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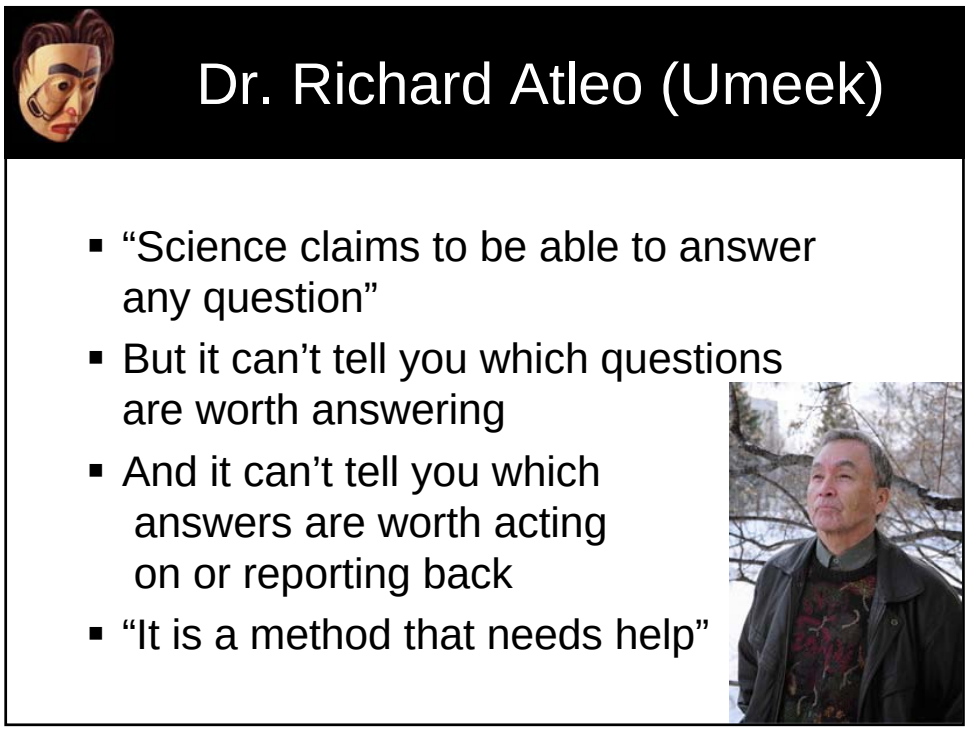


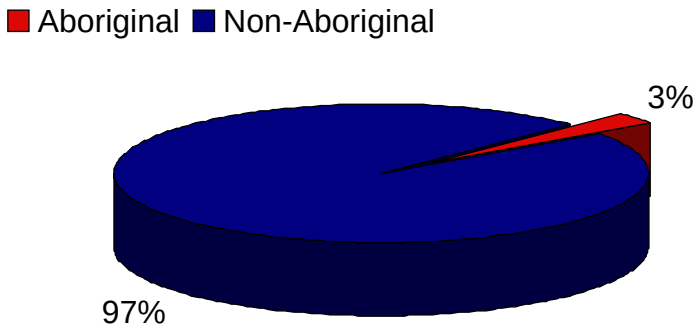
Overview

- Identity development
- Youth suicide
- Self-determination & health status
- Partnerships with:
  - Inter Tribal Health Authority
  - Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
  - Networks: NEAR-BC & NEAR-BC-WAY

Why Aboriginal Suicide?

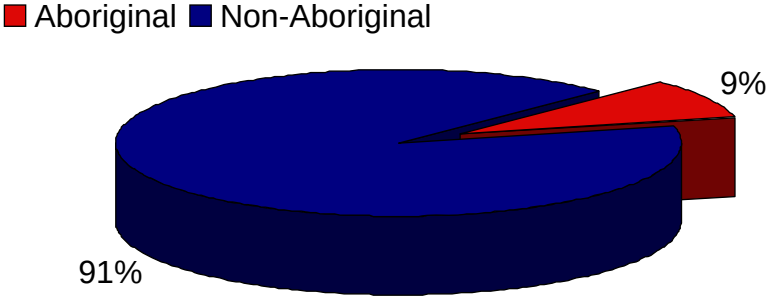
- Is being *Aboriginal* a risk factor?
- Is being *Young* a risk factor?
- Or do rates vary by *Place*?

