

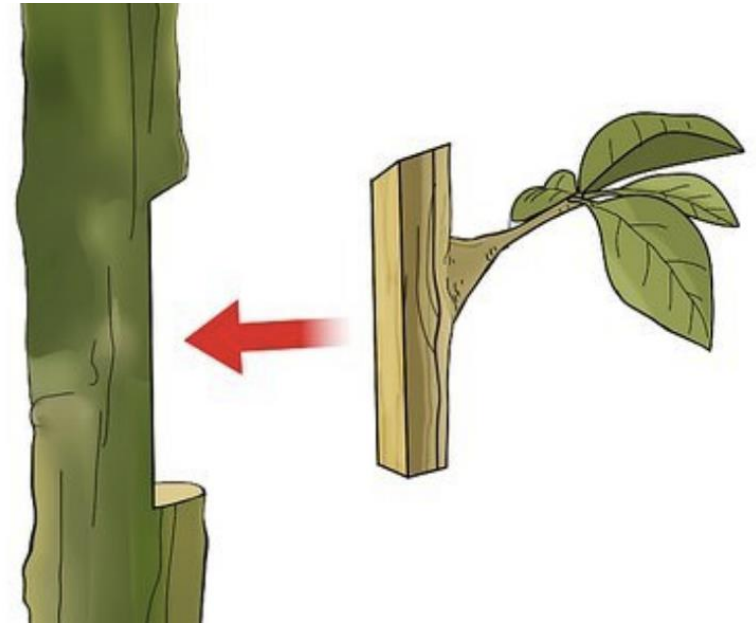
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Whakamana o Tatou Tamariki: Uplifting the Mana of Our Children

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Overview

- Incorporation of kupu me nga tikanga Maori into law and policy as a double edged sword
- Definitions of “mana” in law and policy
- Definitions and expressions of “mana” in Te Ao Maori
- Shifting from words into actions



Oranga Tamariki Act 2017

Mana tamaiti –

The intrinsic value and inherent dignity derived from a child or young person's whakapapa, and their belonging to a whanau, hapu, iwi or family group, in accordance with tikanga Maori or its equivalent in the culture of the child or young person





Oranga Tamariki Act 2017

Whakapapa – multigenerational kinship obligations

Whanaungatanga –

- the purposeful carrying out of responsibilities based on obligations to whakapapa
- the kinship that provides the foundations for reciprocal obligations and responsibilities to be met
- the wider kinship ties that need to be protected and maintained to ensure the maintenance and protection of their sense of belonging, identity and connection

Mana in Te Ao Maori

Authority, dignity, power, self-esteem, reputation, derived from **mana atua** (birthright) and **mana tangata** (life achievements and actions)

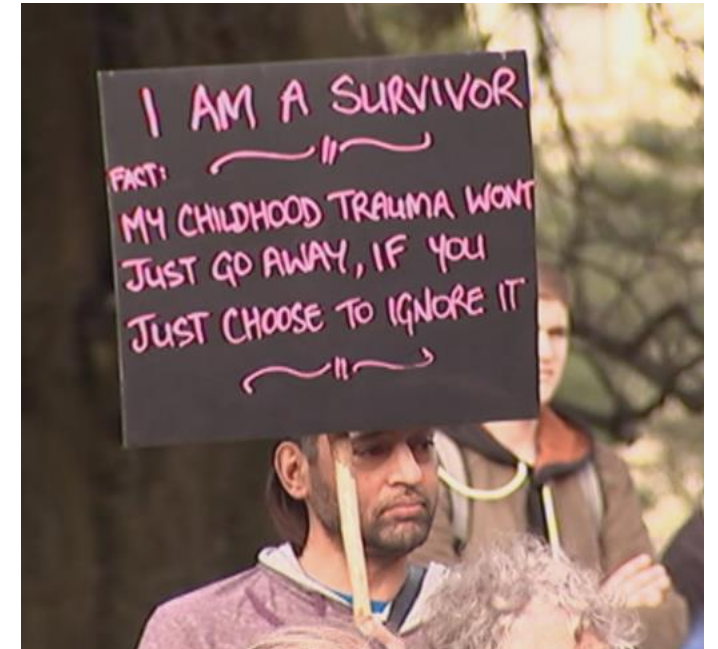
Positive mana evidenced in the capacity to belong to the whanau and to practice whanaungatanga – “the glue that holds Maori society together”- Justice Joe Williams

Mana is the outcome of physical, spiritual and emotional care and the validation of identity/whakapapa



Actions and Consequences of Takahi Mana

- Takahi – to trample, abuse, disregard
- Manifested in disconnection and separation from whakapapa
- 1960s-90s 100,000+ children placed in State care – half of them Maori
- Formation of new whakapapa – gangs, abuse, harm



Mana and Poverty



- Connection between economic, social, cultural poverty
- “Submerged citizenship” – lives characterised by restriction – **Tracey McIntosh**

Measuring Mana and Wellbeing

- **Manaakitanga** the capacity to care
- **Pupuri taonga** the capacity for guardianship
- **Whakamana** the capacity to empower
- **Whakatakoto tikanga** the capacity to plan ahead
- **Whakapumau tikanga** the capacity to transmit knowledge
- **Whakawhanaungatanga** the capacity for consensus

Mason Durie (1998)





***Timata te he
Ka haere tonu ki te tika***

***We can begin in error
And carry on towards what is correct***