

teammate of Colin's from the San Francisco 49ers even stated, *"But I think you have to be open-minded to know that [Kaepernick] did not commit a crime, he didn't hurt anybody, he didn't do anything. It was a protest, and now people are kind of locking him out or don't want to support anybody that's associated with him when you're willing to support people who beat women, do all kinds of other crazy things. It just doesn't make sense."* Why are willing to support people who commit crimes, but ostracize people who are using their first amendment rights to stand up for what they believe in in a peaceful way, following the examples of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.?

Since he started this protest, many other football players in the league have joined in. A number of players have decided to take a stand by taking a knee. They too, have been criticized, threatened, and misunderstood, with many people accusing them of being anarchists. But, Colin has been treated the worst. He has been blackballed by the NFL. None of the teams in the NFL will sign him. Not because he doesn't have the skillset. Not because he is not needed. Not because he is troublesome and reckless off the court, but simply because he exercised his right to protest. At 29 years old, and for the first time since he was ten years old, he is not playing football. But he is continuing to stand for what he believes in, donating money and time to people and organizations in need. When he should be in the prime of his career, he is not playing at all. Is that justice? Is that fair? What would you do in his position? What would you do as a fan? What would you do as the owner of an NFL team? Would you kneel for justice?