Population (BC)



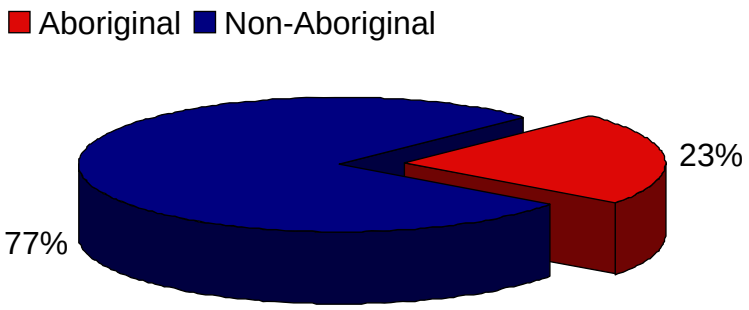
Aboriginal persons represent less than 3% of the total population of BC

Suicides by Population



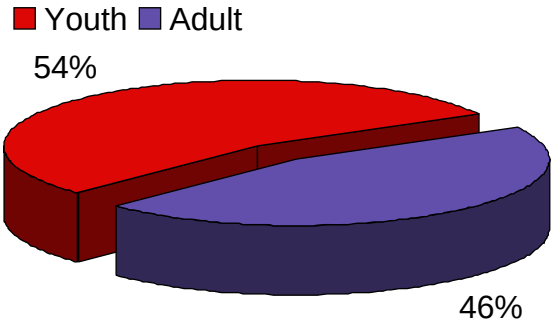
Aboriginal people account for more than 9% of all suicides in BC

