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Native American Mascots in Oregon

by Joe Escobar - Friday, March 2, 2018, 11:19 PM

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To keep tradition alive or to avoid racism?

by Mackenzi Knoll - Monday, March 5, 2018, 3:01 PM

This is a difficult topic because as someone who is not Native American, it is hard to speak for how these Indians may feel or not feel about this controversial issue. It is hard to decide who should be able to make the final decision in this problem. I do believe that some schools may demonstrate and depict their Indian mascot with great respect, knowledge and politeness to the culture, while other schools or small groups of students in particular may dress up such as how they think natives would, disrespect their values, make jokes, or show any sort of

ignorance in general. One of the main reasons why this is a difficult topic is because not all Native Americans believe a certain way. While some believe that this is disrespectful, others believe their tribes and names are used to show strength, honor and carry on their name and legacy. Personally, I feel as if a school mascot is just that, a school mascot. I don't believe that there is a huge issue among school mascots as long as schools are reminding their students to be respectful and are using discipline when/if needed. I feel as if for the most part, there were not bad intentions in using these Indian names as mascots. As long as students are not showing a lack of respect or are being racist in any way, I do not see a problem with keeping mascot names the same. That being said from an American point of view, I believe that it does also depend on how these specific native tribes feel about their name being used as well. If a tribe comes to a conclusion of whether or not they want their name being used, then it should be their decision to discuss that with the school and the law. I believe that they should be kept the same unless there are problems regarding the issue at school, or if the tribe comes to an agreement and wants their name removed.

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Native American Mascots Unnecessary

by Rachel Gragg - Monday, March 5, 2018, 3:44 PM

The issue as to whether or not schools in America should be allowed to use Indians as their mascots I think is something very important for people to be aware of. Personally, I do not think that it should be allowed. Considering the way that American settlers treated Native Americans from this country's founding and how it progressed further and further throughout history is one reason. The Indians were on this land way before anyone else and American settlers pushed them and continued to push them further and further off the land they were originally on (by horrific means many times, might I add) until they took almost all of the land and now have many Native Americans only living on small designated amounts of land for their tribes. As we learned in chapter 18, the massacres against the Indians that occurred in this country were numerous and horrific. Our textbook authors noted that, "...militia commanded by Colonel John Chivington surrounded and attacked Black Kettle's unsuspecting camp, killing 200 Indians, half of them women and children. The notorious Sand Creek massacre set a pattern for several similar attacks on Indian villages in subsequent years" (*Liberty, Equality, and Power* pg 609). The founders of this country horrifically assassinated so many of these people that I don't think we have any right to have them as our school mascots.

Also, it bothers me because the Native Americans are people that could be going to these schools or in these towns. I think Brenda Brainard made a really great point when the author of one article said, "[Brainard] questioned why it's acceptable to use Indian nicknames when it would be considered inappropriate or even abhorrent to do so with other minority groups, such as blacks, Jews or people with disabilities. Even when mascots are depicted in a respectful fashion, she said, "'it impedes Indian people being seen in a real, viable, holistic way'" (Anne Williams, "SYMBOLIC DEBATE | An effort to get schools to drop Indian mascots has not advanced"). I think that when there are so many options for mascots that are not offensive whatsoever, such as animals, it seems unnecessary to have a mascot that could even possibly offend someone. What do you guys think? Do you think it's appropriate for schools to have their mascots be people that historically we have hurt so badly and who could be going to these schools?

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[Permalink](#) | [Show parent](#) | [Edit](#) | [Split](#) | [Delete](#) | [Reply](#)**Re: Native American Mascots Unnecessary**

by Casandra Fountain - Saturday, March 10, 2018, 1:25 PM

Though I see your point on this issue, I have different ideals on this. I completely agree what the ancestors of this nation did to the Native Americans was beyond cruel and should I say satanic at some points. As Mackenzi pointed out above some schools show pride and respect in their mascot, while others may make jokes and show ignorance towards it. There is no way to truly control it. But I do believe we as a nation can be better educators when it comes to our history. We should not just skip over and pretend things didn't happen. Part of me would like to think if we were better educated on our history we would be more respectful and more aware of how this nation became to be.

