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NFL players from six teams protest during national anthem NFL says there is still no firm policy on anthem protests; sports columnist Mac Engel weighs in. Growing up, my parents made sure I stood with my hand over my heart when our National Anthem played at a sporting event. Daddy gave his own left eye and arm in Vietnam, and in his time there he gained a deep appreciation for the sacrifice of others that he worked hard to instill in his children. To this day, when I watch a game with him, I can sense his wandering back to his high school and college days on the field when he had two eyes to set on his target and two hands to line up his throw. In part because of what I was taught in childhood and also because of my love of country and football itself, I feel such pride as athletes, coaches, and fans all stand as one during the anthem preceding a game. The respect and appreciation on display in those moments is a reminder of our common brotherhood as Americans. It makes me feel connected with everyone present – no matter which team colors they display. Though I disagree with the desecration of the Stars and Stripes, it was witnessing someone burn the American flag during a Vietnam protest on a college campus that drove my dad right into volunteering as a recon Marine. His experiences with the military enabled him to encourage thousands of returning soldiers and their families. We, as Americans, are a team. We are a wonderfully diverse team, and one that can work toward common good. While we certainly do not all share the same beliefs, we are united in the unequivocal right to hold them. There is a time for freedom of expression. There is a time for debate. But there is also a time to put individual desires and frustrations aside and to come together. To show our children that all of us – despite our differences – are Americans. That night the New England Patriots surprised thousands of fans by beating the favored St. It was the first Super Bowl victory for New England, but it made history for another reason as well. But Coach Bill Belichick wanted his New England Patriots to think of themselves as a team, not a group of individual performers. And before the game, he informed the NFL officials that he and his players would forego the individual recognition and enter the field under one banner. They were introduced this way: And, I believe, like the triumphant patriots before us, we will find victory if we are willing to put aside our individual differences and respectfully come together as fellow American teammates.

2: CCU Statement on National Anthem Controversy | Colorado Christian University

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And we, my friends, are the nation in question. The top 8 finalists for a popular TV singing contest just got up and crushed "God bless America. No accompaniment, just me. So I start in. And then halfway through the anthem, my renegade mind starts to wander. Instead of focusing on the lyrics and pitch and making it through to "the home of the brave," my brain starts to analyze the sentence structure. So there I was- still singing this anthem. Still thinking about grammar. It was an out of body experience. I was in three places at once; my mouth and my lungs were singing; my brain was pondering the syntax; and something beyond my brain was yelling at my brain to pay attention. Nonetheless, that was the moment that I realized what the National Anthem of the United States of America meant to me. And it all comes down to punctuation. Our national anthem consists of two meandering questions with a wandering statement in between. The first part goes like this: The second sentence talks a bit more about the battle that went on during the night: Or honor or patriotism. Just pride in hailing the flag in the twilight. The anthem concludes with yet another question: The most important, most overlooked aspect of the national anthem is this: The question is for us is this: What is the character of the nation underneath the flag? Do we empower and uphold the freedom and bravery of others, or does our flag wave over a different kind of land? Lately, the posture of professional athletes during our national anthem has become a point of tension. You might see the actions of Colin Kaepernick and others as a strong non-violent protest- a beautiful way to draw the attention of the nation to parts of America that are less than beautiful. Maybe you feel that their posture goes too far. For those of you who disagree with the players who are taking a knee, I ask for you to be brave and embrace the freedom that the anthem portrays. To silence all voices but your own is not strength, but weakness. It takes bravery to allow others to peacefully disagree with you. Remember, these players are not protesting the flag or the anthem- they are using this moment to protest inequality, police brutality, and racial injustice. If these shameful elements were less present in our society, there would be no need to protest. If you are upset about folks kneeling during the anthem, consider this: Maybe they believe that our freedom particularly our freedom of speech, is larger than you believe it to be. Maybe they believe in an America whose justice fully embraces racial equality. Could it be that they are kneeling to bring attention to the parts of our land that is neither free nor brave? Hoping to see a land that lives up to our anthem, a land that is freer and braver than the America we live in? Maybe bravery is doing the right thing in the face of danger. Even when your scared. Maybe a land is free only when the folks in charge abstain from imposing their restrictions on the folks who disagree with them. Ask yourself an honest question, if the players were kneeling to draw attention to fallen soldiers, do you think our society would have a problem with their posture? Are we offended by the manner in which these players are protesting? Or is it the content of what they are protesting? And yet, blind nationalism cannot help us forward. After all, America is a nation in process. Not unlike her anthem, America is more of a question mark than a statement. Our nation is an ongoing experiment chasing after ideals like liberty, honor, and justice for all. A nation of immigrants defined by a promise, rather than a nationality or a geography or a language. Who gets to decide what America means? We the people choose our path. And, we are the nation in question.