Youth Suicides



Nearly 1/4 of all youth suicides are Aboriginal

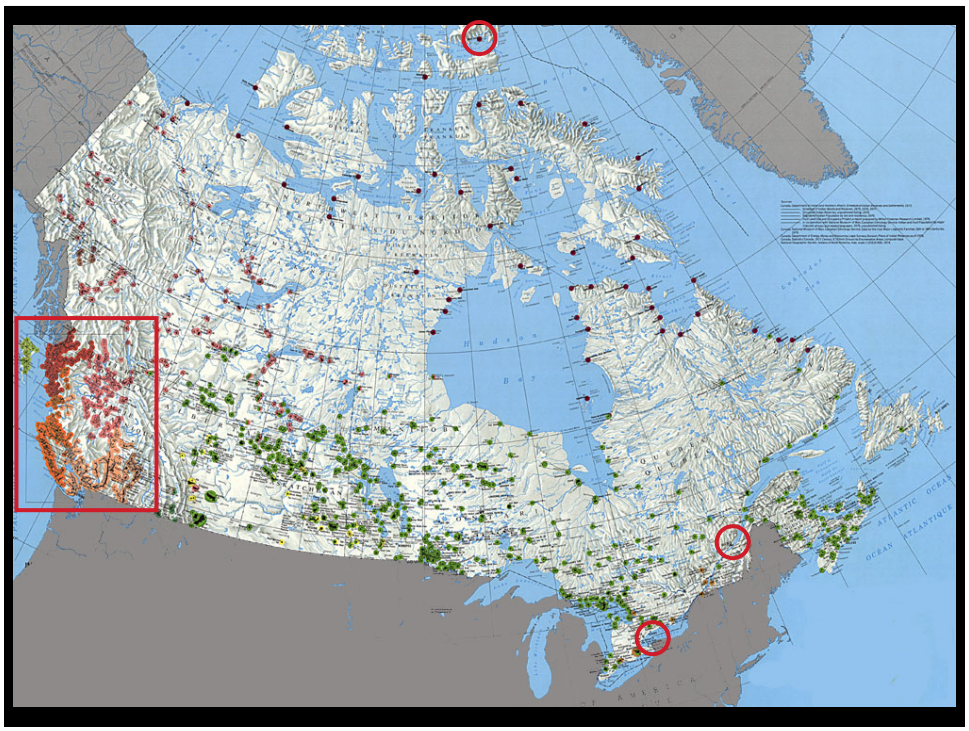
Aboriginal Suicides

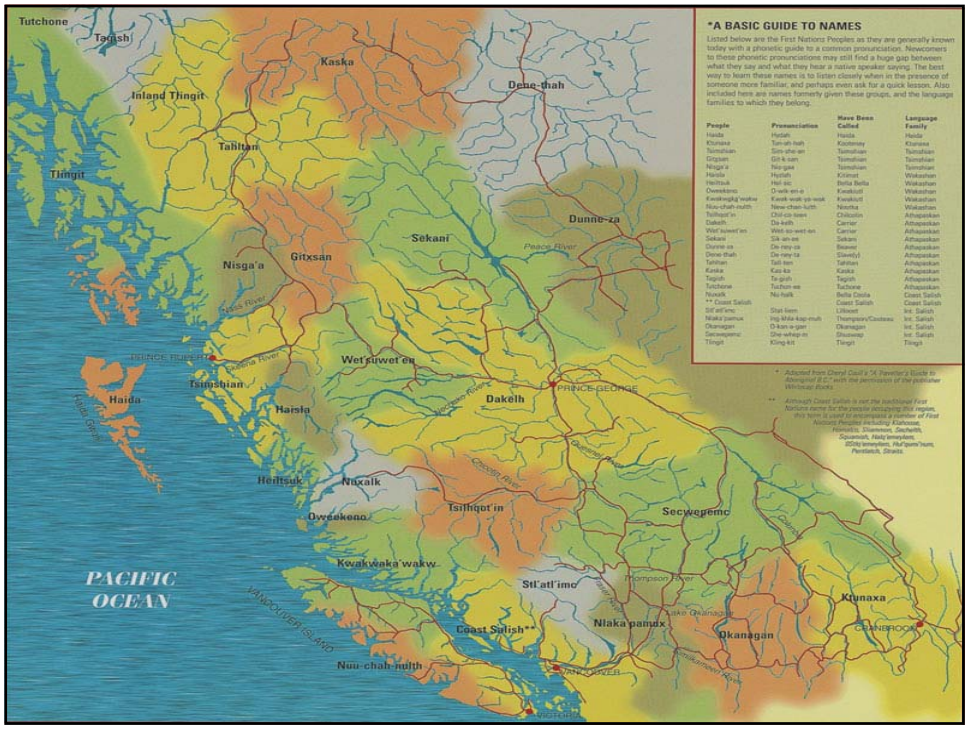


Over half of all Aboriginal suicides are committed by young persons

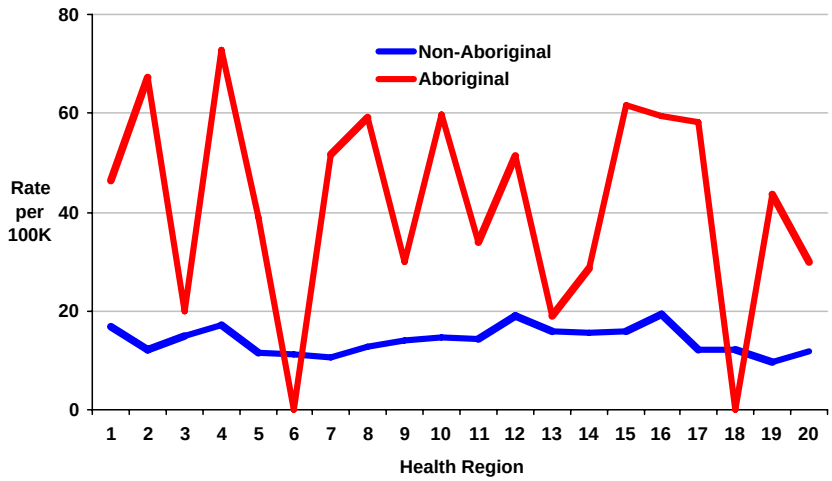
Are ***all*** youth at risk?

- There is an “epidemic” of suicide in “the Aboriginal population”
- Is being Aboriginal a risk factor?
- Incorrect, insulting, & dangerous