Would you still disagree if local tribe in the area of a school using an Indian mascot was in support of their mascot? Such as the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the Confederate Tribes of Grande Ronde. Kost's article states, "The Siletz had hoped their public charter school could keep its Indian chief mascot and that other schools that wished to keep their mascots could do so if they provided cultural studies to combat stereotypes." (Two tribes call state's Native American mascot ban disappointing) Would you still disagree if a school that had Pioneers or Frontier's men (though that would never happen in today's society) or even Cowboys as their mascots? I feel we are not so gung ho about changing these names as we are about Native American and gender neutral names anymore. Our ancestors ended many lives throughout history but we are still allowing them to be honored and remembered. If you were in History 201 with Mr. Escobar we had done a forum about Thanksgiving and how people are protesting against this holiday but this is recent for history standards. Like I said before we cannot just pick the things we want to remember about our nation's history and forget the horrific parts. We must get to the root of our problems today's and not keep putting a blanket over it.

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[Permalink](#) | [Show parent](#) | [Edit](#) | [Split](#) | [Delete](#) | [Reply](#)**Local tribes' say in mascot change**

by Riley Heath - Monday, March 5, 2018, 8:39 PM

I remember all the fuss about this issue like it was yesterday. I'm from Roseburg, Or, where the high school mascot is the Indians (mentioned in the articles). Our local tribe, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, as quoted in the register guard article, "never got involved". Roseburg is a very tight knit community and the Cow Creek tribe along with RHS are both always involved in community functions. They said from the beginning that they have never taken offense from the indian mascot, but rather recognition. I know that not all tribes have the same feelings and I most definitely agree that each local tribe should have a say in this debate because it directly relates to them. It is a very fine line to walk and I think that is why the issue has never been completely resolved. You will never be able to please everybody so no matter what someone's feeling are going to get hurt. Personally i liked the idea of each local tribe getting a say in whether the schools get to keep the mascot or not because that is supposedly who the board us so worried about. I also think the issue is more than just about local tribes

though because even after our local tribe (Cow Creek) made it very clear they have no problem and if anything like the indian being RHS's mascot, there was still a fight put up to get it changed by the state. I like the idea behind the new rule but I don't think it was necessary to make all schools completely change their mascots. If the mascots are being honored and portrayed correctly I see no harm in them and most tribes would agree. Not to mention the money, if they can't hire more teachers to reduce class sizes how do they expect schools to replace all the sports jerseys, signs, logos painted on walls and gym floor, ect.

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Re: Local tribes' say in mascot change

by Casandra Fountain - Saturday, March 10, 2018, 4:35 PM

Riley-

I believe we have the same feelings towards this issue being from schools who had Indian mascots. I do like how you brought up the cost aspect of changing the mascot. Mohawk High School is a 1A school, so tiny! Though they have expanded their curriculum after I graduated we don't have a lot of extra money in the school budget. At our school we had a beautiful mural of our mascot on our gym floor. With the change in mascots that has since been changed, sport jerseys need updated, letterheads changed, logos replaced and the list goes on. I feel like most public schools won't have enough money to be changing the things required to abide by these laws along with providing students updated school materials,adequate lunches, and enough teachers to have an appropriate student teacher ratio. In the letter to the editor of the Register Guard, Mr. Bowers states, "We can find the time to perpetuate a Native American Mascot Advisory Committee and the money to fund Brenda Brainard's position in the Eugene School District's Native Indian Education program, but we don't have the means to hire another teacher to reduce class size or replace an antiquated computer." It is hard for me to find changing a mascot is more important than school books or adequate computer access in today's electronic society. Yes, we all need to be respectful of each other and the value of individual cultures. But we cannot please everyone though. I agree this is a very fine line to walk but I believe there is many more important things going on in school beside who's on the side of the building that we should be forcing more on.

