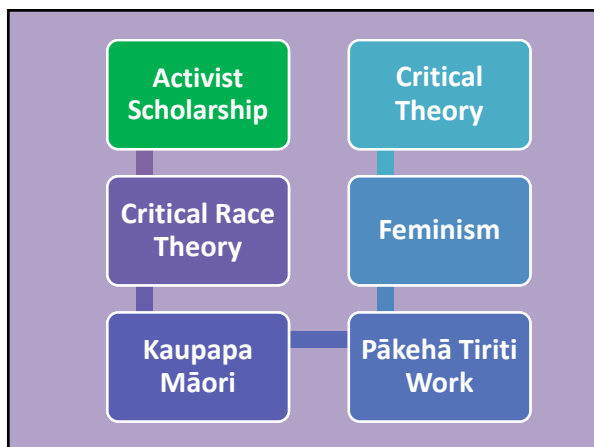




The Merits of Activist Scholarship & the Menace of Institutional Racism

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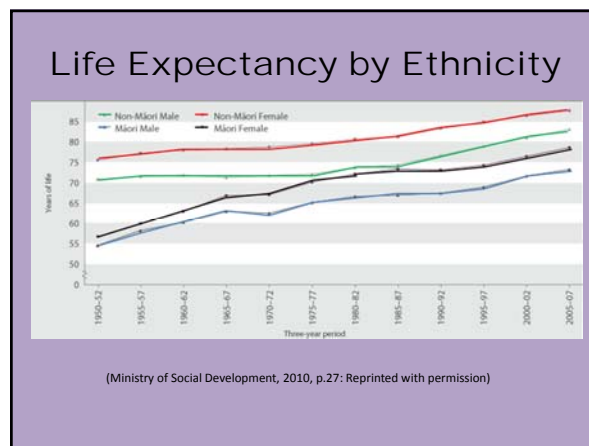
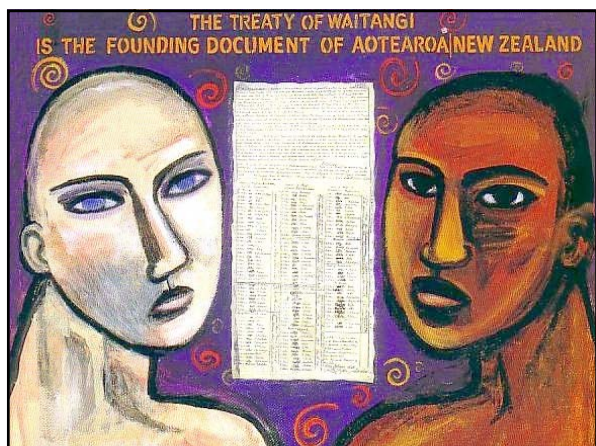
Activist Scholarship

- Founded on the traditions of action & participatory research
- Challenging existing power relations
- Advance a social justice agenda
- Reject privilege-laden option to remain outside the fray
- Dual accountability to community working with and an activist movement
- Informed by horizontal dialogue
- Egalitarian distributions of the benefits from research

Activist Scholarship

- Procedural empowerment
 - Participants feel valued & heard
- Outcome empowerment
 - Successful social and political action occurs
- Moving past rhetoric





Research Questions

- To what extent and how is institutional racism and [majority] Pākehā privilege manifested within public health policy and funding frameworks and practices?
- What emerging initiatives to dismantle and prevent institutional racism within public health policy and funding arise from this research?

Institutional Racism

*“...white terrorists bomb a black church and kill five black children that is an act of individual racism...
But when in the same city – Birmingham, Alabama-five hundred black babies die each year because of the lack of proper food, shelter and medical facilities, and thousands more are destroyed and maimed physically, emotionally and intellectually because of conditions of poverty and discrimination in the black community that is a function of institutional racism”.*

