Indigenist Research is an Indigenous Survival Necessity

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“Relationships are the foundation of Indigenous reality and shape the world around us, including Indigenous philosophy and the structured body of knowledge that is our science. In order for Indigenous peoples to continue to grow and thrive as distinct living cultures, our knowledge must expand to incorporate the modern world. Mainstream research can only build mainstream knowledge of Indigenous people. For us to survive as Indigenous peoples, we need to utilize Indigenist research that will allow us to shape the ways that we change without requiring us to assimilate into the mainstream.”

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