

CLIMATE CHANGE AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: A NARRATIVE REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL, MENTAL HEALTH, AND FOOD SYSTEM IMPACTS

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Climate change poses a serious danger to global health. Climate change affects the ecosystem disproportionately and amongst the worst affected are The Indigenous People. This narrative review summarizes data from various sources on the dependence of climate change on Indigenous health outcomes with an emphasis on environmental exposure, mental health, and food systems. Indigenous groups are more vulnerable as climate change disrupts elements that are essential for their cultural identity, health and food sovereignty. Chronic diseases linked to nutrition, food insecurity, and psychological anguish are all exacerbated by these disruptions. Promoting food sovereignty and strengthening Indigenous resilience are crucial public health responses to health disparities caused by climate change.