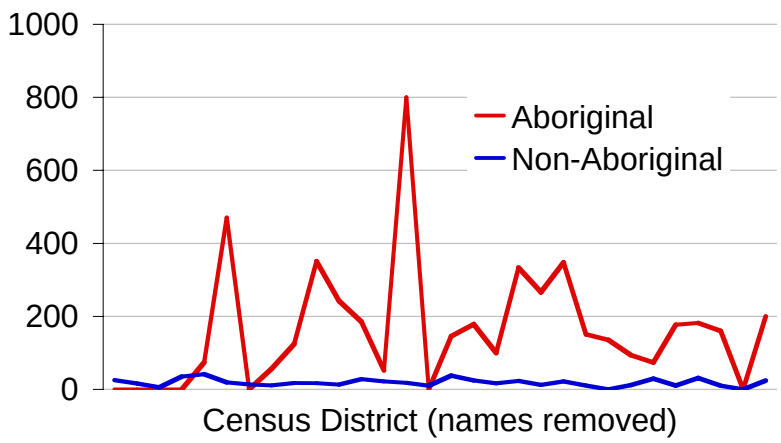




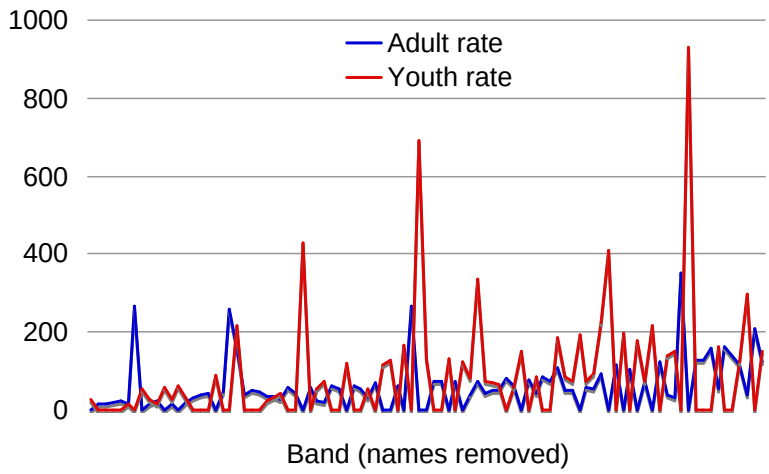
Suicide by Health Region



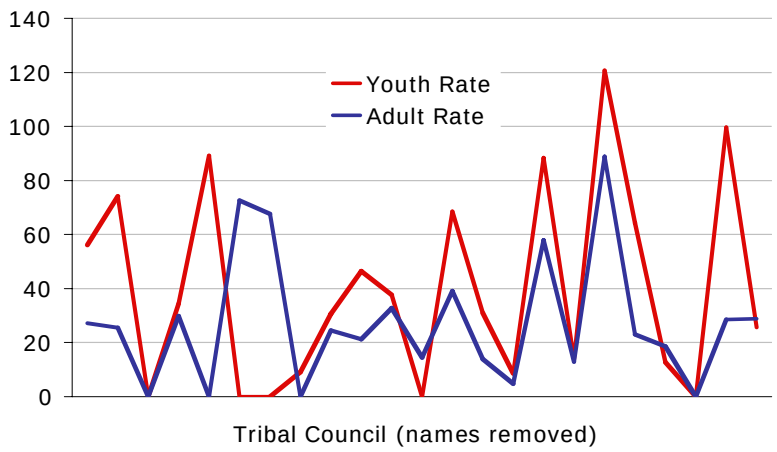
Suicide by Census District



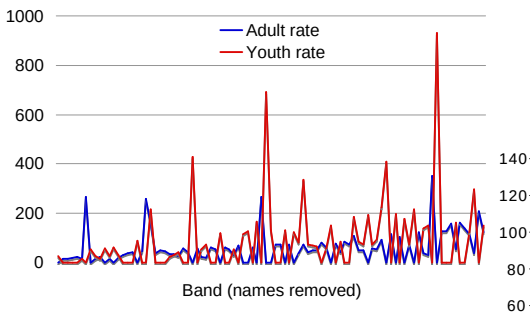
Suicide Rate by Band

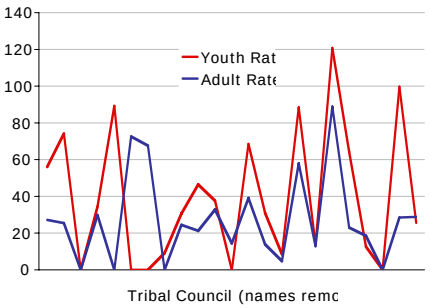


Suicide Rate by Tribal Council



This is ***not*** an “epidemic”