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Priorities

by Chelsea Sheltman - Monday, March 5, 2018, 9:39 PM

I think it is unfair for people to be participating in issues that do not pertain to them. Most of the people opposed to the Native American mascots were not Native American, while most of the native Americans were angry that the mascots were being taken away. It especially matters how the native Americans feel about the mascots because if they were to feel offended, then they have the right and entitlement to feel so, especially if their culture is being wrongfully betrayed or mocked. I also think it's important if a minority of them feels about the same issue, but there seemed to be a compromise they were trying to come to-not get rid of the mascots, but make them more culture appropriate. Now, if only one person is offended, I don't think it is

fair to cost hundreds of schools thousands of dollars. In all honesty I think there are many issues in our current education system that should be dealt with before this issue. I think the mascots that were supported by local tribes should have been left alone and only mascots that were displaying inappropriate or offensive behavior should have been scolded. As far as eliminating all mascots, including one of a tribe's school, and costing them so much money, I believe the taxpayer dollars could have been used to fund higher priority problems in schools.

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Re: Priorities

by Jordan Lopez - Saturday, March 10, 2018, 10:51 PM

I agree, the name of a school should be the last concerning issue. Teachers pay, materials, programs, safety, these are all issues that most of the people fighting for the Indian removal names should be focusing on first. I also agree with compromising a way to properly represent these names with the appropriate tribes. Someone on another post said that people who are 50 percent or more should have the right to say or represent this issue. What is your perspective on that. Does someone with 45 or 49 percent not count. Should individuals have a say or maybe representative of tribes. A lot of people are chiming in this topic with unrelated origin to it.

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Honorable not Hostile

by Casandra Fountain - Monday, March 5, 2018, 10:08 PM

This topic was one that I felt very passionate about. I graduated from Mohawk High School, and we were the Mohawk Indians. I was proud to have that mascot name all through high school and I can say confidently so was our entire school. With that being said, I firmly disagree with the state's decision to force schools to change their mascots. Sietz High School was apart of our league for sports. I believe their statement on the matter nailed it, "the decision was made by 'people who have no knowledge of Indian communities' and does nothing to address 'the real issues of racism'" (Article 4). I would like to see if the people of these committees and boards, who are part Native American, practiced Native American culture and are keeping their traditions alive within their own families or if they're embracing that part of them because the nation is trying to become more politically correct and "give back".

I believe there should be exceptions allowed, absolutely. My high school, specifically, wrote a letter to the Mohawk Indian tribe in New York asking for support to use their name as our mascot and their response was yes. But the courts against it and just last year my home town mascots was changed to the Mohawk Mustangs. If we start to look at all school mascots I believe anyone can find something offensive about them just as the author of letter to the editor wrote, "South Eugene Axemen: Gone. You're offending the loggers. Grants Pass Cavemen: Extinct. Besides, it's chauvinistic. Sheldon Irish: Banned. You're offending an entire nation..." This letter was written eight years ago. Today, South Eugene's mascot is now just Axe because a petition was signed asking the school to make the mascot gender neutral.

Sheldon High School has been since asked to change their mascot also. Given our nation's long history with Anti-irish propaganda why weren't they one of the firsts to have to change along with Indian mascots?



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Re: Honorable not Hostile

by Jordan Lopez - Saturday, March 10, 2018, 10:36 PM

Your a good example of why I agree they shouldn't interfere with removing the names of Indian tribes and anything that relates. You are proud to have that as a mascot and so was all the other students. Its sad to cause I read in one of the paragraphs that if the schools didnt change their mascots by 2017 that it would stop funding to the school. Its sad to see how they would do such act to our educational system just because of a name. It shows whats wrong with this Country. Its sad that the U.S wants other cultures to be more like theirs. Look on page 610 it talks about how Grant in 1869 announced a new "peace policy" towards Indians. It urged Indians to accept white culture, "including the English language, Christianity, and individual ownership of land". It also says they wanted them to have allegiance to the United States rather then to a tribe. The U.S has a very diverse society and should be proud of it. It should utilize the benefits of a multi-cultural and multi-racial society instead of fighting against all who are different. I lived in Buffalo, New York for 3 years and there are many Indian names as cities and people are proud of what city they are from. Never have I heard a negative comment about any of the cities being Indian names and I use to live in a city called Cheektowaga.

