



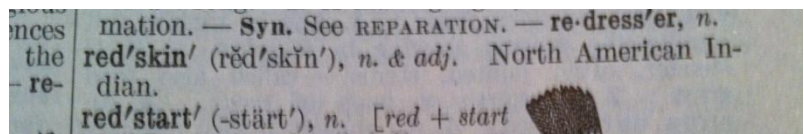
## Native American Guardian's Association (NAGA)

Press Release - **Redskin Facts – Pre-Protest Interviews Available**

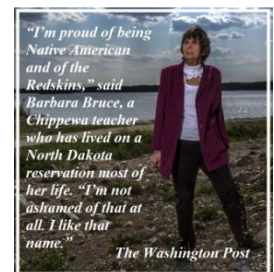
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- 1) The NFL's Washington Redskins does not have nor use a "Mascot". Instead, the NFL Redskins feature a tribute image of a highly respected Native American, Chief Two Guns White Calf, whose image was presented to the NFL as a gift for public use by leaders of the Blackfeet Nation.
- 2) The Washington Redskins were named in Massachusetts in 1933. Massachusetts is both named after a Native American tribe as well distinct Native American language dialect. Even today Massachusetts - like the Redskins - chooses to pay tribute to their proud history by featuring a Native American warrior on their state flag.
- 3) The Washington Redskins carry on the legacy and unique football traditions which were established at Carlisle Indian School under the strategic and visionary football leadership of legendary "Pop" Warner. Carlisle's innovative and winning 'Native American-Style' football style is credited with perfecting the forward overhand pass among other new tactics still seen today in what's known as the 'West Coast Offense'. Carlisle's early and highly successful Native American football team's burgundy and gold colors survive today as worn by the Redskins.
- 4) The Redskins established themselves as national leaders by recruiting, hiring and playing a number of Native Americans - to include a Native American Coach - at a time in America when racial integration in professional sports was rare.
- 5) The term Redskins was defined in American Dictionaries as both a Noun (A North American Indian) and as an Adjective (A Red-Painted Warrior) throughout most of the team's existence. Some Dictionaries started to change their long-held positive definitions upon receiving political pressure. Yet in an [interview](#) with an executive from the American Heritage Dictionary, the company disclosed that they maintain a 'Redskin's word database' that include 167 examples of neutral to positive "Redskin" usage while only 1 of the 168 total Redskins references could be inferred as being negative.



- 6) The 167-to-1 dictionary usage ratio is similarly reflected in Native American communities where in 2004, the Annenberg School of Public Policy found that only 9-of-100 Native Americans felt discouraged with the word's public use. And, despite activist's spending more than 12 years in carrying out an expensive and very negative 'anti-name' campaign, the Washington Post's nationally representative scientific survey in 2016 resulted in exactly the same outcome as in 2004 – where only 9-of-100 Native Americans surveyed expressed a level of disagreement with the name. So, despite years of campaigning, anti-name groups have failed in promoting a negative message in Indian Country. Moreover, many Native American respondents in the 2016 survey pointed out that these anti-name activists should instead be focused on improving the significant 'quality of life' issues that exist on reservations instead.



- 7) When activists pushed their campaign into U.S. Federal Court, a national group of Native American academic and tribal leaders came forward to describe and defend the name Redskins in both its adjective and noun-based use. This groundbreaking and highly detailed [Amicus Curiae Brief](#) helped secure and re-enforce the fact that America's First Amendment rights also impact the free-speech rights of Native Americans who support the name Redskins.
- 8) "Redskin" ceremonies have long been carried out by many tribes to both prepare elite warriors for battle as well as marking the formal adoption a new member where the Redskin honor may be extended to those from different tribes or even different races. Tribes in the Southwest have similar traditions where even the legend of the Navajo "Twin God" - known as Nayenezgani and pictured below - is noted to prepare his human warriors by covering their skin in sacred red clay before battle thus producing literal "Redskin Warriors".




- 9) The named "Redskin" High Schools in and near the Navajo Nation (image below) and on other Native American reservations have acted bravely in standing up against the heavily subsidized campaigns being waged against "Redskin" High Schools all over the United States. Recently, Anderson High School in Ohio and Paw Paw High School in Michigan - both Redskins - rejected the same negative name campaign organization being used against the NFL Redskins. Local "name change" campaign tactics may be seen [here](#).


**High school to get \$10K from Oneidas for name change**

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 Oneida Indian Nation Representative Ray Halbritter plans to give a \$10,000 check to Cooperstown (N.Y.) Central School at a board meeting Wednesday

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- 10) The [Native American Guardian's Association](#) (NAGA) - a 501c3 - is the nation's premier, grass-roots organization protecting and promoting positive Native American culture and education in the government and public spheres. Interviews may be arranged [NAGAGuardians@Gmail.Com](mailto:NAGAGuardians@Gmail.Com).