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Who's Your Daddy?

BY BILL O'REILLY
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With Father's Day on Sunday, there is good news and bad news. First the negative: Single mothers head up almost 9 percent of American households. The good news? Fathers who care are making a huge difference in this country.

How do I know? It is estimated that close to 40 percent of all those incarcerated in the USA did not have a father in their childhood home. So doing the math, a responsible father seems to be a strong force for promoting righteous conduct.

It was never easy being a father. Did you know that American icon Davy Crockett abandoned his children? And many other famous men did, as well. Shameful. You can't be a real man if you don't look out for your kids. They need you.

There are plenty of books by dads explaining the dilemma of contemporary fatherhood, and it is true that dad-ism in today's high-tech world is not easy. My father firmly embraced the Ralph Kramden philosophy: He was king of his Levittown castle. He worked hard, and his family deferred to his wishes. Except me. I did not defer and was disciplined accordingly.

But today most fathers don't rule as my father did. In general, modern dads are more enlightened. We bring diplomacy to the home rather than the "my way or the highway" post-World War II paternal strategy. But looking back, I clearly understand that witnessing a "chain of command" approach in my house was a positive thing for me. My father provided a strong point of view on life and was a leader. Boys, especially, need that.

Even though I am now a 1 percenter economically, I rarely waste money. Every time I am tempted to buy

some dopey thing, I hear my late father's voice: "Do you really need that?" He was big on saving money and buying as much security as possible. He also encouraged charitable giving. So I am responsible with currency.

Also, I go to church every Sunday because my family always went to church. It didn't matter if the priest was speaking Flemish from the pulpit — we went. It was an obligation. Now, I fulfill my obligations. All of them.

My father also taught us to respect our country. He was a naval officer. So there was no slacking on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Veterans Day. We knew what they meant. Today, a flag flies daily in front of my house.

Finally, I was never really tempted by drugs and alcohol. My father thought addicts were weak and intoxication was stupid. I never saw him high. He had a beer or two but never lost control of himself. By osmosis, I have adopted the sober attitude. It really has served me well.

As a teenager, I called my dad "the monster" to his face. He laughed. He even referred to himself as "the monster" when doling out orders to his offspring. There were many times when I resented my tough dad and wanted Ozzie Nelson to replace him.

But now I'm a father, and I realize that status is the most important thing in my life. There's no question who provided that perspective. So on Father's Day 2013, I remember my dad and the indelible gifts he gave me.

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The Deluded Curse Of Redskins

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See if this makes sense to you:

For years, I've argued with certain African-American people about their insistence upon using the so-called N-word which, to my ears, is, inalterably, a statement of self-loathing. They say I don't understand. They say the word no longer means what it has always meant. They say it's just a friendly fraternal greeting.

I say one cannot arbitrarily decide that a word — especially an old and bloodstained word — suddenly means something other than what it always has. I say that while language does change over time, it doesn't do so because a few of us want it to or tell it to. And I say that if I call you an "idiot," but say that "idiot" now means "genius," you will be no less insulted.

Does that seem logical? If so, then perhaps you can understand my impatience with people who insist on defending the Washington football team whose nickname is a racial slur.

The latest is NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. Last week, he responded to a letter from members of the Congressional Native American Caucus, questioning the appropriateness of the name "Redskins." That name, wrote Goodell, "is a unifying force that stands for strength, courage, pride and respect." The team took the name in 1933, he noted, to honor then-coach William "Lone Star" Dietz, who was reputedly (it is a matter of historical dispute) an American Indian.

"Neither in intent nor use was the name ever meant to denigrate Native Americans or offend any group," he wrote. In other words, we have changed the meaning. It no longer means what it has always meant.

As it happens Goodell's letter follows a novel — though ultimately failed — effort earlier this year by the Michigan Department of Civil Rights to ban Indian team names and mascots at primary and secondary schools. The complaint MDCR filed with the Education Department argued that such things are not merely insulting, but damaging. It cited the work of

Dr. Stephanie Fryberg, an assistant professor at the University of Arizona who has studied the effects of the team names and imagery on Native American students.