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Re: Honorable not Hostile

by Daniel Vuong - Saturday, March 10, 2018, 11:54 PM

I think it is important to look at the basis of these issues and how Native Americans, the youth, and the traditions and culture are affected instead of trying to compare other situations with something so vastly different. Although you make great points, and I love to read about pride in one's school mascot, I think it would be wrong to disregard any Native American opinion on a mascot that represents them, even if it is just a small percentage of the population. With issues like these, I believe Native Americans and those who practice their traditions, those who are affected most by these type of issues, should be the ones to make these decisions, disregarding any type of majority.

Furthermore, of course I recognize points that money should be spend more wisely, and put into different issues as well, but again who are we to say that this is not as much of an "important issue" if there are people who feel offended by certain types of mascots. I agree with Oregon's recent decision, just as much as I agree that anyone could learn to be proud of a new mascot.

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Native American Education over Banishment of Mascots

by Jacob Spriggs - Monday, March 5, 2018, 11:23 PM

After reading this article I can't help but feel like the Native American tribal leaders who suggested that schools be allowed to keep their mascots as long as long as tribes in the area approved of them, were not given a fair testimony and their ideas were not listened to. The last article states that the chairwoman of the Oregon Board of Education, Brenda Frank, said about the people of the two tribes opposing the ban, "their responsibility is only to their membership and not to the community as a whole" (Two Tribes article). This statement sounds to me as if Frank is saying the Native tribes should have no power or influence outside of their tribes, which is discriminative. It also seems as if she is using this reasoning as an excuse to not listen to their ideas.

Siobhan Taylor, the spokeswoman from the Grande Ronde tribe, said that, " the board should focus on better educating students about Oregon tribal history" (Two Tribes article). I would have supported this proposal instead of banning mascots because banning mascots does nothing to educate students of Oregon tribal history, and actually does the opposite. Most students in Oregon know little to nothing about Oregon Native tribes, and removing possibly the only tool to educate students on this subject in their school is a step in the wrong direction. It's almost as if the people who banned the mascots wanted future generations to forget about our nation's and state's history with Native Americans. I believe this incident was a missed opportunity to create a stronger relationship and more awareness for the Native American tribes living in our state who's ancestors have been here longer than ours.

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Hope over hate

by Gavin Lambert - Friday, March 9, 2018, 10:51 PM

I completely agree with your statement over Native American Education. Rightfully so, there are very little sources to go about learning history of the tribes. As conversed in the "Symbolic debate" Whether or not the symbolism of the past is as scarring to the tribes as it is, it should consistently be in history rather than dispel the educational means and not overcome. With such limitations on background education, many mistakes could be eventually recommitted against an even different minority group. Despite American history, the good, the bad, and the ugly are all historically recorded for the later generations to hopefully learn and do better. "... it would be considered inappropriate or even abhorrent to do so with other minority groups, such as blacks, Jews or people with disabilities." - (Symbolic Debate) The moral disdain for other cultures to understand the pain the tribes went through seem utterly selfish (If I'm allowed to say). As righteous as it can be, I believe reinforcement for acknowledging the struggle would seem more adept to teaching and respecting Indian culture

