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 **TODAY'S "QUICK HIT":
MULTIPLE ANSWERS
FOR SUPPORTERS
OF COLIN KAEPERNICK**



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Here's what provoked me:

The debate goes on about what Colin Kaepernick has or hasn't the right to do. Those who enthusiastically support him should realize that those criticizing him also have the right to speak out.

Here's my response:

Multiple Answers for Supporters of Colin Kaepernick

On September 18, there were several letters supporting Colin Kaepernick's recent protests, and scolding those who criticize him. That's fine and perfectly permissible. And I have some responses to those writers.

To Ron Smiley ("The oligarchy we devolved into") I say: The National Anthem isn't just about America's past, it's about the ideals of our founders, and reminds us of what we should strive to become as a country. It's idealistic, visionary and forward looking.

To LeAnn Poesse ("Threaten young adults into respect?") I respond: What you are observing has nothing to do with Nazi Germany. Those stern comments, with which you apparently are unfamiliar, are commonly known as "RULES"!

To Wayne Walter (Protest validates our country) I say: I agree with you that Kaepernick is exercising those rights you fought to protect in Viet Nam. Your service in doing so is appreciated and applauded. I'd like to emphasize to you that I also appreciate you protecting my right to disagree with Kaepernick's motivations and methods.

To all the writers I request: Please don't imply that I and others are somehow wrong when we exercise our rights by stating such disagreement.