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**ABSTRACT**

Political protests against racism and discrimination revealed themselves in 1968 at the Summer Olympics in Mexico. They became popular in 2016, when Colin Kaepernick kneeled down while the U.S. national anthem was being played before the start of NFL games. After this famous protest by the quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers, more and more sport players and teams in the whole United States are trying to express their opposition towards racial discrimination and police brutality. Americans are divided in their responses to this protests: some support the protesters, others accuse them of disrespecting the flag and the national anthem. The issue of protests and politics in sports will be brought up during the debate