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### Silent Protesting Essay

San Francisco 49ers quarterback player, Colin Kaepernick has been criticized and supported through his silent protest from kneeling during the national anthem. From Source A- Refusing to Stand for the National Anthem, and Source C (infographic) all inform us how Kaepernick's decision affected society negatively. Colin Kaepernick's action is found to be disrespectful due to the fact that it dishonors men and women who fight for our rights and racially divides white and black americans.

Kaepernick had dishonored men and women who fought for our rights. American rights had been given to us from the hard work of soldiers. According to Source A, Carole Isham states, "it just blows my mind that somebody like (Kaepernick) would do what he does to dishonor the flag of this country." It is vital for us Americans to respect the flag as it came with dedication. The lives of hard working soldiers is shown when the flag is held up high and the appreciation is given. It is arguable that others think he was not being disrespectful but in fact was complaining about the armed forces instead. Referring to the infographic in source C, it states, "Colin Kaepernick's decision to not stand during the national anthem as a way of protesting police killings of unarmed minorities has drawn support," Yes, police killings can be unreasonable at most times during protests but, it can differ from the kneeling during the national

anthem. This is misunderstood as he is silent protesting against armed force violence or disrespecting their job as part of being in the armed forces.

Colin Kaepernick's action has racially divided white and black americans. He argues about how white and black americans are treated differently. Referring to source C, the infographic shows that "only 24% of white americans support the 49ers quarterback and protest" which shows a 39% difference from black americans who agree with Kaepernick. This percentage shows a big difference from how white and black americans agree differently to Kaepernick's silent protest.

Colin Kaepernick made the decision to kneel during the national anthem and caused lots of conflicts in society. It was seen as being disrespectful to men and women fighting for our rights and racially dividing white and black americans.