

Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Policy: A Critical Examination of Current Issues and Future Directions

Abstract

Indigenous data sovereignty is a critical issue for Indigenous peoples around the world. It encompasses the rights of Indigenous peoples to collect, control, and use data about their own communities and territories. This data is essential for self-determination, economic development, and cultural preservation. However, Indigenous data sovereignty is often threatened by colonialism, racism, and other forms of oppression.

This article provides a critical examination of current issues and future directions in Indigenous data sovereignty and policy. It draws on the latest research and scholarship to provide a comprehensive overview of the topic. The article also includes case studies from around the world to illustrate the challenges and opportunities facing Indigenous peoples in their efforts to achieve data sovereignty.



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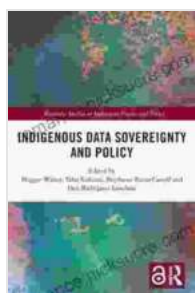
- **Colonialism and racism:** Colonialism and racism have had a devastating impact on Indigenous peoples around the world. These systems of oppression have resulted in the loss of Indigenous lands, resources, and cultures. They have also led to the marginalization of Indigenous peoples and the denial of their rights.
- **Data collection and use without consent:** Indigenous peoples have often been subjected to data collection and use without their consent. This data has been used to exploit Indigenous peoples, to justify discrimination against them, and to deny their rights.
- **Lack of access to data:** Indigenous peoples often lack access to data about their own communities and territories. This data is essential for self-determination, economic development, and cultural preservation.
- **Data sovereignty frameworks and protocols:** There is a need for the development of Indigenous data sovereignty frameworks and protocols. These frameworks and protocols should be based on Indigenous values and principles, and they should ensure that Indigenous peoples have control over their own data.

Future Directions in Indigenous Data Sovereignty

There are a number of future directions in Indigenous data sovereignty. These directions include:

- **Decolonization of data:** The decolonization of data is a critical step in achieving Indigenous data sovereignty. This process involves the removal of colonial biases from data, and the development of new data collection and use practices that are based on Indigenous values and principles.

- **Indigenous data governance frameworks and protocols:** The development of Indigenous data governance frameworks and protocols is essential for ensuring that Indigenous peoples have control over their own data. These frameworks and protocols should be based on Indigenous values and principles, and they should be developed in a participatory manner with Indigenous communities.
- **Capacity building:** Indigenous peoples need to be able to develop and implement their own data sovereignty initiatives. This requires capacity building in a number of areas, including data collection, data analysis, and data management.
- **Collaboration and partnerships:** Indigenous peoples are working together to achieve data sovereignty on a global scale. This collaboration and partnership is essential for sharing knowledge and resources, and for developing gemeinsame



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