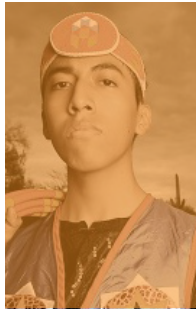
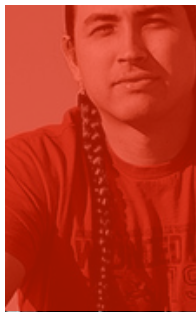




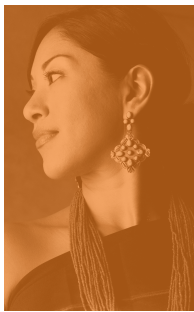
The truth is, almost all individual North American Indian tribes... are full-force in opposition to the use of the term.



This 'issue' is like Benghazi... media driven controversy that most regular people don't care about.



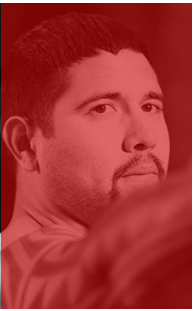
Polls show that even the majority of Indians do not feel it is a slur.



We would never consider naming a team the 'Blackskins' or the 'Brownskins' or the 'Whiteskins.'



I've heard the true accounts from my relatives who are elders as to where this word originated. It was NEVER used as a term of honor or respect.



You mean to... those of us who objected to the beatings and hangings of black folks for 200 years, should have "just got over it"?



I am a Creek Indian, and an American citizen. And my "red skin" is a point of pride.



Wellpinit High School, which has a 93% Native American student body, has a football team named Redskins. How is this offensive or a racial slur???



It's untrue to say that people have only heard this term in relation to the NFL because Native people HAVE heard this word used to degrade us in this day and age.



There was an Annenberg poll showing that less than 10% of Native Americans were offended by the "Redskins" name.

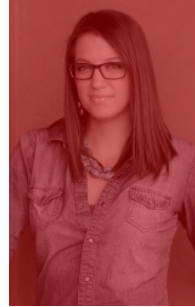
I've always hated that name! I'm Native by the way! It sure has been a derogatory term around my res! Just as bad as n\*g\*r



If Native Americans were really offended by this, then I would be on their side, but they're not.



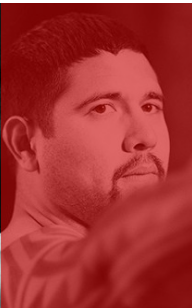
"Redskin" in its historical context, was a word used to describe a Native American tribe's affinity for covering their bodies in red Ocre.



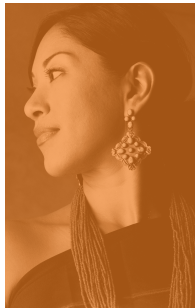
Washington needs to just change the name and get over it. Good grief!



Surely you can take one second to see how others would be offended and respect their opinion.



This isn't a word used by natives, that's the point. It's derogatory.



Merely a business name and why people get so PC over stuff like this is nuts.



# REDSKINS

## Racial Slur or Badge of Honor

The Washington Redskins is a professional American football team based in Washington, DC. Established in 1932, it was one of the first professional sports teams to use stereotypical Native American imagery as a part of the team's branding. Since the adoption of the "Redskins" name, an historically derogatory phrase intended to describe Native Americans, the team's name has been the subject of much controversy and scrutiny. Native American groups demand the team's name be removed due to its racist connotations, while Washington Redskins owner Dan Snyder states the name will never be changed.

The dialogue surrounding the "Redskins" name controversy is polarizing to both sides, the polls and statistics ambiguous, and the opinions as rousing as ever. Centuries of Native American tradition and heritage are fighting against the multi-billion dollar business of American major league sports. The online commentary models this divide- with both sides speaking passionately and neither willing to compromise. A debate growing since the team's inception in 1932 continues almost 100 years later.

### Redskin:

**noun, slang:** Often disparaging and offensive.  
1. A North American Indian

**noun:** 1. An old-fashioned informal name, now considered taboo, for a Native American.