

Should the NFL's Players Have to Pay to Protest?

Rachel Robison-Greene

What are the motivations of team owners in creating this new system of fines for players? Is it about patriotism?

What is the purpose of performing the National Anthem at sporting events? Does its inclusion make sporting events inherently *political* events?

Do you think it is inappropriate for an athlete to use his or her position to make political statements? Do you think professional sports team owners should have the power to fine players for public comments? Does it matter if the athlete is in street-clothes or in uniform? In public, in private, or at the sporting event?

Can you think of other instances of entertainers using their performance as an opportunity to engage in protest or make political statements? Have you ever had any objections to someone doing so? Why or why not?

