



Tu Tika o Aro Tika

Tu Tama Wahine o Taranaki Inc.
Ngaropi Cameron

Te Papa Tongarewa
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Whakapapa



Wairua



Mana



Tapu



Tikanga

Traditional Maori Culture

TRUE

or

False

Traditional Maori Culture

Maori men have
a genetic
pre-disposition
to Violence

TRUE

or

False?

FALSE

“The New Zealand father is devotedly fond of his children, they are his pride, his boast and peculiar delight; he generally bears the burden of carrying them continually within his mat”

Joel Polack 1838

“Its in some of their *JEANS* alright, the ones they choose to put on every morning. Violent behaviour is a choice and has no link to the genetic make-up of any ethnic group.”

Whanau Violence Kaimahi – Tu Tama Wahine o Taranaki

Traditional Maori Culture

Maori Men
once were
warriors

TRUE

or

False?

TRUE

“Once were warriors, once were gardeners, once were navigators, once were astronomer's, once were healers.....”

Irihapiti Ramsden 1996

“Their love and attachment to children was very great, and that not merely to their own immediate offspring”

William Colenso 1868

“Both parents are almost idolatrously fond of their children; and the father frequently spends a considerable portion of his time in nursing his infant, who nestles in his blanket and is lulled to rest by some native song”

George French Angus 1847

Traditional Maori Culture

Maori women and children were treated as a lesser subset, silenced within the home and throughout the marae.

TRUE

or

False?

False

The tapu of women requires that they be protected from the possibility of abuse. It is proper for the male orator to accept the risks inherent in representing his people.....

...the tapu accorded a woman on a marae acknowledges her "supremacy" over men. p60.

Te Marae - A Guide to Customs and Protocol. Hiwi and Pat Tauroa. 1986.

"I saw no quarrelling while I was there. They are kind to their women and children. I never observed either with a mark of violence upon them, nor did I ever see a child struck"

Rev. Samuel Marsden 1814

Taranaki

“There may be no others where as many Treaty breaches had equivalent force and effect over a comparable time”

TRUE or FALSE?

TRUE

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Taranaki Report - Kaupapa Tuatahi, Waitangi Tribunal 1996.

“Without a proper understanding of history, those who practice in the disciplines of applied social sciences operate in a vacuum, thereby merely perpetuating this ongoing neo-colonialism”

*Professor Eduardo Duran
Bonnie Duran*

TRUE or FALSE?

*“Maori are not the problem,
we are the solution.”*

TRUE

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Ngaropi Cameron Tuesday 24th July 2012

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O TARANAKI

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