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Black Body vs Black Mind

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"Who is the
Patriot?"

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Black Body and Black Mind Meaning

01. **Black Body**

Physical labor, entertainment,
profit generation

02. **Black Mind**

Political thoughts, leadership,
outspoken, loud



Kings and Prawns

Black Mind

Robeson

- Spoke out on racism and injustice
- Faced violence, passport revoked, blacklisted

Robinson

- Worked within the white system
- When spoke out about injustice it made him soft
- Criticized Robeson publicly made him "good" citizen

Themes

- Independent Black voices were punished
- Enjoy when they are accessible and united
- Received little recognition

Kings and Prawns

Black Body

Robeson

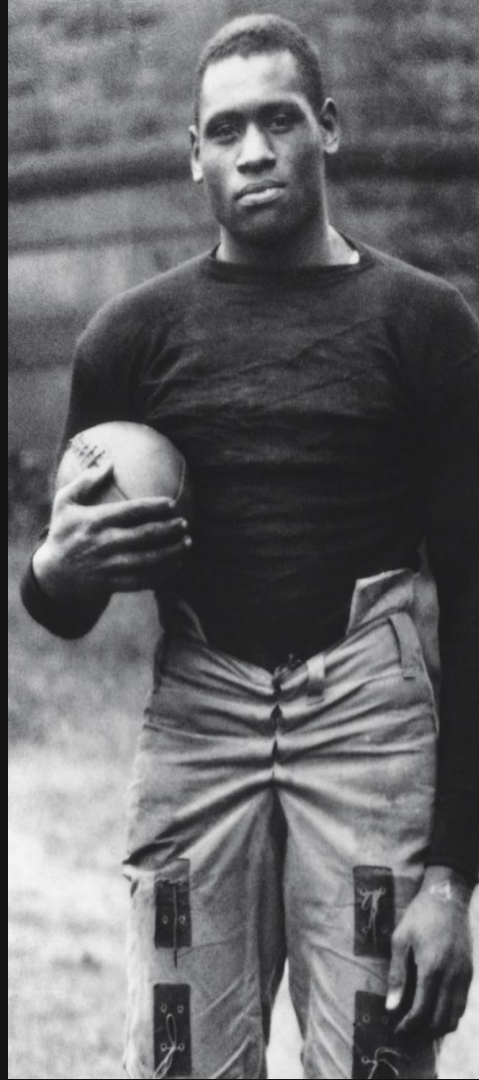
- No longer being used → no glory/praise
- Seen as an American Citizen when he was an athlete

Robinson

- Worked within the white system
- 1st All Star African American Player (pressure)
- Criticized for being overweight

Themes

- Received high recognition for bringing high reward (\$\$\$)
- As soon as not beneficial it is discarded or judged



What is Patriotism?

- Love and support for your country
- Respect for national symbols (flag, anthem)
- Loyalty to national values
- Can include criticism and protest
- Different people define it differently





“Who is the Patriot”

- Patriotism in sports is not always genuine
- Military tributes can be paid promotions
- Sports influence public opinion
- Protest is often seen as unpatriotic
- “Who decides what patriotism really means?”

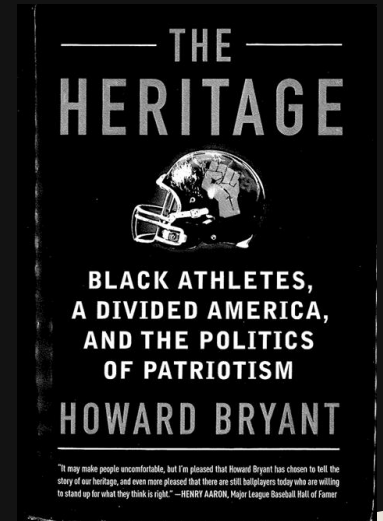
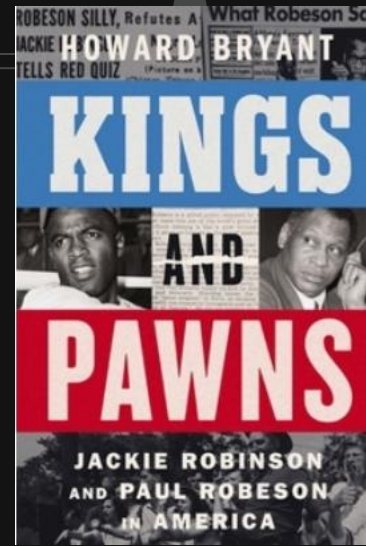


**Sports As
Protest**

Mother Jones

Connection between readings

Capitalism affects everything. “Who is the Patriot” directly examines how sports are used for profit in ways we don’t typically realized. However, in “kings and Pawns” the idea of the Black Body is used for profit as well. It is praised for when they are being used to support and benefit the team, making them money. Until they no longer support the White “winners” they are discarded or shamed. As long as you remain on the side of the enlarged (typically white) it is ok, Not creating controversy or outside opinions, creating conformity. In society’s eye whether or not it is admitted public figures, athletes, etc should remain within the conformity of opinions.



Real world example: Colin Kaepernick

Colin Kaepernick kneeling during the national anthem
Protest against police brutality

Black Mind

Criticized as “unpatriotic”

Free Agency → No Team Signed

Unrespectful

Black Body

Western Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the
Year 2008 and 2010

2012 Super Bowl 49s Starting QB



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I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color.

Colin Kaepernick

Black Body or Black Mind?

“A brand drops an athlete after they take a political stance.”

- a. Body
- b. Mind

Black Body or Black Mind?

“A brand drops an athlete after they take a political stance.”

b. Mind

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Black Body or Black Mind?

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C. all of the above

FINAL CONCLUSION

Black Body vs. Black Mind shows how people hype up Black athletes for what they do physically, but get uncomfortable when they speak out or share opinion

Sports and Media are really influenced by money, and people are rewarded for staying quiet and going along with the system.

When Black athletes speak up, they're often labeled as "unpatriotic" or face backlash

Society continues to support Black athletes only when it benefits them, which shows there's still a lot of inequality in how people are treated.

**THANK
YOU!**