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Chief among these symbols are: The following Code for national symbols has been formulated. The Flag has a diagonal cross or saltire with four triangles in juxtaposition. Black depicts the strength and creativity of the people; Gold, the natural wealth and beauty of sunlight; and green, hope and agricultural resources. The Flag must be regarded as a sacred emblem of the Nation to be paid due reverence and devotion by all its citizens. The Flag should never be allowed to touch the ground or floor. It should never be flown or used for purely decorative purposes on anything that is for temporary use and likely to be discarded, except on state occasions. When the Flag becomes worn and must be replaced it should be burnt and not used for any other purpose than what it was designed for. Except at Foreign Embassies, Consulates and Missions no foreign flag may be flown publicly, unless the Flag of Jamaica is also flown. The Jamaican Flag should never be smaller than any other flag flown at the same time. No other flag should be placed above or to the right of the Jamaican Flag. International usage forbids the display of the Flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace. The Flag when carried in procession with another flag or flags should be on the marching right or if there is a line of flags, in front of the centre of that line. The Flag should not be draped over vehicles of any sort except on Military, Police and State occasions. The Flag should be flown in or near every Polling Station on election day. The Flag, when flown at half-mast, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered slowly to the half-mast position. It should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered. During the Ceremony of hoisting or lowering the Flag or when the Flag is passing in a parade or in a review, all persons present should face the Flag and stand at attention. Persons in uniform should salute. Men should remove their hats. The Flag should be flown on all Government and Municipal buildings and offices, on or near the main administrative building, but it is recommended that if possible each day it should be lowered at sundown and raised at 8: Schools The Flag should be flown on all Government-aided Schools when the school is in session. At the beginning and end of each term there should be a special Flag Raising and Lowering Ceremony so organised that performance in the Ceremony should be regarded as a special privilege. The National Pledge for schools should be recited on such occasions. It would be appropriate for any school to have a special Flag Raising Ceremony on the Anniversary of Independence. All Youth Camps, Clubs and Institutions for young people should fit similar ceremonies into their schedules. Private Use The Flag may be flown on private buildings on all national and state occasions and should always be flown on any private building on the occasion of official visits by the Governor-General, and the Prime Minister. The Flag should be flown at the official residence of the Governor-General, his private Flag being also displayed when he is in residence. The Flag should be flown at the official residence of the Prime Minister when he is in residence. Government Property All Government-owned ships, defense craft and light houses should fly the flag. All Government-owned air-craft, rail and motor vehicles should bear a representation of the Flag. All merchant ships of Jamaica registry should fly the Flag. National Anthem All persons should stand at attention at the playing of the National Anthem and men should remove their hats. Singing of the National Anthem should form part of the ceremony of raising and lowering of the Flag at the beginning and end of term in schools and at Independence Celebrations. Eternal Father bless our land Guard us with Thy mighty Hand Keep us free from evil powers, Be our light through countless hours. To our Leaders Great Defender, Grant true wisdom from above. Knowledge send us Heavenly Father, Grant true wisdom from above. Justice, Truth be ours forever, Jamaica, Land we love. Jamaica, Jamaica, Jamaica land we love. The original grant of arms was made in February However, there is a contention that the date should be referred to as owing to the change in from the old style of dating to the new. Prior to the New Year began on March Historians in referencing dates would use the new style of dating so that what was then would be to us. The arms show a male and female Taino Arawak standing on either side of the shield which bears a red cross with five golden pineapples superimposed on it. This is the official description of the Jamaican Coat of Arms as taken from the records of

the College of Arms, London: The Jamaica coat of Arms has seen quite a number of changes, but only three are officially recorded. These changes occurred in , and respectively. Although the colours of the Supporters are described as all proper, that is, in natural colours, it should be noted that in the approved colour sketch the feathered headdress and feathered skirts are red and white. The three tall feathers on the male figure are red, the headband and the shorter feathers alternately red and white, commencing with the red on the left as seen by the observer and the ending with a white feather on the right. The waistbands on the feathered skirts of both supporters are red. The strips of feathers making up the skirts are alternately red and white commencing with the red on the left as seen by the observer and ending with outer white feathers on the right. National Flower, Tree, Fruit and Bird With the approval of the Cabinet a select committee, known as the National Flower Committee, was appointed initially to make recommendations for the choice of a National Flower. They were later asked to extend their activities to include the choice of a National Tree, a National Fruit and a National Bird. The Jamaica Horticultural Society had been giving consideration to the choice of a National Flower from

