



AP Human Geography

Racism in Sports

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Directions: Answer the following questions and be prepared to defend your answers in class.

Situation: The Washington Redskins have been the NFL team that has represented Washington D.C. since 1932, but has recently had a lot of attention over the continued use of the mascot the “Redskin.” The name itself has been labeled by the American English Dictionary as a “usually offensive” way of referring to Native Americans. Many state owned universities have changed their names that featured Native American names, but the Washington Redskins are a privately owned organization.



Thought Questions:

1. Come up with three arguments, and three arguments against keeping the mascot.

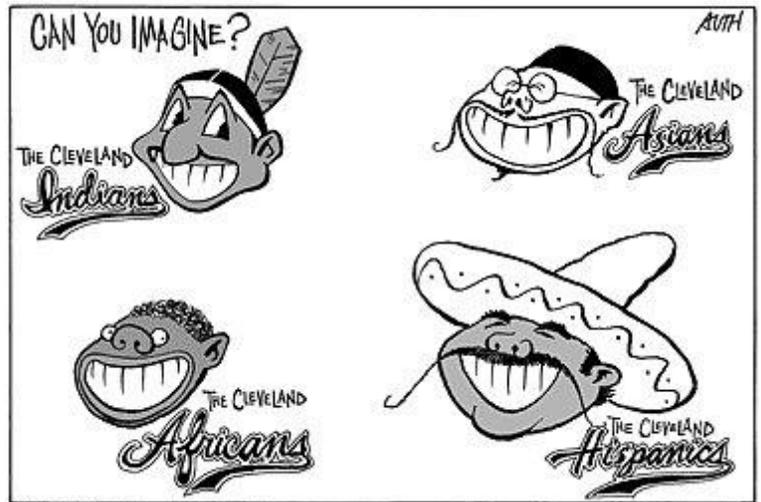
Arguments for Keeping the Mascot	Arguments Against Keeping the Mascot
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

2. In your own opinion should sports teams be allowed to name themselves after racial or ethnic groups of people? Explain your answer.



3. In what type of situation might it be ok for organizations or universities to use people of different races or ethnicities as a mascot? (list and explain 3)

4. How can mascots be dangerous in the building of stereotypes? What types of things could designers do to avoid creating stereotypes?



5. Potentially what could be the benefits of using racial/ethnic groups as a mascot for the racial/ethnic group? List and explain 3 benefits.