



REAL MIJIDOOTGIK

IN RESEARCH WITH FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES

Mijidootgik is an Anishnaabemowin word that means a person who knowingly commits wrongs. REAL mijidootgik in research comes from racism (**R**) and a lack of proper engagement (**E**), approval, accountability (**A**), and leadership (**L**).

REAL research with First Nations communities counteracts systemic racism, properly engages First Nations communities, is based on approval and accountability, and grounded in First Nations leadership, governance and control.



R Research should work against systemic **racism** so that First Nations worldviews and knowledge are respected and valued.

Engagement with First Nations leadership ensures that the research reflects the priorities and wishes of the community.



A **Approval** from First Nations leadership is essential for research. Researchers need to be held **accountable** for upholding the principles of data sovereignty



First Nations **leadership** determines what research should or should not be done. Non-Indigenous leaders need to advocate for and support First Nations-led research.



To learn more, tune into episode 3 of the Voices of Sovereignty Podcast featuring Dr. Maggie Walter.