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Not so Native

by Brogan Cornish - Monday, March 5, 2018, 11:49 PM

No one gets to be Indian because it is," insult on top of decades-old injury." It doesn't not matter how most American Indians view these mascots because like you said in class about South Eugene,"The petition was carried on a vote by parents, it was 1000 for keeping the mascot, and like a 100 against." So not very many people have to disagree with the ideas of these mascots for us to have to change them. If one person is offended by just one we might as well kiss all these mascots good bye. As in the register guard says,"Indian mascots must be eliminated if affecting "a single student" in a negative manner. OK, let's follow that logic. South Eugene Axemen: Gone. You're offending the loggers. Grants Pass Cavemen: Extinct. Besides, it's chauvinistic. Sheldon Irish: Banned. You're offending an entire nation. Pleasant Hill Billies are no more." With all these mascots being offended I can think of plenty more that would be as well. Even my alma mater has a viking mascot is that going to upset the ages of vikings families in Denmark Sweden, Norway, and Scandinavian , and such as another team in the Far West League the Marshfield Pirates. Is that going to offend English men and their families. This issue shouldn't be resolved in the fact that these mascots aren't hurting anyone, and they're disrespecting the history behind them. If the do get rid of one they're going to have to get rid of all of them.



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Native American Mascot Pride

by Jacob Spriggs - Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 11:10 PM

Something that really stuck out to me when reading these articles and reading some of the individual posts in this particular forum was how much pride students as well as Native Americans have in schools using Native Americans as mascots. In the first Register Guard article, we read of how much pride Oakridge takes in their high school's mascot, and of how the Cow Creek tribe has a good relationship with the Roseburg community and how they have a feeling of recognition due to the high school's mascot being an Indian. We also read of how "some" in North Douglas find their mascot to be "culturally insensitive" and how James Florendo believes that all it should take is for one student to be offended for Indian-related mascots to be banned. However, for the most part, the rest of the articles only give examples of people, Native American or not, who take pride in having these mascots and who want them to stay. Banning these mascots only took away a sense of pride for Native Americans and a chance at educating people about Native American history.

Native Americans are used as mascots because their warriors had characteristics that are highly valued, such as honor, passion, determination, strength, and bravery. Even one of the mascot names that was banned was "Braves." Something that doesn't make sense to me is why the mascot name "Braves" gets banned but "Crusaders" (Salem Academy) gets to stay.

Anyway, there are other warrior mascots that are being used that also have highly valued characteristics and many people take pride in, such as Patriots, Generals, Rebels, Trojans, Spartans, etc. Obviously excluding the Trojans and Spartans, these mascots have significant historic background for Americans to take pride in. I imagine there would be an outrage if mascots like those were banned, because they represent our history, just like the Native American mascots represented their people's history.

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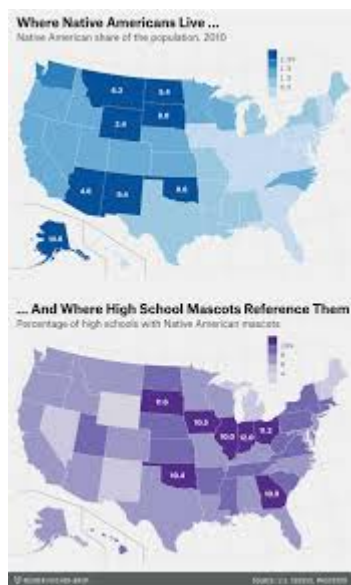
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Re: Native American Mascots in Oregon

by Gavin Lambert - Thursday, March 8, 2018, 12:43 AM

Though being dealt with in Oregon the Native American Mascots is a severe racial complication. "it impedes Indian people being seen in a real, viable, holistic way." is a direct quote from page 3, of Native American Mascots in Oregon. Steve Bowers, does have a valid point as he brings facts of not only Native American or Indian mascots should be challenged, but if that applies then all should if it is limited to distress for only one student.



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Which side is right?

by Justin Oljace - Saturday, March 10, 2018, 12:07 AM

Should there be Native American mascots in Oregon? This is a very controversial topic but I think these materials provided help give us some really good information. I found the article "Two tribes call the state's Native American mascot ban disappointing" to be interesting. In the beginning of the article it talks about how the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde said its council is "very disappointed that they've trampled our sovereignty and have ignored something that our tribes in Oregon have been calling for years, which is a curriculum that accurately describes." This is a really powerful sentence and I believe the voice of these tribes really does matter. I think the Native American should clearly be the ones who get to "be

Indian” for the purpose of keeping or removing mascots. The state board of education needs to be really careful who makes these decisions because it really does matter how the Native Americans view the mascots.