She has found empirical proof that those names and imagery lead to lowered self-esteem and sense of community worth among American Indian kids. They also damage aspirations and heighten anxiety and depression.

In other words, seeing their people reduced to mascots is toxic to Indian children. And if the names and images in general are damaging, how much more harmful is "Redskins"?

That name, after all, was never neutral, but was, rather, a hateful epithet hurled by people who were stealing from and committing genocide against, those they saw as savage and subhuman. So calling a football team the "Washington Redskins" as a way of honoring an Indian makes precisely as much sense as calling a soccer team "The Warsaw K—s" as a way of honoring a Jew.

Fans of franchises bearing Indian names often resist changing them out of sentiment. Owners, meanwhile, are loath to tamper with lucrative trademarks.

That's understandable. But it is also short-sighted. You can delude yourself all you want. Things are what they are, and as Rick Perry learned in 2011 when he was called to answer for a certain inconveniently named rock, this nation's ugly racial past has a way of poking through the polite lies and evasions we use to prettify history and justify ourselves. So it is with Washington's football team and its nickname.

This is not about honor and even less about "strength, courage, pride and respect." It is rather, about moral integrity, intellectual honesty and the immutable weight of certain words. Whether we choose to acknowledge it, or never do, doesn't change the fact:

"Redskins" is a curse word.

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State Must Protect Insurance Consumers

ARGUS LEADER, Sioux Falls (June 8): When consumers pay premiums for insurance coverage, they expect benefits to be there when they need them.

It's true for auto insurance, home coverage and long-term care policies. If coverage is ever denied unjustly, state insurance regulators should be there to back up consumers.

That's undoubtedly what customers of Ability Insurance Co., a long-term care insurance provider thought when they were told the company wouldn't help pay for assisted living or nursing home care when they no longer could live on their own.

But evidence strongly suggests the state of South Dakota's regulators didn't regulate anything, rather favoring the insurers over the citizens of this state.

Nationally, about a dozen consumers filed lawsuits against Ability, most of them from South Dakota. In situations involving long-term care coverage, time typically isn't on the customer's side. There might not be years and years left to fight with a company's decision.

After three years and even though the South Dakota Division of Insurance found enough evidence that Ability allegedly violated state laws and regulations, no public action has been taken against the company, even though the state has had plenty of time to do so.

That leads to the question of whether the insurance division is consumer-friendly, favors the interest of insurers or lacks enough resources to be prompt and effective.

South Dakota regulations differ from those in other states. Here, all it takes to meet the requirement that long-term care is appropriate is a doctor to say that it is medically necessary. It's a regulation that has been around since 1990 and benefits the consumer.

That regulation should protect people seeking care outside of their homes, but the state hasn't been able to put the teeth into that requirement.

An *Argus Leader* investigation resulted in stories about families who were denied care by Ability and the lack of response from the state to take public action. In the aftermath, Gov. Dennis Daugaard has called on the secretary of Labor and Regulation to review the Division of Insurance's procedures and practices for investigating consumer insurance complaints. We hope to see follow-up on behalf of consumers.

The Division of Insurance, while a small group of state employees, absolutely needs to be more protective of consumers in a substantive and timely way. When insurance disputes come up, it should not mean that families have to take the case to court to get an injustice corrected. That's what the state is for, to stick up for citizens as consumer advocates when clearly they are being cheated.

The state failed in these cases, as did Ability, and there are potentially thousands of other consumers in South Dakota who haven't even asked to start using benefits. If our insurance division can't protect them, then we as a state need to figure out how our system can be improved so that it can do its job.

Our state standards in many aspects need to be more consumer-friendly and protective. In this case, our law gives us a more-powerful position to work for elderly needing care. We need to use that ability to require that companies follow the rules and give consumers the benefits they have paid for and deserve.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 17, the 168th day of 2013. There are 197 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 17, 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Abington (Pa.) School District v. Schempp*, struck down, 8-1, rules requiring the recitation of the Lord's Prayer or reading of Biblical verses in public schools.