Stokely Carmichael

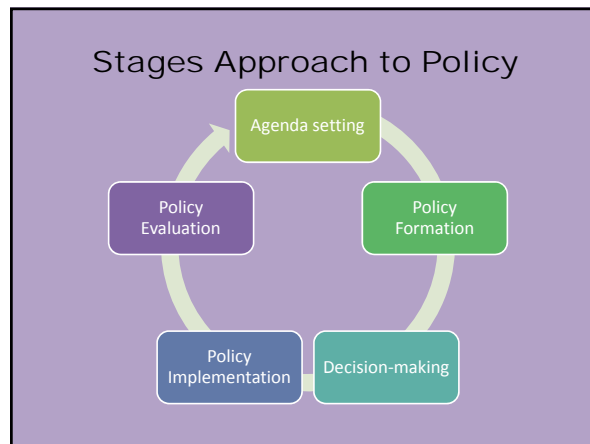
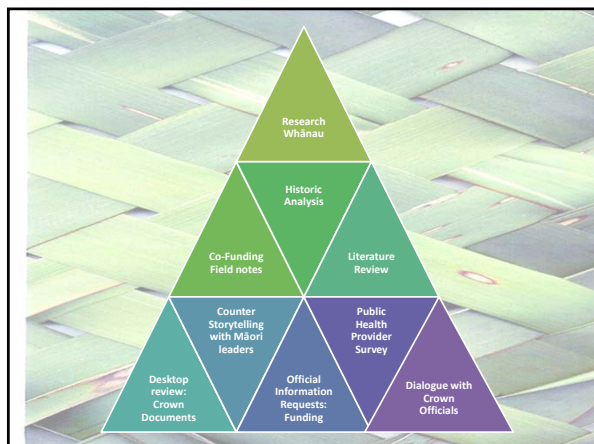
(Carmichael & Hamilton 1967:2)

Puao te Ata Tu

- Institutional racism is “... the outcomes of mono-cultural institutions which simply ignore and freeze out the cultures of those who do not belong to the majority.
- National structures are evolved which are rooted in the values, systems and viewpoints of one culture only.
- Participation by minorities is conditional on their subjugating their own values and systems to those of “the system” of the power culture”.

(Ministerial Advisory Committee, 1988, p19).

Institutional racism is a pattern of differential access to material resources and power by race, which advantages one sector of the population while disadvantaging another.



FINDINGS

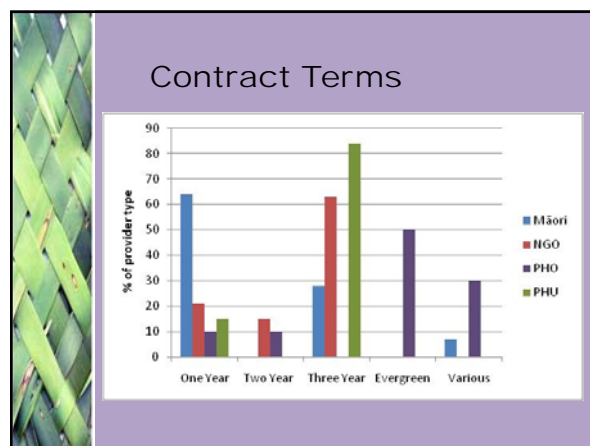
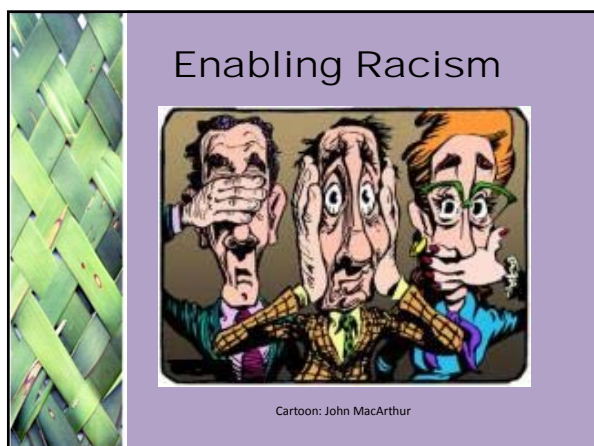
"I am sitting round the table and I am the only Māori and there are ten of us. We are arguing the prioritisation framework and I argue that Māori health should be right up near the top. So we have the debate... you put it on the table, you go hard for it and in the end if you don't have the numbers, that is where the funding goes".

Grant Berghan, 2010

Findings

"It is really is about tobacco control dogma and what is current global policy of the day, which then comes into a New Zealand context. Someone says quit attempts are really important and so inevitably what happens in New Zealand is we take on that mantra. But in terms of a Māori perspective and a Māori world view or even contemplating that... no I don't see that".

Shane Bradbrook 2010





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