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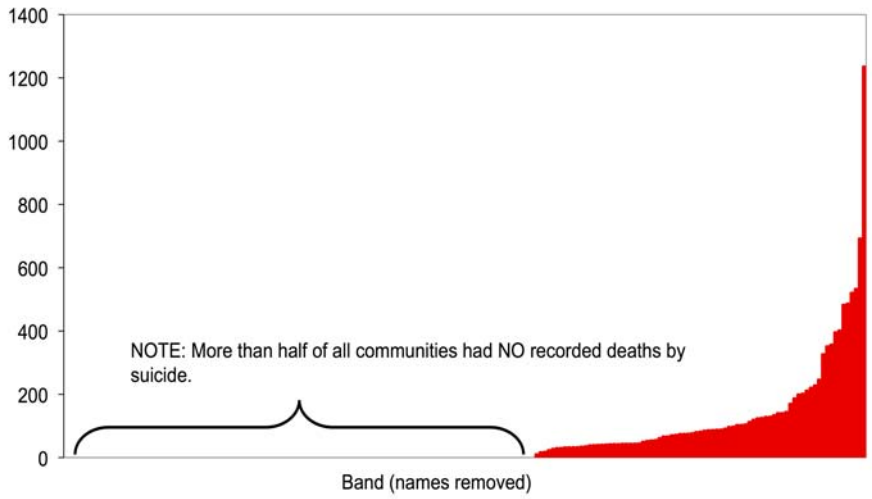

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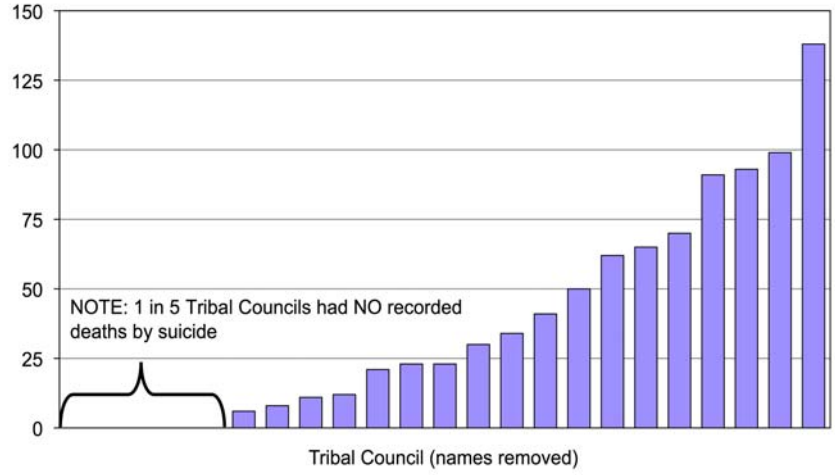


Why do rates vary?

- Two approaches…
- The *Deficit* View:
  - Differing histories of cultural assault
- The *Resilience* View:
  - Differential success in resistance and cultural reconstruction

Cultural Continuity

Preserve and promote culture

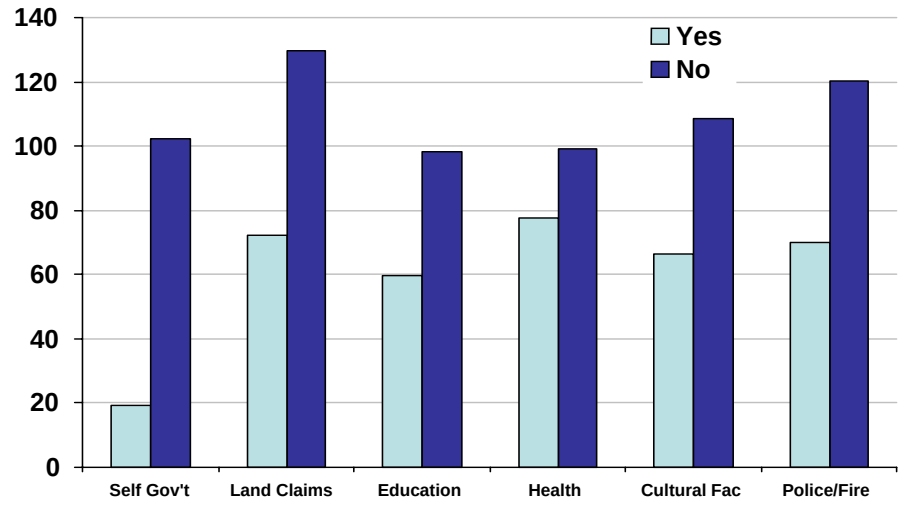
Navigate toward a shared future

- Measuring cultural continuity in each of nearly 200 diverse communities…

Cultural Continuity

- Self-government
- Land Claims
- Education
- Health Services
- Police/Fire services
- Cultural Facilities
- Women in Government
- Child & Family Services
- Traditional Language use
- Elder-Youth interaction
- Youth programming
- School curriculum

