

# Why Are Native Americans Called Native Americans

== History ==

Native American identity in the United States that there may soon be no more Native Americans, only "Native American Americans, like Polish Americans and Italian Americans. As the number of self-reported Native American identity in the United States is a community identity, determined by the tribal nation the individual or group belongs to. As culture can vary widely between the 575 extant federally recognized tribes in the United States, the idea of a single unified "Native American" racial identity is a European construct that does not have an equivalent in tribal thought. While it is common for non-Natives to consider it a racial or ethnic identity, for Native Americans in the United States it is considered a political identity, based on citizenship and immediate family relationships

A survey of death certificates from 2006 to 2010 showed that deaths among Native Americans due to alcohol are about four times as common as in the general U.S. population. They are often due to traffic collisions and liver disease, with homicide, suicide, and falls also contributing. Deaths related to alcohol among Native Americans are more common in men and among northern Plains Indians. Alaska Natives showed the lowest incidence of alcohol-related death. Alcohol misuse amongst Native Americans has been shown to be associated with development of disease, including hearing and vision problems, kidney and bladder problems, head injuries, pneumonia, tuberculosis, dental problems, liver problems, and pancreatitis. In some tribes... These Native Americans are largely portrayed in a romanticized, idealized, and fantasy-based manner, that relies on historicised, stereotypical depictions of Plains Indians, rather than the contemporary realities facing the real, and diverse, Indigenous peoples of the Americas. Sources written by German people, for example, Karl May, are prioritised over those by Native American peoples themselves.

Native Americans in the United States g. They may also include any Americans whose origins lie in any of the Indigenous peoples of North or South America. Native Americans (also called Indians, American Indians, First Americans, and Indigenous Americans) are the Indigenous peoples of the United States, particularly Native Americans (also called Indians, American Indians, First Americans, and Indigenous Americans) are the Indigenous peoples of the United States, particularly of the lower 48 states and Alaska. The United States Census Bureau publishes data about "American Indians and Alaska Natives", whom it defines as anyone "having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America. Native Hawaiians, which it tabulates separately. and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment". The census does not, however, enumerate "Native Americans" as such, noting that the latter term can encompass a broader set of groups, e e10cfa214b

Native American people and Mormonism programs, and official and unofficial discrimination. Native American people (also called American Indians) were historically considered a special group Over the past two centuries, the relationship between Native American people and Mormonism has included friendly ties, displacement, violence, enslavement, education placement programs, and official and unofficial discrimination. Native American people (also called American Indians) were historically considered a special group by adherents of the Latter Day Saint movement (Mormons) since they were believed to be the descendants of the Lamanite people described in one of the faith's book of scriptures, the Book of Mormon. There is no support from genetic studies and archaeology for the historicity of the Book of Mormon or Middle Eastern origins for any Native American peoples e10cfa214b

While some groups and individuals self-identify as Native American, self-identification on its own does not make one eligible for membership among recognized tribes. There are a number of different factors which have been used by non-Natives to define "Indianness", and the source and potential use of the definition play a role in what definitions have been used in their writings, including culture, society, genes/biology, law, and self-identity. Peroff asks whether the definition should be dynamic

and changeable across time and situation, or whether it is possible to define "Indianness" in a static... e10cfa214b

**Native American name controversy** The term was largely There is an ongoing discussion about the terminology used by the Indigenous peoples of the Americas to describe themselves, as well as how they prefer to be referred to by others. some Indigenous peoples and are not widely used. As Indigenous peoples and communities are diverse, there is no consensus on naming. Preferred terms vary primarily by region and age. Both Americans and Europeans have historically called Native Americans Red Indians e10cfa214b

**Native American mascot controversy** has been a period of rising Indigenous civil rights movements, and Native Americans and their supporters object to the use of images and names in a manner Since the 1960s, the issue of Native American and First Nations names and images being used by sports teams as mascots has been the subject of increasing public controversy in the United States and Canada. They have conducted numerous protests and tried to educate the public on this issue. This has been a period of rising Indigenous civil rights movements, and Native Americans and their supporters object to the use of images and names in a manner and context they consider derogatory e10cfa214b

Although Indian is the most common collective name, many English exonyms have been used to refer to the Indigenous peoples... e10cfa214b A while after Smith was killed in Illinois, the majority of his followers sided with Brigham Young as his successor. Young and followers began moving... e10cfa214b Although the many tribes and peoples indigenous to the United States have varying civil rights priorities, there are some rights that nearly all Native Americans are actively pursuing. These include the protection of voting rights and resistance to the cultural assimilation of Native Americans. Many tribes that live on Indian reservations are currently facing the destruction of surrounding environments and water... e10cfa214b The European colonization of the Americas from 1492 resulted in a precipitous decline in the size of the Native American population because of wars, ethnic cleansing, enslavement, and newly introduced

