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Native American Mascots in Oregon
by [Joe Escobar](#) - Friday, March 6, 2020, 6:35 PM

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Re: Native American Mascots in Oregon
by [Joshua Dalton](#) - Thursday, March 12, 2020, 11:22 PM

I believe a coalition of chiefs from various tribes within the state should speak for the natives, when it comes to issues outside of confederate land. Then they should contact Congress members in the State to take on the issue through the State Senate.

I think it completely matters how American Indians view the mascots and I think they to should speak out against them if the majority is offended by them. However the majority was not offended based from the data they gathered from the consensus. Only a minority of Native Americans were offended, and in a matter like this where the minority rules then abuses to everyday American rights can be violated. For example, take James Florendo of the Warm Springs Tribe, coordinator of Native American programs at Lane Community College, when he said to the Register Guard, if Indian mascots affect even a single student in a negative way they should go. This is a very radical thing to say. For one he said "any student", He didn't say any Indian student. My concern with that is anybody that finds anything offensive could get it banded or shunned, when that is not the way our Democratic Republic works. There will always be something offensive to somebody.

I do agree that Oregon States decision to vote on the matter, because it was the right approach to to take. Even though I don't agree with the decision, that is the way our system works. The decision can always be repealed with the proper steps.

I agree with Siobhan Taylor, the Grande Ronde spokeswoman, when she said, "tribes should be able to address these issues within their territories". They proposed an amendment allowing schools to keep their mascots if

collaborated with a representative tribe. Much like Florida State University did when they got permission to keep their mascot from the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

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