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The elimination of the "Savage" mascot and associated imagery is of vital importance to Southeastern Oklahoma State University, because not only is it an insult to Native Americans, but it is a violation of various Civil Rights laws. In fact, the United States Civil Rights Commission has called for an end of the use of Native American themed mascots.

The use of such mascots is derogatory towards Native Americans; and "Savage" is perhaps one of the most offensive mascots used in the nation. The use of the word "savage" to describe Native Americans implies cultural supremacy, and the dehumanizing, cartoon-like way Native American symbols are portrayed contributes to low self-esteem in Native Americans. Simply put: it is time for change. The use of the term "Savage" in describing an entire race of people is incredibly insensitive and an example of institutionalized racism. The racism involved in the use of the mascot is clear, and the insult of the term is felt by numerous students, and others. It is important that the mascot, and thus the institutionalized racism, be done away with completely, and replaced with respect and honor.

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