

# Review of: "In the Spirit of Dr. Betty Bastien: Conceptualizing Ontological Responsibilities through the lens of Blackfoot Resilience"

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This article is relevant to all situations of colonization, by which I mean any form of oppressive domination that takes away the right of the people victimized by it to live a life of dignity and freedom. The article describes the indigenous model of ontological responsibility, which is a mature response to settler domination—one that is not confrontational but is built on increasing an understanding of the robust indigenous ways of life, which are based on the principles of the unity of all existence, harmony, and compassion. It is this healing touch that the world needs against the Eurocentric model of wielding power through violence and conquest within an exploitative relationship. Having said that, I think the piece would gain from providing concrete illustrative examples (narrative accounts) of Blackfoot resilience to settler domination through strategies used to infuse indigeneity into classroom pedagogy.