

Fixing the Cleveland I*****s Racist Team Name

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Congratulations, Toronto Blue Jays on another exciting season!

Let's hope that before the Atlanta B*****s or Cleveland I*****s come back to Toronto they will have changed their name. And [as I've argued in the past](#), the process of fixing racist team names can itself be a reconciliation moment.

A moment that you can help bring on by sharing the image below with those of your people who still don't understand why cultural groups are not other people's mascots!



A recent poster from the National Congress of Indians (via the [Good Men Project](#)) sheds greater light on this issue. Simply put, they argue that having a Cleveland Indians logo is like having a “New York Jews” or “San Francisco Chinamen,” mascots that would be blatantly offensive. I shudder to think what the equivalencies for gays or black people would be.

You can take a look at the image [above] for yourself, a stark reminder that racism is alive and well. We often say that it lives in the cracks, but sometimes it’s right in front of our face, the racism we accept every day.