A short list of 14 flowers had previously been prepared and given wide publicity in order to determine public opinion. This suggestion was approved. Widespread use of the national symbols " the Flower, Tree, Fruit and Bird " should be encouraged for souvenirs, decoration, planting and design. The tree grows best in the dry woodlands along both the North and South coasts of the island. In addition to shedding an attractive blue flower, the plant itself is extremely ornamental. The wood is used for propeller shaft bearings in nearly all the ships sailing the Seven Seas, and because of these, in shipyears, etc. The wood is also used in the manufacturing of curios, sought after by visitors and nationals alike. There is also a thriving export trade. Blue Mahoe Hibiscus elatus This has been regarded as one of our primary economic timbers. It is currently much used for reafforestation and is a valuable source of cabinet timber. Of an attractive blue-green colour with variegated yellow intrusions, it is capable of taking a high polish showing to advantage the variety of grain and colour tones. The trade, local and foreign, consumes annually many thousands of feet of this beautiful timber. It now grows luxuriously, producing each year large quantities of edible fruit. The tree was unknown to science until plants were taken from Jamaica to England in by Capt. One of the earliest local propagators of the tree was Dr. Thomas Clarke who introduced it to the Eastern parishes in Jamaica is the only place where the fruit is generally recognised as an edible crop, although the plant has been introduced into most of the other Caribbean islands Trinidad, Grenada, Antigua, Barbados , Central America and even Florida where it is known by different names and does not thrive in economic quantities. It is well to note that the beautiful feathers of these birds have no counterpart in the entire bird population and produce iridescent colours, characteristics only of that family. The Doctor Bird has been immortalised for many decades in Jamaican folklore and songs. The following were finally chosen. For Jamaica, our Island home, the land of our birth " Response: We give Thee thanks, O God. For majesty of our hills, the beauty of our valleys, and the flaming loveliness of our gardens " Response: For the warmth and brightness of our days and the calm and peace of our countryside " Response: For the rich heritage of our people coming from many races, and yet one in purpose, in achievement, and in destiny, and for the dignity of labour and the service given by every citizen of our land " Response: For freedom, just laws and our democratic way of life " Response: For high privilege and responsibility of Independence and for bringing us to nationhood " Response: For our parents, teachers, religious and other leaders and all those who in every walk of life are helping to prepare us for responsible, citizenship, and for all those who are giving voluntary service in the public interest " Response: For the poets, artists and thinkers and all who create in us the vision of a new better society " Response: For godly heritage, the example of Jesus Christ and the sacrifices of our fathers in the faith " Response: Hear us we beseech Thee, O God. Grant us love and compassion for all those in need and distress and help us to remove poverty and ignorance from our land, and grant us prosperity and true wisdom, we pray " Response: Here us we beseech Thee, O God. Forgive us all that is unworthy and evil in our national life, establish us in righteousness and inspire us to work for universal brotherhood, we pray " Response: Guide and bless our nation, we pray, and make us loyal and dutiful citizens through Almighty God, the Father of us all. Before God and all mankind, I pledge the love and loyalty of my heart, the wisdom and courage of my mind, the strength and vigor of my body in the service of my fellow citizens, I promise to stand up for Justice,

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Brotherhood and Peace, to work diligently and creatively, to think generously and honestly, so that Jamaica may, under God, increase in beauty, fellowship and prosperity, and play her part in advancing the welfare of the whole human race. Shorter Pledge for Schools Before God and all Mankind I pledge my love, my loyalty and my skills in the service of Jamaica and my fellow citizens. I promise to work diligently and to help build a prosperous and peaceful nation. It was written by Victor Stafford Reid.