In the “Oregon bans Native American mascots in schools” article they talk about how many find the mascots offensive. The vice president of the Oregon Indian Education Association strongly opposes the mascots. She said, “It is racist. It is harmful. It is shaming. It is dehumanizing.” I can see how many Native Americans feel this way. It’s so difficult to make decisions on the mascots when many Native Americans have very different thoughts on them. I think the best way to solve this problem is to see what the majority of Native Americans think on the mascots, even if they have to vote on one school at a time.

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There are Better Ways to Honor Native Americans

by Rachel Gragg - Saturday, March 10, 2018, 12:43 PM

After reading the other posts on this topic I have unexpectedly found that I am in the minority of people that believe these mascots shouldn’t be allowed. This has not caused me to change my opinion, however, it has caused me to realize that I need to provide some clarification to my original stance. I think the mascots are okay if they are honoring and accurate in their depiction and no one is offended by it. Some of my classmates discussed how schools in their towns and the tribes in those towns were in collaboration for their mascots and the pictures of the Indians displayed everywhere were honoring and accurate and not stereotypical. In those cases, I say fine, go for it, however, it’s when the mascot gets stereotypical and inaccurate in its portrayal and there are people offended by it when I disagree with it.

I also just don’t think it is necessary to have a mascot be a person. A mascot is so easily something that can be depicted incorrectly or cartoonized and when that is done to a person, or a whole group of people, it can very easily cross the line over to being offensive. Americans have done enough to the Native Americans and have treated them with disrespect throughout history and I just don’t think that it is appropriate to have mascots that could very easily disrespect them more. Native Americans 100% deserve respect and honor from everyone, but especially the people that took this land from them and I just think there are better ways of doing that than making them a caricature that we put on t-shirts and cheer for at football games.

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Native American Mascots in Oregon and everywhere

by Jordan Lopez - Saturday, March 10, 2018, 7:49 PM

I never knew of to what extent the Indian mascots had on the public's eyes. Before reading these articles on how people have been perceiving the representation of the mascots I just saw any mascot as representing for positive purposes. The U.S pushed Native Americans out of their own land, killed them, killed their food, their culture, their life. The U.S also made reservations of land for Native Americans to live and later got so greedy during the 19th century that they were even looking at that land as a benefit to them so they stole even reservation land. I feel the least one could do is represent their name and culture and by what the schools have done with their mascots and names to me was perfectly fine. Instead people have made such a huge deal about it and its insane. I know bringing up Andrew Jackson is before this chapter but didnt he pass the Indian Removal Act through congress around 1830 that pushed Indian tribes like the Cherokees into what is known now as Oklahoma. Yet the same man is on the \$20 that everyone pushing for the removal of the use of Indian names will gladly accept and put in their pocket. Lets be real about it. To also bring up the fact that if one person didn't like it for there to be a removal. I think thats insane cause that wouldn't work for anything. I think ice cream and cake are good but ill find someone who doesn't like it. I think free healthcare is great, guarantee there is someone who doesn't like that. it should always be done by the majority. imagine a million people love something but it has to be changed because one person didn't like it. life doesn't work well like that.

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One Person Makes A Difference

by Brogan Cornish - Saturday, March 10, 2018, 9:09 PM

I would like to revise my first to post to this because now I think my view has changed. Who gets to be an Indian when speaking for these types of purposes should be a person who is 50% or more who's Native American. I think it should matter whether or not it affects American Indians. Most Indians believe, "institutionalized racism," harboring "bad intentions". I feel even if a small minority thinks that it should be changed it should. This will positively uplift entire communities as a unit. If one person is offended the issues should be addressed with a hearing and to resolve the issue. I agree with Oregons recent decision that eliminates all ties with high school mascot to Native American people. It creates less issues in return keeps everyone happy. The one down fall is all the money the schools will be using to change logos and such, but not spend it on improving education for the students. I think that there was more tribes who didn't like the fact we were using Native mascots so majority should rule at this point. Exceptions to the rule shouldn't be allowed because that could be caused for more conflict. Thus creating another long and aggravating assignment.

