Data Justice

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WORKING TOWARD EQUITY IS UNCOMFORTABLE AND NOT VOLUNTARY.
OUR BODIES, OUR STORIES

94% had been raped or coerced in their lifetime.
42% attempted suicide at some point if they had been raped or coerced.
53% lacked permanent housing.
34% binge drank on a weekly or daily basis after they were initially attacked.

ONLY 8% of cases of a rape victim’s first attack ended in a conviction.
86% reported being affected by historical trauma.
THIS IS AN UNDERCOUNT. WE KNOW THERE ARE MORE VICTIMS.

506 MMIWG cases were identified across 71 selected urban cities

128 were cases of missing Indigenous women

280 were cases of murdered Indigenous women

98 were cases with an “unknown status”

29 The median age of MMIWG victims

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN & GIRLS
Data Genocide of American Indians and Alaska Natives in COVID-19 Data

A report card grading U.S. States’ quality of COVID-19 racial data and their effectiveness in collecting and reporting data on American Indian and Alaska Native populations.
Structural Racism in Data

- Use of only single race American Indian and Alaska Native in data collection, analysis and dissemination, effectively eliminating multi-race Native people
- No disaggregation of data
- Lack of training and use of small populations methodologies
- Non-inclusion of American Indian and Alaska Native in data
- Little representation of Native people in data systems
- Reliance on a single or small group of Native experts
- No enforcement of mandated data standards
- Lack of respect for tribal public health authorities
- Little to no understanding of tribal sovereignty
STOP TELLING US HOW TO MEASURE UNDOING YOUR RACISM.
BENEFICIARIES OF STRUCTURAL RACISM, NON-HISPANIC WHITES
Opportunities for Change

- Get comfortable with being uncomfortable
- Acknowledge implicit bias
- Assess data practices and data systems
- Collection of race and ethnicity
  - Variables for American Indians/Alaska Natives
  - Disaggregate multi race categories
  - Collect tribal affiliation as appropriate
- Respect tribal sovereignty and Indigenous data sovereignty
- Recognize your individual responsibility to break down systems of oppression
How big is your BRAVE