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How will Indigegogy help FN regain control of education and avoid cultural extinction

- Brief introduction of our experiences
- Explanation of the term Indigegogy
- Where and how to start implementing Indigegogy
- Regaining our balance

Indigegogy

Teaching/learning based on
Indigenist paradigm

It's concepts/philosophy/action
based on Indigenous peoples
language/culture

- Deliberately starts from Indigenist base and goes outward from there.
 - Most education systems add Indigenous perspective to Western system/paradigm
- Indigegogy adds Western knowledge/science to Indigenist paradigm
- Asserts cultural (and body) sovereignty
- Privileges Indigenous paradigms
- Avoids cultural extinction

- Indigenous language based
- e.g. Cree ideology
- Relational accountability
- We are accountable to all our relations
- Egalitarian (non-hierarchical)

Cree Cosmology



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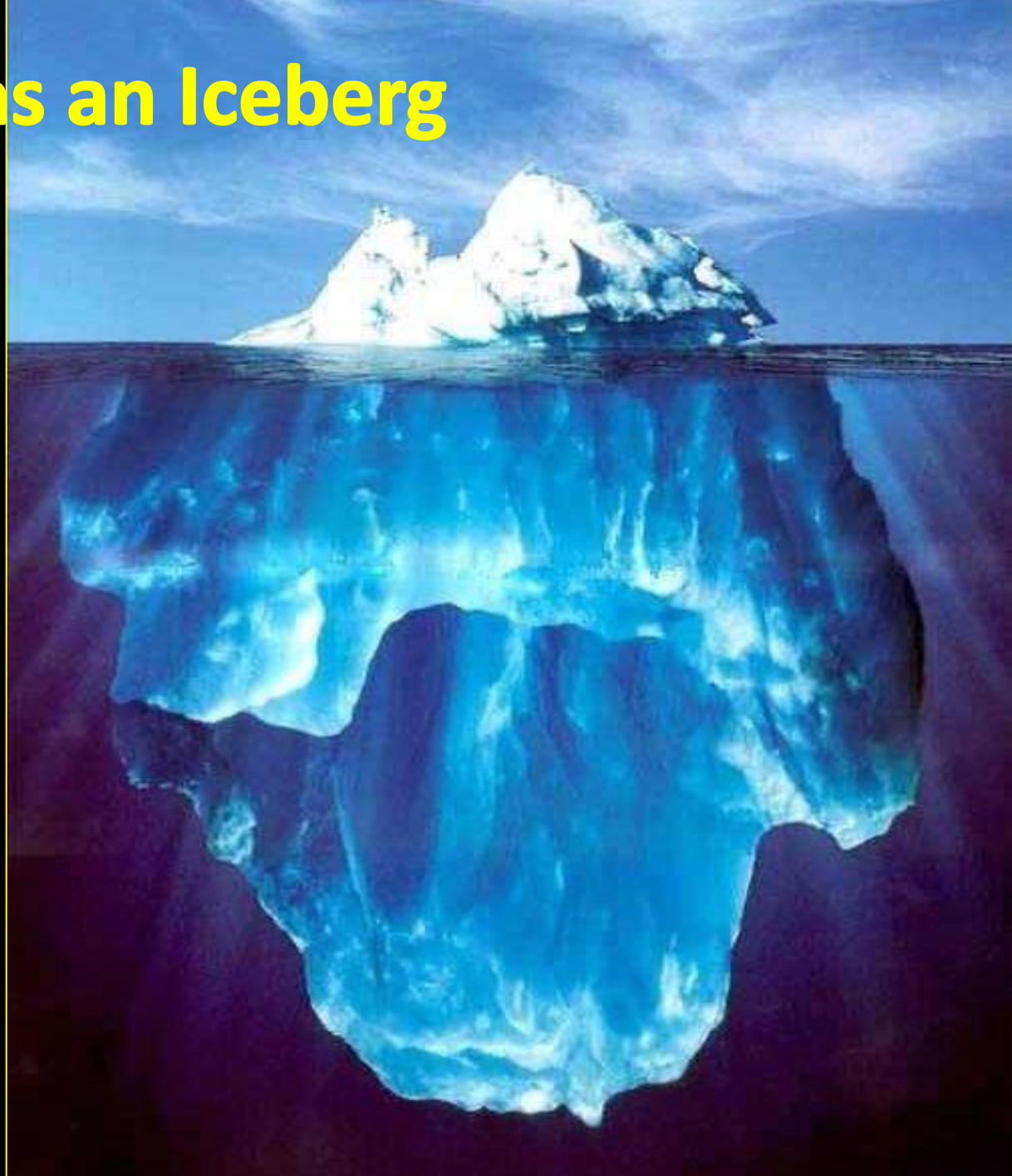
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Culture as an Iceberg

Visible culture

dress, dwelling,
diet, dialect,
dance

Underlying
philosophy,
beliefs,
concepts,



Where to start

- Pre-contact history
 - Evidence is in the language/words
 - E.g. Kickapoo, Keewatin,
 - Evidence is in the stories
 - E.g. How the Rabbit got its white fur
- Use Western knowledge to support Indigenist paradigm
- E.g. Acceptance of oral tradition in Western paradigm

Geological map of ice age



Ongoing Impacts of Contact

- Convenience is killing our language, culture and our people
 - History of trading with newcomers
 - New tools
 - New religion (traditional spirituality outlawed)
 - New system of education (part of Treaties but Canada subverted this to their advantage to wipe us out)
 - New language
 - Corrupting our culture/language/world view
 - E.g. English is gender hierarchical, gender biased
 - Whereas Cree is gender neutral

Regaining our balance

- Teaching/learning from Indigenous roots
- Language/culture revitalization
- Land based education
- Addressing health issues
- [Prezi.com/vcpqh6g3luph/ocn-community garden](https://prezi.com/vcpqh6g3luph/ocn-community-garden)

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- Conducting research
- Education reviews
- Organization reviews
- Leadership coaching
- Impact of culture on teaching/learning
- Impact of culture in workplace
- Contemporary Cree language/culture
- Anti-racist/anti-oppressive education training