Cultural Continuity Factors



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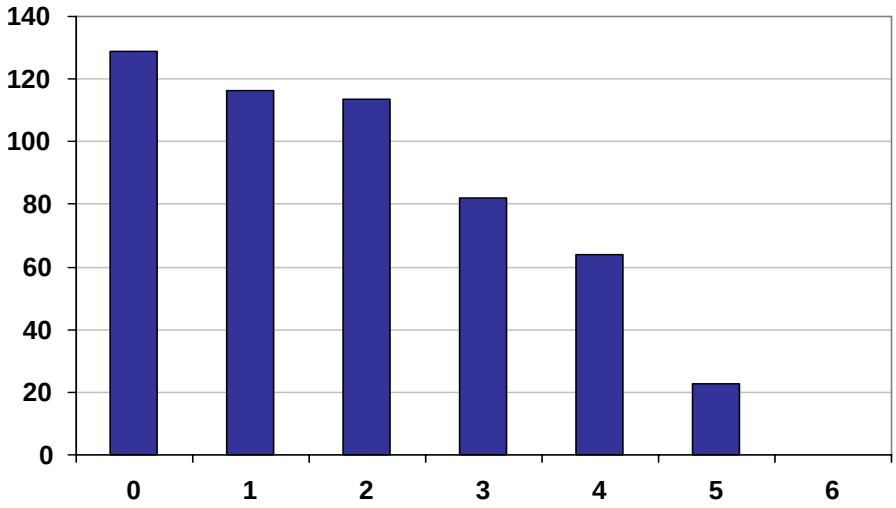

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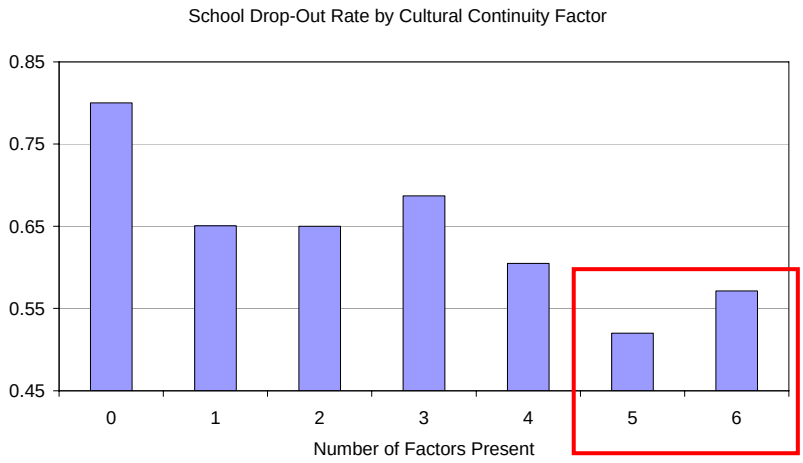

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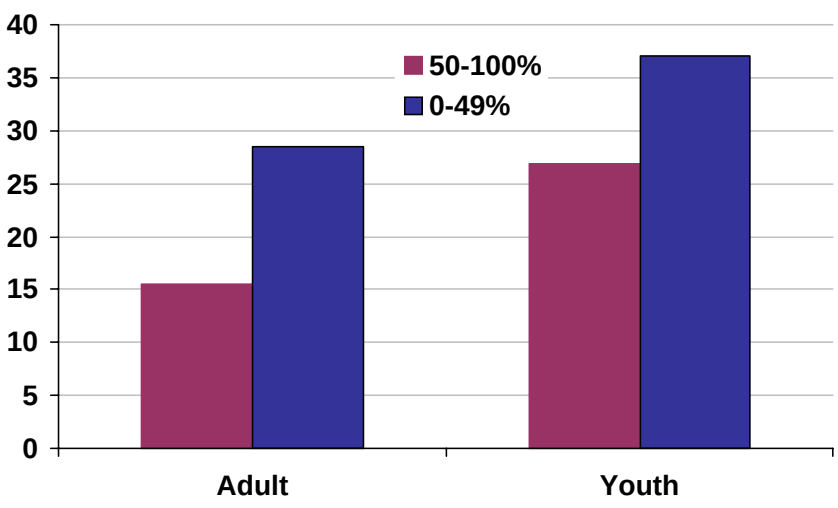

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Women Leaders Study

- Semi-structured interviews 11 women leaders
- Analysis revealed four themes:
  - Identity
  - Relationships
  - Living in 2 worlds
  - Holistic caregivers

Women Leaders

- Community histories affect women's participation in government & retention of cultural traditions
- Hereditary background & knowledge of culture is valuable in creating culturally-supported leadership

