Indigenous Evaluation and Research Frameworks

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Indigenous data sovereignty is the right of Native nations to govern the collection, ownership, and application of its own data.

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Tribal Data Sovereignty

**DECOLONIZING DATA**

Occurs as **Native nations replace external, nontribal norms and priorities** with tribal systems that define data, control how it is collected, and influence how it is used.

**INDIGENIZING DATA GOVERNANCE**

The act of **harnessing tribal values, principles, and mechanisms and applying them** to the management and control of a Native nation's data ecosystem.

Tenets of Data Justice

Data are not neutral.

Data is a social justice issue.

Mainstream Knowledge

Experiential, Cultural, Spiritual, and Embodied Knowledge

Each group must decide for themselves what data justice looks like.

Self-Determination
Knowledge can be used as political leverage to advance community-determined agendas for change.

Agency
Capacity to make our own free choices

Access to data
Equitable access to data external to our communities

Ability to use data
Cultivating capacity, resources, power, time, and space to use data

"Data are not neutral! Statistics are not neutral numbers! They are powerful persuaders. They create meaning...it is not our socio-cultural reality that is being measured, but our position within the dominant colonizer social cultural reality – as defined by them.

Maggie Walter (2016)