

# Tribal Data Sovereignty Essay and Assurance

Please review the short articles linked below. You will then be asked to write a short essay to a 9<sup>th</sup> grade tribal student who needs an explanation of *tribal data sovereignty* that makes sense to her.

## 1. Indigenous data sovereignty shakes up research

“We’re concerned about access to data as well as release of data without tribal permission.” <https://www.hcn.org/issues/52.11/indigenous-affairs-covid19-indigenous-data-sovereignty-shakes-up-research>

## 2. Native Data Sovereignty

“Data collection is critical to equitably and responsibly supporting people’s well-being. But traditional research and data collection methods often extract from, rather than support, Native communities.”

<https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/native-data-sovereignty-can-address-data-gaps-and-improve-equity>

## 3. Tribal Data Sovereignty and Governance

“Native nations in the United States increasingly are exercising Indigenous data sovereignty —the right of each tribe to control the collection, ownership, and application of its own data. Data governance provides the mechanisms for enacting that right.”

[https://nnigovernance.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/resources/Policy%20Brief\\_Data%20Governance%20for%20Native%20Nation%20Rebuilding\\_Version%202020.pdf](https://nnigovernance.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/resources/Policy%20Brief_Data%20Governance%20for%20Native%20Nation%20Rebuilding_Version%202020.pdf)

## 4. Do No Harm: Guide to Data Equity

“For researchers to unlock the full potential of their data, they must apply an equitable lens to every step of the research process. In this guide and its associated toolkits, we focus on how data practitioners can approach their work through a lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion.”

<https://www.urban.org/research/publication/do-no-harm-guide-applying-equity-awareness-data-visualization>

### **Tribal Data Sovereignty Assurance Essay**

Write a short essay to a 9<sup>th</sup> grade tribal student who is interested in tribal data sovereignty but needs a clear explanation that makes sense to her.

### **Tribal Data Sovereignty Assurance Agreement**

Data Sovereignty requires, at a minimum, that the results of your research are stored and available to tribal authorities and tribal members. Sign and date the Tribal Data Sovereignty Assurance Agreement if you agree to provide a complete copy of your final research document(s) to HERRB in both paper and digital formats.

**“If approved, I look forward to conducting my research on the Rosebud Reservation/Homelands and will provide a copy of my research, in both a digital and print format, to the Higher Education Research Review Board (HERRB) when completed.”**

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