Women Leaders Study

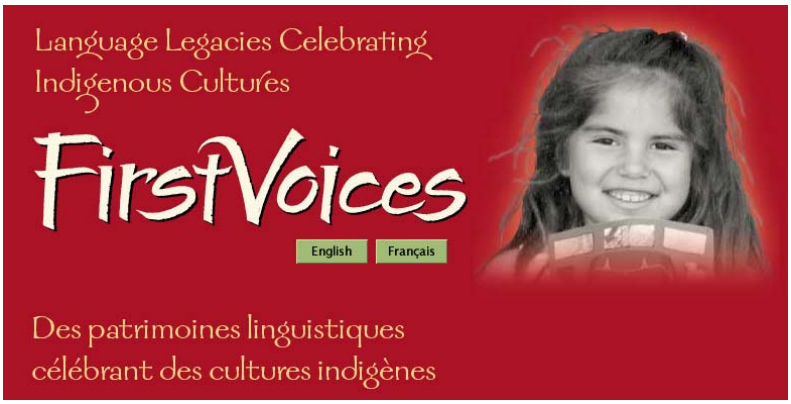
- Connections to family & community key
- Care giving role of women
- Focus on support & education of youth
- Women are integral to fostering the positive identity and well-being of youth

Next Steps…

- Can we find new & better measures of ‘cultural continuity’?
- What does cultural continuity mean in particular communities?
- Are these associated with other aspects of youth health?

Expanding the ‘BC Model’

Language



Language

Elder revives vanishing language

Hupacasath elder Jessie Hamilton, 83, with her granddaughter Amber Watts, prepares to snap a photo of the proceedings yesterday at a Women's History Month awards ceremony for aboriginal women at the Royal B.C. Museum. Hamilton has been instrumental in helping to preserve the language of her people by producing a series of books, CDs and DVDs.

Photograph by : Ray Smith, Times Colonist

ITHA Partnership

- Expanding the BC Model
- Reducing Injury - Surveillance & Culture
- Reframing & Reclaiming Research

Inter Tribal Health Authority
Working Together for Healthy Nations

REDUCING INJURY SURVEILLANCE : CULTURE

CPHI SPC

Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research

CIHR IRSC

Rationale

- "What gets measured gets reported and worried about; what goes unmeasured gets ignored."

  Ross Gittens, The Sydney Morning Herald, July 4, 2007

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NEARBC supports the development of Aboriginal health research by building linkages that will cultivate province-wide communication and collaboration.

Community Workshops

- To bring together researchers, health professionals and community members to facilitate communication
- To facilitate the discussion of community research priorities
- To assist communities and researchers to jointly develop and define research questions

ROAD
CLOSED

Workshop Outcomes…

- Need for access to credible health information…
- Desire for more workshops and more community participation & involvement
- Need to adapt to local protocols
- What researchers need to know to work in community

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Health Abstracts

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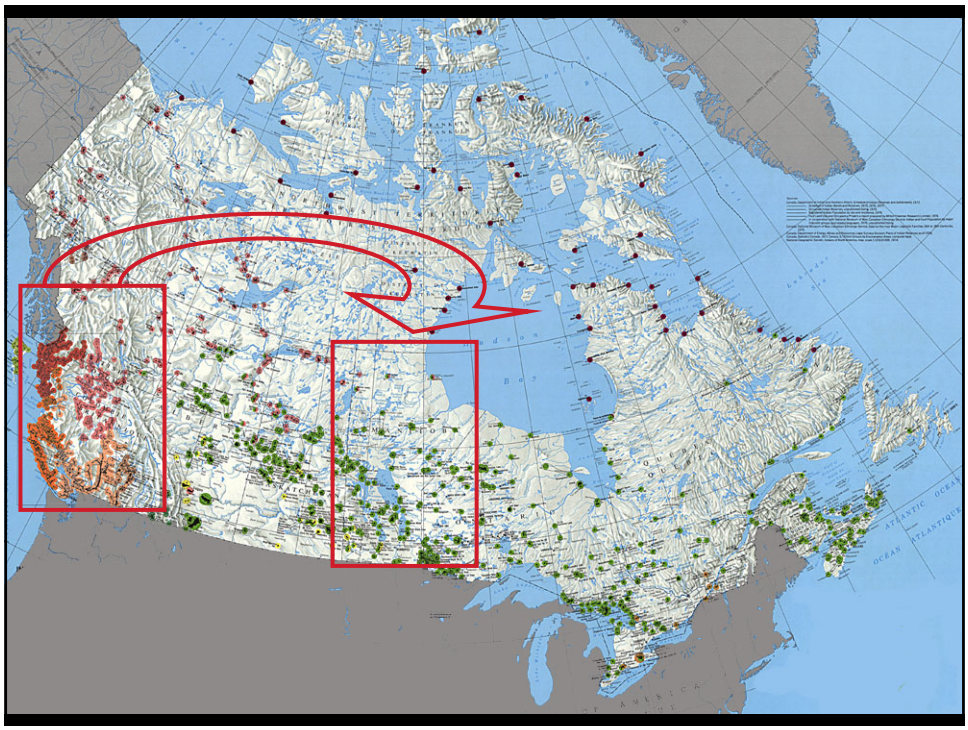

