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Fans of numerous professional and collegiate teams sing an imaginary Indian war chant and use a chopping motion, commonly referred to as, “the tomahawk chop” to support their teams. Many Native Americans believe these actions perpetuate negative stereotypes of Native people as warlike savages. Requests to the teams to stop using such gestures and imagery have been largely ignored.