

Article Title & Authors: Indigenous knowledge and the shackles of wilderness - Fletcher, Michael-Shawn, et. al.

1. What is the purpose/goal of this study? (at least 2 sentences)

The purpose of this study is to bring awareness to the fact that the idea of “wilderness” conservation is harmful. These areas are left to be untouched by humans, as the European ideals suggest, but the ways that Indigenous and community conservation helps to preserve our planet has proven time and time again to be the better way.

2. Why is this issue significant/why do we care? (at least 2 sentences)

This issue is significant because it is still very relevant today. Why should care about this because most of our conservation efforts revolve around putting ropes up to enclose a certain forest or prairie, but it never involves us becoming one with those areas, as well as other places in the world. We should be finding ways to work together in reciprocity with nature.

3. What words/vocab do you need to know to make this make sense? Define them here. (at least 3 terms).

Anthropocene: “relating to or denoting the current geological age, viewed as the period during which human activity has been the dominant influence on climate and the environment.”

Wilderness: “Origin. Old English wildēornes ‘land inhabited only by wild animals,’ from wild dēor ‘wild deer’ + -ness.”

Indigenous: “originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native.”

4. What approach are they taking in this study? (Describe the specific qualitative or quantitative methods used, at least 3 sentences).

The approach they are taking in this study is qualitative as they are presenting their research in depth. There are not many quantitative factors such as numbers and percentages that they are using to showcase their findings. They instead are telling us a story from beginning to present about their topic.

5. What are the results of the study? Explain what they found when they compared or measured different variables. If there are figures – write a sentence summarizing each figure/table. (at least 3 sentences).

The results of this study is that there needs to be more recognition and awareness surrounding “Indigenous and community conserved areas (ICCAs), Indigenous protected and conserved areas, or similar rights-based initiatives...” A cause and effect of the “wilderness moniker” being used to shape conservation as something that should not involve humans has continued to harm our efforts. We need to bring Indigenous voices to the head of the table in order to come up with new and improved conservation methods.

6. Does the data make sense based on your experiences? Explain why or why not. (at least 2 sentences)

The data does make sense based on my experiences because this fact has been in our face for the longest. Indigenous voices must be uplifted because they had a great relationship with reciprocity with nature before colonists took that away from them.

7. How is this pushing the field forward and helping society? (at least 2 sentences)

This research is pushing the field forward and helping society because this is very important and relevant to today's world. We need to take this data seriously in order to make better efforts to conserve.