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**Republican Indian Committee Denounces Racist Attack on
South Carolina Gubernatorial Candidate Nikki Haley**

The Republican Indian Community (RIC) joins other Americans and fellow conservatives in South Carolina and around the country in denouncing the racist attacks on South Carolina Republican gubernatorial hopeful Nikki Haley.

RIC National Political Director Puneet Ahluwalia observed, "The Tea Party represents a larger 'silent majority' of Americans who are now speaking and demanding more from the political discourse than such cheap, racist, ad hominem attacks."

Dilip Paliath, RIC National Executive Director, added, "People are tired of politics as usual, and RIC urges South Carolina Republican voters and those who believe in the Tea Party to reject this crass attempt to smear an outstanding public servant -- Nikki Haley. We also condemn the use of this slur against the President. These slurs are not acceptable against anyone – Republican, Independent, or Democrat."

South Carolina State Senator Jake Knotts was reported as saying in [The State newspaper](#), "We already got one raghead in the White House, we don't need a raghead in the governor's mansion." The comment, which is a slur against those who wear turbans or headdresses, does not even make sense when directed against Haley or Obama.

The Republican Indian Committee believes that Nikki Haley will go on to win the Republican nomination on Tuesday, and she will continue to serve the people of South Carolina with distinction.

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