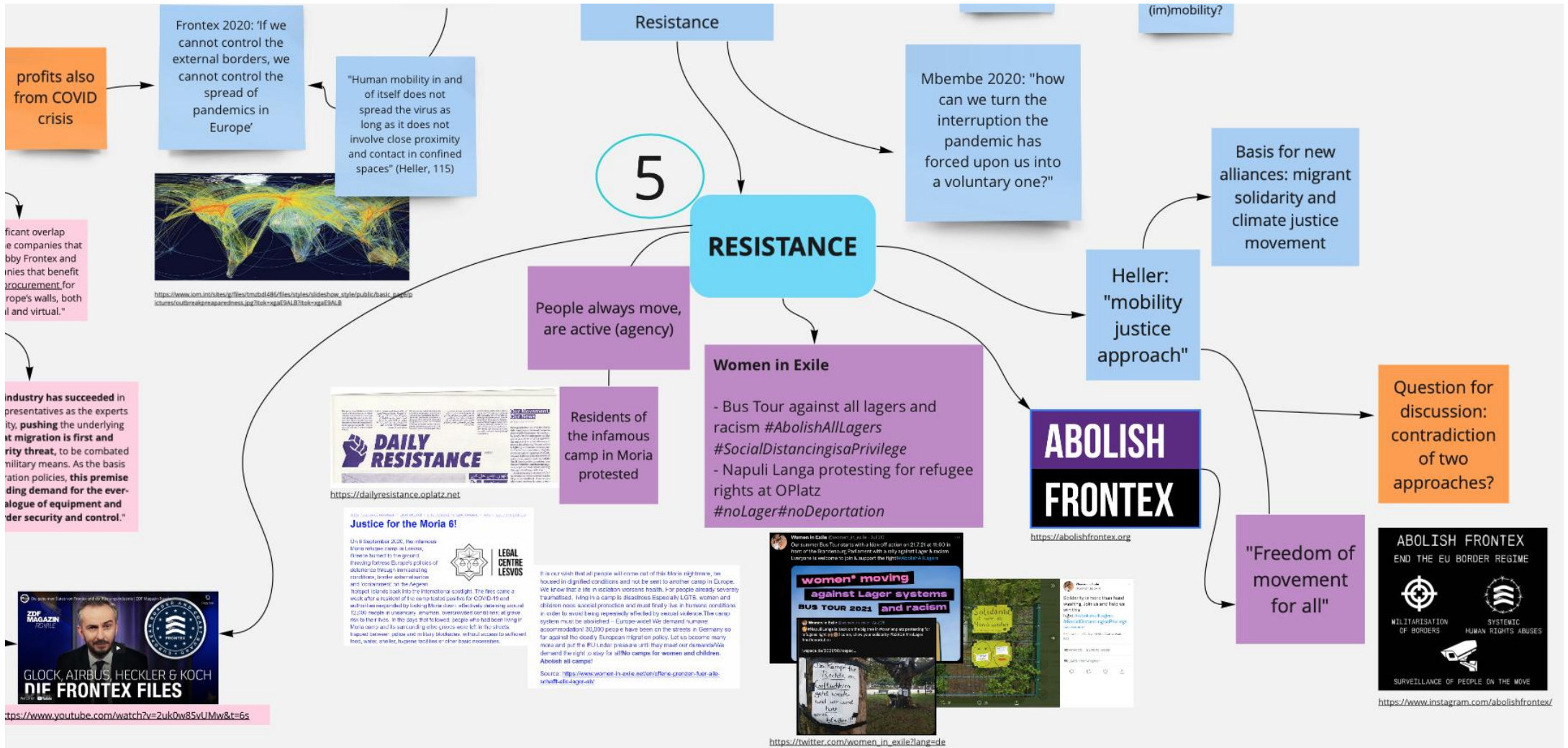
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