

DWA Essay

It is not disrespectful to not stand for the flag. Recently lots of NFL players have been on their knees while the national anthem. I feel that it is not disrespectful because of social justice, racial justice and freedom of expression.

It is not disrespectful to not stand for the flag because of social justice. In document A, it states that "Denver Broncos linebacker Brandon Marshall, who also has knelt during the national anthem said, "the message is I'm against social justice... I'm not against the military or police or America at all." So most of the NFL players who are kneeling are just to protect social justice. This leads to the second quote because they all protest to show how black people are treated. In document A, it states that "I'm not going to stand up to show pride and people of color." If they do not stand, it is ok because they have the right to first amendment. This leads to the next paragraph because of what they believe in.

Secondly, because of what they believe. In document A, it states that "There's a lot of racial and social justice in the world that is going on right now. So far every day, there are multiple times when black people or people of color are mistreated. This leads to my second quote because this all goes to what they believe. In document A, it states that "We were not trying to disrespect the flag or be a distraction to the team, but as men, we thought we had the right to stand up for what we believed in, and we demonstrated that." If this what they were doing, why make a big deal about it. Even though some might say that it is disrespectful because soldiers fought for you, it is not because of freedom of expressions. This leads to the next paragraph because in what they believe in.

Last of all, because they have the freedom of expression. In document B, it states that "It guarantees freedom of expression by prohibiting Congress from restricting the press or the rights of individuals to speak freely. This shows that you can do things to express your beliefs.(by things I mean that post things and hold up signs but not dangerous stuff. This leads to the second quote because everyone has the right at age 18. In document B, it states that "It also guarantees the right of citizens to assemble peaceably and to petition their government. This allows people to assemble groups.

In conclusion, it is not disrespectful to not stand for the flag. This is significant because this is still a problem today and some NFL players are not being drafted to the team because of this.