Team Names

Now a few questions about a related, but different topic. Don’t worry if you’re not into sports, we still want your opinion.

QT1. Below is a list of names and logos that teams currently use in sports. We would like to know if you believe each name and logo is offensive or not.

[RANDOMIZE]

Vancouver Canucks

New York Yankees

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Minnesota Vikings
Recently, there have been debates about the names of some sports teams and the mascots they use. A lot of this discussion is about whether some names are considered to be offensive or disrespectful to Indigenous communities or other groups. Some team names mentioned in these discussions include the Washington Redskins of the National Football League, or the Cleveland Indians of Major League Baseball.

QX. First, how much have you heard about this issue? Are you...
- Seeing a lot of media coverage and discussing it with friends and family
- Seeing some media coverage and having the odd conversation about it
- Just scanning the headlines
- Not seeing or hearing anything about it

QX. Recently, McGill University announced that it would no longer call its sports teams the Redmen. This was after calls from Indigenous groups and students to change the name, which they found offensive. Do you believe that McGill made the right or wrong decision to change the name?
- Right decision
- Wrong decision

QX. Some people say that these names are a source of tradition and weren’t considered offensive at the time. They argue that we should not change names every time people say old names aren’t okay.
Others argue that even if team names weren’t considered offensive at the time, times change, and the team names should change with them if they are perceived to be offensive

Which statement do you agree with most, even if it’s not exactly how you feel?

These names should not change
These names should change