

Should Colin Kaepernick Be Punished for Refusing to Stand for National Anthem?

In a new Action Alert to its one million-plus friends and supporters, the American Family Association is urging those who are proud to be American to sign a petition telling the NFL to discipline San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick for his disrespectful actions and attitude toward the .

Last week, Kaepernick refused to stand during the national anthem before the 49ers' pre-season game. He again did not stand during "The Star-Spangled Banner" before last night's game against the San Diego Chargers.

But that's not all. According to the , Kaepernick waged another form of silent protest by wearing socks during team practices that depict a pig wearing a police officer's hat.

"As a player who wears a professional football uniform, Kaepernick is a public representative of the National Football League and the San Francisco 49ers football team," said AFA President Tim Wildmon. "His actions have and continue to embarrass and bring reproach on all professional sports. America is also stunned at his overt disrespect for the nation that guarantees him the freedom to earn millions of dollars each year."

AFA says that it's important for the NFL to take necessary steps to ensure that its players, coaches and teams show proper respect for our country and our police officers. If Kaepernick is allowed to continue his deeply offensive actions, it will only lead to other such movements by other players in the future.

Therefore, AFA is asking those concerned to sign the petition calling on the NFL to take disciplinary action against Kaepernick for his disrespectful actions while engaged in official NFL activities. {eoa}

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