



**Change the Mascot!**

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## **Oneida Indian Nation to Daniel Snyder: Stop Trying to Rewrite History and Instead Rewrite Your Letter to Season Ticket Holders**

ONEIDA NATION HOMELANDS (NY) (October 13, 2013) The Washington Post reported this weekend that the Red Cloud Indian School disputed Washington team owner Daniel Snyder's claim in his letter to season ticket holders that the school consulted on the creation of the Washington football team's emblem. In the Washington Post story, the school director said, "As an organization, Red Cloud Indian School has never—and will never—endorse the use of the name Redskins."

"Mr. Snyder's list of misrepresentations of Native Americans and examples of trying to rewrite the team's history grows by the day," said Joel Barkin, Vice President of Communications for the Oneida Indian Nation. "These misrepresentations include: highlighting the team's 81 years of history while omitting the key facts that the original owner who named the team was an avowed segregationist and the last team owner to integrate his squad."

"In recent days a tribal entity has come forward disavowing the contention by Snyder that they support the racist mascot and team name."

“Mr. Snyder must set the record straight and immediately send a new letter to season tickets holders highlighting these misrepresentations and omissions. Mr. Snyder should stop trying to rewrite history and instead rewrite his misleading and inaccurate letter and stop pretending that the targets of the R-word slur support his agenda.”

## **Background on Daniel Snyder’s Mischaracterizations and Historical Revisionism**

**FACT: Serious questions have been raised about the veracity of a Native American profiled by the Washington football team to defend the mascot.**

*Dan Snyder’s Indian Chief is Neither*

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2013/06/28/dan-snyder-s-indian-chief-is-neither.html>

*Redskins.com interviews “Intuit Chief” Who Supports Redskins Name*

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2013/05/04/redskinscom-interviews-inuit-chief-who-supports-use-redskins-name-149206>

**Fact: In writing about the team’s 81-year history, Dan Snyder’s letter to season ticket holders made no reference to the team’s original owner who gave the team its current name, was an avowed segregationist.**

*George Preston Marshall: Entrepreneur, Racist*

<http://www.examiner.com/article/george-preston-marshall-entrepreneur-racist>

*History Alone Should Prompt Name Change*

[http://espn.go.com/nfl/story/\\_/id/8944042/history-alone-prompt-washington-change-nfl-mascot](http://espn.go.com/nfl/story/_/id/8944042/history-alone-prompt-washington-change-nfl-mascot)

**Fact: In writing about the team’s 81-year history, Dan Snyder’s letter to season ticket holders made no mention of the fact that Washington’s team was the last in the league to integrate.**

*50 Years Ago Redskins Were Last Team to Integrate*

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/07/sports/football/50-years-ago-redskins-were-last-nfl-team-to-integrate.html?pagewanted=al>

**Fact: While Dan Snyder cited the Red Cloud Athletic Fund as one of several examples of Native American support for the team’s name, according to officials at the school, “The Red Cloud Indian School has never—and will never—endorse the use of the name Redskins.”**

*Indian School Officials Raise Questions About Daniel Snyder’s Account of Redskins Emblem*

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/indian-school-officials-raise-questions-about-dan-snyders-account-of-redskins-emblem/2013/10/12/6716a17e-32b9-11e3-8627-c5d7de0a046b\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/indian-school-officials-raise-questions-about-dan-snyders-account-of-redskins-emblem/2013/10/12/6716a17e-32b9-11e3-8627-c5d7de0a046b_story.html)

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