

# Written Critique on Māori data governance and sovereignty

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If the census were to be scrapped it would significantly affect the Māori in a bad way. One of the problems with this is that an integrated data infrastructure would hold and control a lot of potentially sensitive Māori data. This raises the question if Māori would still be in control of their data or not and what organisations or agencies would have access to this data. Another problem raised in Chris' lecture was the way the data could be used could negatively impact the Māori. An example of this is by looking at some statistics which negatively view Māori people and using this data to spread misinformation or display prejudice on the Māori population.

Another problem of removing the census is Māori data may not be fully represented properly due to a few reasons and may not capture the true Māori population. One way to help solve this would be if stats NZ closely worked alongside with the Māori to make sure Māori data is being correctly obtained and used for its intended purpose. For this to be successful stat NZ must follow Rangatiratanga, Whakapapa, Whanaungatanga, Kotahitanga, Manaakitangi, and Kaitiakitanga.