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How 'bout them Noles!

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"They came to the right conclusion Š the Seminole mascot and the tradition at Florida State is not offensive to anyone." Jeb Bush, Florida governor

This was Gov. Bush's response to the NCAA's Executive Board Committee review of Florida State's use of the Seminoles as their nickname and mascot.

FSU Athletic Director Dave Hart had this to say in response to the NCAA's reversal, "This is an outcome one would expect reasonable people to reach."

Way to go, Dave! Unfortunately, that's exactly what we have now lost in this country: reasonableness.

When it comes to the extremism of liberal political correctness, common sense and being reasonable go out the window!

It makes us all wonder if there is any tradition of our life that is not going to be touched by those who are inclined toward being offended.

The truth is that the Seminole tribe of Florida has never had any problem with the use of their name in FSU athletics! They consider it an honor and an opportunity to call attention to the fact that they were known for never losing a battle.

If you don't believe me just ask the Spanish, who tried to run them out of Florida over three centuries ago!

So, who was all torn up about this use of mascots' names such as the Seminoles? To be specific, it was the NCAA Executive Committee Board that made this ruling, impacting 18 sports mascots in college athletics.

But philosophically, the ruling conveys an attitude that says we must change our culture/society by reversing the way we view every area of life so as to keep anyone from being offended. Just think of where this kind of reasoning could lead us one day and where it has already led us.

Already we have been told that prayers can't have Jesus' name in them (Cobb County). We can't pray before a football game, use the words 'Christmas' or 'Easter' in public school, can't read the Bible in school, can't have a copy of the Ten Commandments in a county courthouse (Barrow County) and can't have a display of a nativity scene in front of a city council building.

How many of you have already had to go through tolerance and sensitivity training to keep your jobs? We are even being told that marriage is offensive if it's exclusively between a man and a woman.

Over and over our precious rights, family values, and cherished traditions are being stripped away and a new morality is being forced upon us. So much so that our favorite college football teams are being threatened to change their name to keep from hurting someone's feelings.

How long will it be before PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) begins a campaign to get rid of animal mascots? After all, "pets have feelings, too" they might add. Hey, don't take this too lightly, because PETA was the one who rebuked KFC about their style of processing chickens.

Talk about getting a Baptist preacher upset - start messing with his fried chicken and there will be trouble!!

When we get right down to it, it's not mainstream America who is calling on the changes. It's an elite few who are pushing their agenda upon us. I find myself agreeing with what opinion columnist Furman Bisher said, "Surely, these eggheads have more to do than fret over the name some college teams choose to go by in post-season."

Way to go Noles! Keep on fighting!

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