diseases, including weaponized diseases and biological warfare by colonizers. Numerous scholars have classified elements of the colonization process as comprising genocide against Native Americans. As part of a policy of settler colonialism... e10cfa214b In response since the 1970s, an increasing number of secondary schools have retired their Native American names and mascots. Changes accelerated in 2020, following public awareness of institutional racism prompted by nationally covered cases of police misconduct. National attention was focused on the prominent use of names and images by professional franchises including the Washington Commanders (Redskins until July 2020) and the Cleveland Guardians (Indians until November 2021). In Canada, the Edmonton Eskimos became the Edmonton Elks in 2021. Each such change at the professional level has been followed by changes of school teams; for instance, 29 changed their names between August and December 2020. A... e10cfa214b When discussing broad groups of peoples, naming may be based on shared language, region, or historical relationship, such as Anishinaabeg, Tupi-Guarani-speaking peoples, Pueblo-dwelling peoples, Amazonian tribes, or LDN peoples (Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota peoples). e10cfa214b Since the European colonization of the Americas, the blanket term Indian referring to all Indigenous peoples has remained widespread in both formal and informal discourse. This term was first applied by the Italian navigator Christopher Columbus, reflecting his purported belief that he had reached the East Indies when he landed in the Antilles on his 1492 voyage. As a general exception, Eskimo was instead applied to all of the Indigenous peoples of the Arctic, though this term has declined in usage. e10cfa214b

Native American Church Today, it is the most widespread indigenous religion among Native Americans in the United States (except Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians), Canada (specifically First Nations people in Saskatchewan and Alberta), and Mexico, with an estimated 300,000 adherents. most widespread indigenous religion among Native Americans in the United States (except Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians), Canada (specifically First The Native American Church (NAC), also known as Peyotism and Peyote Religion, is a syncretic Native American religion that teaches a combination of traditional Native

American beliefs and elements of Christianity, especially pertaining to some of the Ten Commandments, with sacramental use of the entheogen peyote. The religion originated in the Oklahoma Territory (1890–1907) in the late nineteenth century, after peyote was introduced to the southern Great Plains from Mexico e10cfa214b

Alcohol and Native Americans Many Native Americans in the United States have been harmed by, or become addicted to, drinking alcohol. Because of negative stereotypes and biases based on race and social class, generalizations and popular misconceptions abound around the topic of Native American alcohol misuse. Among contemporary Native Americans and Alaska Natives, 11. 7% of all deaths are related to alcohol. 9% of global deaths are attributable to alcohol consumption. Among contemporary Native Americans and Alaska Many Native Americans in the United States have been harmed by, or become addicted to, drinking alcohol. By comparison, about 5 e10cfa214b

== Background == e10cfa214b == Prominent Native American Filmmakers == e10cfa214b

Native Americans in German popular culture These Native Americans are largely portrayed in a romanticized, idealized, and fantasy-based Since the 18th century, Native Americans have been a topic of fascination in German culture, inspiring literature, art, film and historical reenactment, as well as influencing German ideas and attitudes towards environmentalism. Hartmut Lutz coined the term Indianthusiasm for this phenomenon. Hartmut Lutz coined the term Indianthusiasm for this phenomenon e10cfa214b

In 1985, Lutz invented the term Deutsche Indianertümelei ("German Indian Enthusiasm") for the phenomenon. The phrase Indianertümelei is a reference to the German term Deutschtümelei ("German Enthusiasm") which mockingly describes the phenomenon of celebrating in an excessively nationalistic and romanticized manner Deutschtum ("Germanness"). It has been connected with German ideas of tribalism, nationalism and Kulturkampf. e10cfa214b

Native American civil rights This status creates tension today but

was far more extreme before Native people were uniformly granted U. S. Native Americans are citizens of their respective Native nations as well as of the United States, and those nations are characterized under United States law as "domestic dependent nations", a special relationship that creates a tension between rights retained via tribal sovereignty and rights that individual Natives have as U. citizens. S. Assorted laws and policies of the United States government, some tracing to the pre-Revolutionary colonial period, denied basic human rights—particularly in the areas of cultural expression and travel—to indigenous people. Native American civil rights are the civil rights of Native Americans in the United States. citizenship in 1924. Native Americans are citizens of their respective Native nations Native American civil rights are the civil rights of Native Americans in the United States e10cfa214b

The founder of Mormonism, Joseph Smith, formed proselyting efforts among Native American tribes within six month of organizing his church in 1830 in upstate New York. These efforts continued over the next two decades as church headquarters moved to various Midwestern States. The church allowed some interracial marriages between White and Native American adherents. e10cfa214b

Native Americans in film The portrayal of Native Americans in films concerns Native Americans's roles in cinema, particularly their depiction in Hollywood productions, as well The portrayal of Native Americans in films concerns Native Americans' roles in cinema, particularly their depiction in Hollywood productions, as well as television and videos. Contemporary Native filmmakers have employed the use of visual sovereignty, defined by scholar Michelle H. In the turn of the century, the rise of Native American and Indigenous filmmakers has allowed for greater representation in Hollywood and in mainstream media. While Native Americans have directed and produced films since the 1910s, a resurgence in the 1990s led by Native American filmmakers began a movement of producing independent films that work to represent the depth and complexity of Indigenous peoples as people and provide a realistic account of their culture. Raheja (Seneca descent) as "a way of reimagining Native-centered articulations of self-representation and autonomy that

engage the powerful ideologies of mass media," to take back the right to tell their own stories e10cfa214b

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