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The Colin Kaepernick Effect: Socio-Cultural Tension Over Patriotic Views Within K-12 Education

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Abstract
One of the biggest and most controversial issues facing this country is the police brutality towards African – Americans. Many African – Americans have been killed by the police even while being unarmed. The opinions on this topic has further divided a nation that has already had its racial parameters stretched with the 2016 Presidential Election. However, the most unlikely professional athlete decided to endanger his career and take a stance against these heinous acts of violence. Colin Rand Kaepernick, a biracial man who was adopted at an early age by a white couple; attended the University of Nevada, and was drafted in the second round by the San Francisco 49ers. Kaepernick fought his way into a starting role with the 49ers, only to lose it later in his career and become the backup quarterback. Kaepernick wasn’t a household name like Tom Brady, Peyton Manning, or Aaron Rodgers, he was just an unassuming man who decided enough was enough and he decided to take a stance against the brutality inflicted on African – Americans by the police. Kaepernick, refused to stand for the playing of the national anthem in protest of what he deems are wrongdoings against African Americans and minorities in the United States. Kaepernick’s stance sparked a national quandary by forcing the citizens of the United States to pick a side of where they stand with their views on patriotism. This study used critical race theory as the theoretical lens to determine what role does race play into the patriotic views of school principals when it comes to students participating during the Pledge of Allegiance?

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