The Manitoba Project

"Moving & Moving Beyond the BC Model"

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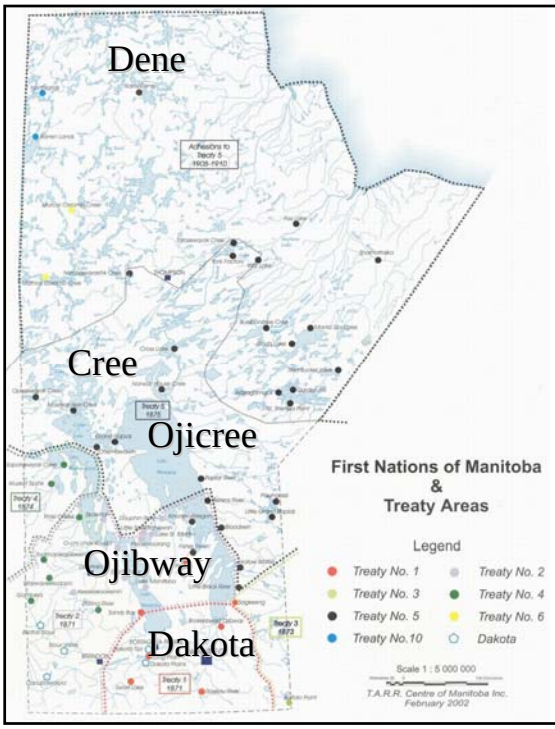


- 3 languages
- 5 cultural groups
- 64 nations
- 648,000 km^2

The Manitoba Project

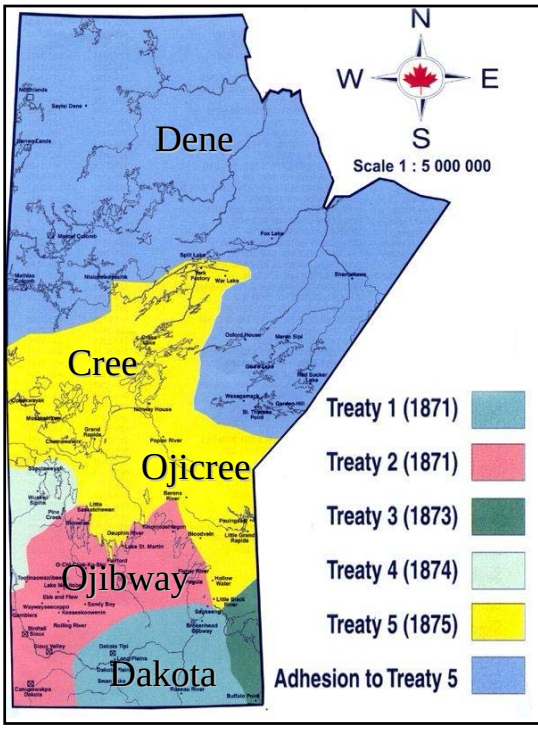
- What does “Cultural Continuity” mean to Manitoba First Nations?
- Do Dene and Dakota definitions differ?
- Do urban groups differ from land based communities? What about the Métis?
- Are these new measures of Cultural Continuity associated with outcomes *other* than suicide?

New Factors

- Self-government
- Land Claims
- Education
- Health Services
- Police/Fire services
- Cultural Facilities
- Women in government
- Child & Family Services
- Language Use

New Outcome Data

- Suicide & Suicide Attempts
- Injury data (requiring a hospitalization lasting one-day or longer)
- Sexually Transmitted Infections data
- Potential Years of Life Lost (PYLL)
- Substance Abuse
- Additional community-defined measures



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