

6: Goals & Values

Words of Wisdom

Seven Grandfathers

Values Voting Signs

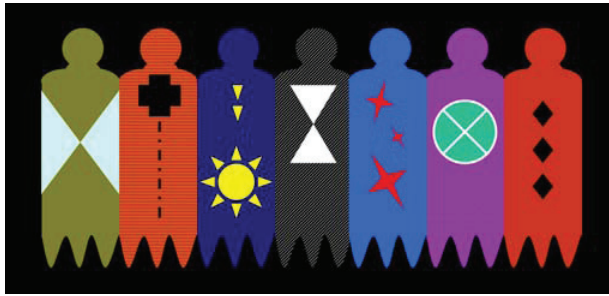
Value Voting Handouts

How does your Family Feel About...?

Paper Blanket

**In the absence of the
sacred, nothing is
sacred - everything is
for sale.**

Oren Lyons, Onondaga, 1992



The Seven Grandfathers

Many Anishinaabe people use seven basic principles to guide how they live. These teachings are known as the Seven Grandfathers.

Wisdom

- To cherish knowledge is to know wisdom
- Wisdom is knowing the difference between good and bad and the result of your actions
- Wisdom is given by the Creator to be used for the good of the people

Love

- To know love is to know peace
- Love is given freely and you cannot put conditions on it or your love is not true
- When people are weak they need love the most
- You must love yourself in order to love another

Respect

- To honor all creation is to have respect
- Respect others' beliefs and your own
- You must give respect if you wish to be respected

Bravery

- To face the foe with integrity
- In the Anishinaabe language, this word literally means "state of having a fearless heart"
- To do what is right even when the consequences are unpleasant or you may get hurt

Honesty

- To achieve honesty within yourself, to recognize who and what you are—do this and you can be honest with all others
- Always be honest in word and action

Humility

- To know yourself as a sacred part of Creation
- You are equal to others, but you are not better
- Humble yourself and recognize that no matter how much you think you know, you know very little of the universe
- To think things through carefully and to know your place

Truth

- To know all of these things
- Speak the truth; do not deceive yourself or others
- Learn truth, live with truth, walk with truth, speak truth

**STRONGLY
AGREE**

AGREE

DISAGREE

**STRONGLY
DISAGREE**

Values Voting

Do NOT put your name on this sheet of paper. Answer as truthfully as you can, but don't spend too much time on any one question. When you are done, wait for further instructions.

SD=strongly disagree, D=disagree, A=agree, SA=strongly agree

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| 1. Most teenagers should not have sexual intercourse. | SD | D | A | SA |
| 2. It is OK for two people to have sex if they are in love. | SD | D | A | SA |
| 3. Having sex is not a big deal. | SD | D | A | SA |
| 4. People should only have sex if they are married. | SD | D | A | SA |
| 5. It is okay to have oral sex as long as you are not having intercourse. | SD | D | A | SA |
| 6. People in same sex relationships should be treated with respect. | SD | D | A | SA |
| 7. Getting pregnant in high school is not a big deal. | SD | D | A | SA |
| 8. It is smart to wait to have sex until you are an adult. | SD | D | A | SA |
| 9. It is cool to use condoms. | SD | D | A | SA |
| 10. I think that homosexuals are responsible for the AIDS epidemic in the United States. | SD | D | A | SA |
| 11. I think it should be a crime for anyone infected with HIV to have sexual intercourse without telling their partner. | SD | D | A | SA |
| 12. I would be uncomfortable eating food prepared by a person with AIDS. | SD | D | A | SA |
| 13. I think that it is important to educate teens about low-risk alternatives to sexual intercourse, including mutual masturbation. | SD | D | A | SA |
| 14. Believing that condoms are 100 percent effective in preventing HIV infection gives people a false sense of security. | SD | D | A | SA |
| 15. I think that giving injection drug users clean needles is a good way to prevent the spread of HIV. | SD | D | A | SA |

How Does Your Family Feel About . . . ?

1. Getting good grades in school
2. Being male/female
3. Having friends that are not Native American
4. Going out with girls/boys
5. Going out with people who are not Native American
6. Using alcohol and other drugs
7. Making money
8. Making money selling drugs
9. Being respected by others
10. Graduating from high school
11. Having expensive tennis shoes

- 12. Having sex as a teenager**
- 13. Using condoms or other forms of birth control**
- 14. Getting a job to help your family**
- 15. Going to college after high school**
- 16. Having children**
- 17. Staying out of trouble with the law**
- 18. Helping others in your community**
- 19. Taking part in tribal ceremonies and traditions**
- 20. Learning your Native language**