4: Why We Should Be Protesting the National Anthem

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Languages[edit] A national anthem is most often in the national or most common language of the country, whether de facto or official , there are notable exceptions. Most commonly, states with more than one national language may offer several versions of their anthem, for instance: The song itself was originally written in French. It was created by combining two different songs together and then modifying the lyrics and adding new ones. The tune is the same but the words are not a direct translation of each other. Although official, the Fijian version is rarely sung, and it is usually the English version that is performed at international sporting events. Although Singapore has four official languages, with English being the current lingua franca, the national anthem, " Majulah Singapura " is in Malay and by law can only be sung with its original Malay lyrics, despite the fact that Malay is a minority language in Singapore. One of these is the " Marcha Real ", the national anthem of Spain. In a national competition to write words was held, but no lyrics were chosen. The national anthem of India , " Jana Gana Mana ", has lyrics in the Bengali language , despite the fact that India has 22 official languages, with Hindi being the first official language and the most widely spoken of them. The national anthem of Finland Maamme was first written in Swedish and only later translated to Finnish. The presumed oldest national anthem belongs to the Netherlands and is called the " Wilhelmus ". It was written between and during the Dutch Revolt and its current melody variant was composed shortly before It was a popular orangist march during the 17th century but it did not become the official Dutch national anthem until The Japanese national anthem, " Kimigayo ", has the oldest lyrics, which were taken from a Heian period poem, yet it was not set to music until It is not officially the national anthem of the UK, though it became such through custom and usage. Serbia became the first Eastern European nation to have a national anthem " Rise up, Serbia! It was written by the Kenyan Anthem Commission in to serve as the anthem after independence from the United Kingdom. This was done to counter the famous New Zealand haka. In diplomatic situations the rules may be very formal. There may also be royal anthems , presidential anthems , state anthems etc. They are played on national holidays and festivals, and have also come to be closely connected with sporting events. Wales was the first country to adopt this, during a rugby game against New Zealand in Since then during sporting competitions, such as the Olympic Games , the national anthem of the gold medal winner is played at each medal ceremony ; also played before games in many sports leagues, since being adopted in baseball during World War II. In some countries, the national anthem is played to students each day at the start of school as an exercise in patriotism, such as in Tanzania. Many radio and television stations have adopted this and play the national anthem when they sign on in the morning and again when they sign off at night. The words of the National Anthem of the Republic of China written by Sun Yat-sen The use of a national anthem outside of its country, however, is dependent on the international recognition of that country. For instance, Taiwan has not been recognized by the Olympics as a separate nation since and must compete as Chinese Taipei ; its National Banner Song is used instead of its national anthem. The author of "God Save the Queen", one of the oldest and most well known anthems in the world, is unknown and disputed. Very few countries have a national anthem written by a world-renowned composer. The committee charged with choosing a national anthem for Malaysia at independence decided to invite selected composers of international repute to submit compositions for consideration, including Benjamin Britten , William Walton , Gian Carlo Menotti and Zubir Said , who later composed " Majulah Singapura ", the national anthem of Singapore. None were deemed suitable. A few anthems have words by Nobel laureates in literature. Other countries had their anthems composed by locally important people. A similar case is Liberia, the national anthem of which was written by its third president, Daniel Bashiel Warner. This section needs additional citations for verification. Please help improve this article by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed.

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Francis Scott Key observes the bombardment and the U. In , as the U. This is not just me looking back years and imposing my present-day worldview onto a different era – the hypocrisy was seen and known in real-time. I am simply incapable of respecting someone who bought, sold, traded, bred, and forced human beings into a brutal life of slavery. And my guess is that, the less your ancestors were affected by such a practice, the less of a disqualifier it is for you. At some point your character, or lack thereof, gets in the way of your contributions. Francis Scott Key, the author of what is now known as our national anthem, absolutely needs to be on the list of folks drummed out of polite company for their transgressions. He was a genuinely horrible human being. He was an open, flagrant bigot. He was not a silent bigot; he put his bigotry into words and actions. He came from a long line of slaveowners. His family got wealthy off buying, selling, trading, breeding, and working human beings to death. He continued the practice himself and owned human beings for most of his life. Not only that, but as the district attorney of Washington, D. In case after case, he fought against the rights of abolitionists and sought any means available to silence them. All the way back in , Key was defending heinous incidents of police brutality against African-Americans. The man fought to protect slavery until the day he died. He was no timid beneficiary – Key fought tooth and nail to protect it. I have a problem with Francis Scott Key. All of that results in me having a problem with Francis Scott Key. I see slavery as an evil institution. Participating in it, for Key, was not a one-time choice, but a gross daily decision to benefit from and defend at all costs. Their deaths were a highlight for him. This poem bothers me. Again, this is not me viewing the 19th century through a 21st century lens. It bothered abolitionists of the day.

6: The National Anthem – SWITCHFOOT MERCH

But as a football fan, mother, and patriot, I'm saddened that the field is no longer a place where we, as a nation, collectively rise at the sound of our anthem.

7: Jamaican National Symbols - The National Library of Jamaica

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8: The World Factbook – Central Intelligence Agency

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There's no law saying we must play the national anthem before all sports events. So let's not. Let's re-focus our passion and resources on issues that matter--like social injustice and inequality.

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