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Re: Native American Mascots in Oregon, It is up to Native Americans to decide

by Daniel Vuong - Saturday, March 10, 2018, 9:28 PM

I think as a group of people, i.e. an organization or school, with the intentions of representing a mascot such of that as a tribe of Native American people, it is not for these public, and or private organizations to decide whether or not they are able to do this. In a world where there

is constant discrimination towards anyone not American, I think it is important to preserve foreign rights by not desensitizing the history of America and its relation to unjust treatment of foreigners as seen and read in the chapter. Native American people, should be the ones to speak on the topics of these mascots, and if someone is resentful of the organizations that want to represent certain tribes, I think their opinion is of most significance because it is safe to assume it impacts them the most. Whether or not we are talking about one person, a majority, or just a small group of people that view these organizations in a resentful way, that is not for Americans, people who have not felt these discriminations, to decide whether or not it is okay.

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Re: Native American Mascots in Oregon, It is up to Native Americans to decide

by Jordan Lopez - Saturday, March 10, 2018, 10:19 PM

I totally agree, I see a lot of people on this forum saying that they shouldnt have Native American mascots and what not but yet they have nothing to do with the race or culture. We should let it all boil down to Native Americans themselves and they seem to not have a problem with it. Funny thing is that Americans are the ones bringing up the issues. In chapter 18 we learn about events like the Sand Creek Massacre, The Battle of Little Bighorn, and even the Dawes Severalty Act in 1877. The U.S destroyed their future and culture. I can imagine if colonization didnt happen how prosperous their culture would be and how their numbers would have grown. Now we name a few things after them in Honor of the nations horrible past doings and people want to strip it away. There are numerous of statues, building,events and schools named after slave holding presidents and people and as I mentioned on another post our money as well with Andrew Jackson on our \$20 bill. So i agree with you, if your not Native American then you should not fight to remove any names.

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Final thoughts

by Casandra Fountain - Saturday, March 10, 2018, 10:40 PM

I still stand by my position on this issue but to answer the first part of the forum questions, it should be up to nearby tribes in the area to decide if they believe the mascot to be offensive or not. And if there is none in the area than at that point the state can be the deciding factor but Native Americans need to be serving on the council and not all white counselors. In the *Two tribes* article Siobhan Taylor, the Grande Ronde spokeswoman, said something to a similar effect how "tribes should be able 'to address these issues within their territories' and that the board should focus on better educating students about Oregon tribal history." There is so many more things the state can focus their energy on than what schools' mascot are. Actually educating students and not cramming as many students in one class and funneling them through this time of significant growth is one idea.

It does matter how the American Indians view the mascots. I am only the smallest part Indian but if the younger generations of the world wanted to represent my heritage respectfully and honorably, I would be proud to have their mascot be a piece of my culture. As a former athlete

I felt a sense of identity when it came to being a Mohawk Indian. As each year passes through school you feel as if you need to carry on the pride behind your school and the mascot has a lot to do with that.

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Majority Matters

by Justin Oljace - Saturday, March 10, 2018, 11:20 PM

It's interesting to see people's different views on this controversial subject. In the "Indian Mascots not Demeaning" article from the Register Guard, I thought Steve Bower made some pretty good points. Like when he shared that Lane Community College's James Florendo said "Indian mascots must be eliminated if affecting a single student in a negative manner." If one person feels offended about something I don't think it should be changed. You can find a single person who feels offended about anything, so I think that idea is pretty ridiculous.

Steve says, "I grow weary of deferring to the tyranny of the minority. Long live the Indian mascot!" I think when a majority of Native Americans find a mascot offensive, then removal of the mascot is necessary.

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