

## **Brazilian Association of Anthropology**

## The anthropologist's code of ethics

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Anthropologists' rights as researchers:

- 1. The Right to conduct full research activity, free from any type of censorship regarding theme, methodology and research object.
- 2. The Right to have access to populations and sources with which the researcher needs to work.
- 3. The Right to preserve confidential information.
- 4. Recognition of intellectual property rights even when research has been solicited by public or private entities and protection against improper citation.
- 5. Intellectual property rights imply the right to publication and dissemination of research results.
- 6. Anthropologists' rights are subject to the researched populations' rights as well as the responsibilities inherent to scientific activity.

The rights of researched populations to be respected by anthropologists are:

- 1. The right to be informed about the nature of the research.
- 2. The right to refuse to participate in the research.
- 3. The right to preserve their privacy in accordance with cultural norms.
- 4. The guarantee that collaboration with the investigation will not be used to harm the group under study.
- 5. The right to have access to research results.
- 6. The right for the populations to have intellectual property rights for their own cultural production.

It is anthropologists' responsibility to:

1. provide objective information on their professional qualifications as well as those of their colleagues when necessary in research to be conducted.

- 2. not omit relevant information in writing up research except in the aforementioned cases.
- 3. carry out research based upon strict scientific norms of objectivity.

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