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When is appropriation misappropriation?

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Imposition?

80% of cultural beliefs and practices come from other cultures. In our field this includes

Pedagogies

Cultural histories

Spiritual beliefs and practices
Grabbed or dumped

Earth Education
Canoe
Skiing
Yoga
Vision Quest
Canoes: a critical reflection
Diminished or transformed

When a cultural artefact or practice moves from one culture to another it can be transformed - meaning and purpose changed, history retold, new stories acquired - or it can emerge stripped of everything losing all the richness of its past place and history - simply functional.
Transformation

- Fire ceremony
- Labyrinth
- Tai chi
- Tall ships
- Forest school
Transformation: an analysis
Transcultural theory

Like currents in a river - separate strands, merging, growing, diminishing, submerging, appearing - each with its own character.
"Every human is like all other humans, some other humans, and no other human"

- Clyde Kluckhon
Equity

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Ethical filters for cultural transfer

Acknowledgement

Critical transformation

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