On this date: In 1397, the Treaty of Kalmar was signed, creating a union between the kingdoms of Sweden, Denmark and Norway.

In 1775, the Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill resulted in a costly victory for the British, who suffered heavy losses.

In 1885, the Statue of Liberty arrived in New York Harbor aboard the French ship *Isere*.

In 1928, Amelia Earhart embarked on a trans-Atlantic flight from Newfoundland to Wales with pilots Wilmer Stultz and Louis Gordon, becoming the first woman to make the trip as a passenger.

In 1930, President Herbert Hoover signed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act, which boosted U.S. tariffs to historically high levels, prompting foreign retaliation.

In 1933, the "Kansas City Massacre" took place outside Union Station in Kansas City, Mo., as a group of gunmen attacked law enforcement officers escorting federal prisoner Frank Nash; four of the officers were killed, along with Nash.

In 1940, France asked Germany for terms of surrender in World War II.

In 1953, residents of East Berlin rebelled against the communist East German government, which forcefully suppressed the uprising. U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas stayed the execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, originally set for the next day, the couple's 14th wedding anniversary. (They were put to death June 19.)

In 1961, Soviet ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev defected to the West while his troupe was in Paris.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon's eventual downfall began with the arrest of five burglars inside Democratic national headquarters in Washington, D.C.'s Watergate complex.

In 1987, Charles Glass, a journalist on leave from ABC News, was kidnapped in Lebanon. (Glass escaped his captors in August 1987.)

In 1992, President George H.W. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a breakthrough arms-reduction agreement.

Ten years ago: A federal appeals court ruled the government properly withheld names and other details about hundreds of foreigners who were detained in the months after the September 11 attacks.

The Justice Department issued a directive banning routine racial and ethnic profiling at all 70 federal agencies with law enforcement powers. English soccer star David Beckham was sold to Real Madrid by Manchester United for a \$41 million transfer fee.

Five years ago: Hundreds of same-sex couples got married across California on the first full day that gay marriage became legal by order of the state's highest court. (However, California voters later approved Proposition 8, which restricted nuptials to a union between a man and a woman.) A truck bombing in Baghdad killed 63 people. Four British soldiers were killed by an explosive in Afghanistan's Helmand province. The Boston Celtics won their 17th NBA title with a stunning 131-92 blowout over the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 6. Igor Larionov and Glenn Anderson were elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame along with former linesman Ray Scapinello and junior hockey builder Ed Chynoweth. Actress-dancer Cyd Charisse died in Los Angeles at age 86.

One year ago: Rodney King, 47, whose 1991 videotaped beating by Los Angeles police sparked widespread outrage and who struggled with addiction and repeated arrests, died in Rialto, Calif., in an apparent drowning. Fears of Greece's imminent exit from Europe's joint currency receded after the conservative New Democracy party came in first in a critical election and pro-bailout parties won enough seats to form a joint government. Webb Simpson won the U.S. Open, outlasting former U.S. Open champions Jim Furyk and Graeme McDowell.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Lupus is 81. Actor William Lucking is 72. Singer Barry Manilow is 70. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich is 70. Comedian Joe Piscopo is 62. Actor Mark Linn-Baker is 59. Musician Philip Chevron (The Pogues) is 56. Actor Jon Gries is 56. Movie producer-director-writer Bobby Farrelly is 55. Actor Thomas Haden Church is 52. Actor Greg Kinnear is 50. Actress Kami Cotler (TV: "The Waltons") is 48. Olympic gold-medal speed skater Dan Jansen is 48. Actor Jason Patric is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kevin Thornton is 44. Actor-comedian Will Forte is 43. Latin pop singer Paulina Rubio is 42. Tennis player Venus Williams is 33. Actor-rapper Herculeez (AKA Jamal Mixon) is 30. Actor Damani Roberts is 17.

Thought for Today: "The truth is that there is nothing noble in being superior to somebody else. The only real nobility is in being superior to your former self." —Whitney Young, American civil rights leader (1921-1971).

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