

## AHEPA CONDEMNS RACIAL SLUR OF GREEK NBA DRAFT PICK

**WASHINGTON** - The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading grassroots membership-based association for the nation's millions of Greek Americans and Philhellenes, [condemns a racial slur](#) directed toward Giannis Antetokounmpo, the Athens-born son of Nigerian immigrants who was drafted in the first round -- 15th overall -- by the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks. The slur, made by Nikos Michaloliakos, the leader of Greece's neo-Nazi Golden Dawn Party, likened Mr. Antetokounmpo to a "chimpanzee."

"We strongly condemn the racial slur directed toward Mr. Antetokounmpo by Golden Dawn's leader," Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides said. "Simply stated, it is unacceptable. We applaud the Hellenic Basketball Federation for strongly condemning the remark, and we join with the federation in condemning the racial slur in the strongest terms."

"We wish Mr. Antetokounmpo the best in the pursuit of his NBA dream," he added.

In September 2012, AHEPA [issued a statement](#), the first among Greek American associations, expressing deep concern about the rise of extremism in Greece.

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