What do we mean by Indigenous Well-Being, Health, and Healing

I explore the terminologies we necessarily use as we seek to create equity in health care for Native peoples through nation-state health initiatives. Well-being, health and healing are ubiquitous terms we use, but what do we really mean and what is the scope in which these terms have any meaning? I look at differentiations that Indigenous health researchers make when speaking within (and outside) settler state and global governing health initiatives. One such term, the "social determinations of health" the World Health Organization flouts as an adequate measure expanding notions of health outside of individualization and disease driven diagnosis. Indigenous health researchers have pushed back to redefine these social determinants to include Indigenous lands, settler sexual and gender violence and colonization. What are the stakes in using appropriate terms for what causes our "health" inequity, on what we must do to attempt lives not haunted by genocide?"

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