

Indigenous and Decolonizing Research: Looking to Traditional Indigenous Knowledge

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Overview



- Colonization
- History of Research
- Decolonization
- Indigenism
- In Practice



Indigenizing Research

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❧ “From the vantage point of the colonized...the term ‘research’ is inextricably linked to European imperialism and colonialism. This word itself is probably one of the dirtiest words in the indigenous world’s vocabulary.”

❧ (Smith, 1999, p.1)



History of Research



Fidelity

Fidelity may be defined as the extent to which delivery of an intervention adheres to the protocol or program model originally developed. Fidelity measurement has increasing significance for evaluation, treatment effectiveness research, and service administration.

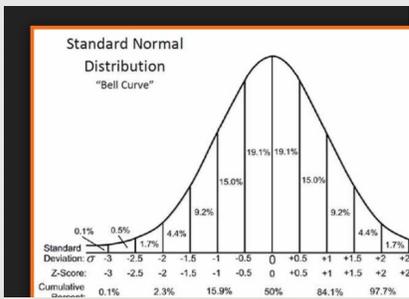


Rigor

As a concept, rigor is perhaps best thought of in terms of the quality of the research process. In essence, a more rigorous research process will result in more trustworthy findings. ... Transparency, as its name suggests, refers to clarity in describing the research process.



Generalization



Decolonization is

“the intelligent, calculated, and active resistance to the forces of colonialism that perpetrate the subjugation and/or exploitation of our (Indigenous) mind, bodies, and lands, and is engaged for the ultimate purpose of overturning the colonial structure and realizing Indigenous liberation”

(Waziyatawin and Yellow Bird, 2005, pg. 2).



Indigenism



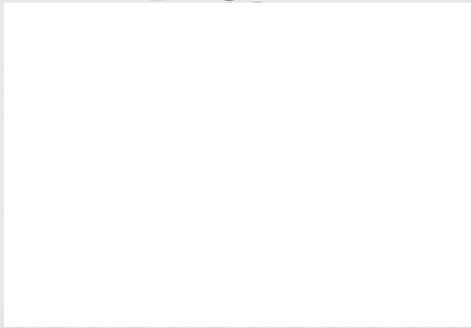
“Indigenism has sought to conceptualize methodological reform using a variety of approaches that advocate a research compatibility with indigenous realities, interests and aspirations”

(Rigney, 2006a, pp. 36).

Critical Praxis



Indigenous Stress Coping Model



Traditional Indigenous Knowledge



“a cumulative body of knowledge, know-how, practices and representations maintained and developed by peoples with extended histories of interaction with the natural environment”

(International Council of Science, 2002, pg.3

“Chanspo Ikhvnanchi”



- Original instructions
- Relational restructuring
- Narrative transformation



Survivance



“...an active sense of presence, the continuance of native stories, not a mere reaction, or a survivable name. Native survivance stories are renunciations of dominance, tragedy, and victimry.”

(Vizenor, 1994, pg. vii).



Reflexivity

Anukfilli "Deep Reflection"



- ☞ Marcus (1994) identifies four types of reflexivity;
- ☞ self-critique and personal quest
- ☞ sustaining objectivity
- ☞ politics of location
- ☞ feminist experiential reflexivity
- ... positioning assumes all work is incomplete and requires a response (and thus engagement) from others positioned differently

Examples

Daughters of the Drum



Our Vision of Health



Questions