



photo courtesy of Nike

On Sept. 6th, Nike released an ad campaign featuring Colin Kaepernick, a former NFL player best known for being the first professional athlete to kneel during the national anthem.

Dear Nike,

Recently you released an ad campaign that had Colin Kaepernick as the spokesman. I am here to tell you why that was the wrong decision. Not only has Kaepernick disrespected the American flag, but he has also disrespected our military, our country and what we, as Americans, stand for.

First off, the slogan that Kaepernick delivers, "Believe in something- Even if it means sacrificing everything" is disrespectful towards families who really do sacrifice everything. Military families all over the world are missing precious moments with the ones they love. What did Kaepernick lose? Sure, he lost his football career. Still, can you really compare those two? I mean, did Kaepernick really sacrifice everything? Did he even sacrifice anything? He knelt during the duration of the national anthem, and he lost his paycheck from the NFL to only get another paycheck from you, Nike. All while extending his 15 minutes of fame. Wow, what a sacrifice.

Next, by having Colin Kaepernick pose as the face of your ad campaign, you create an even bigger separation throughout our already divided country. We have this division through political and racial problems, did you need to make it worse? We know you want to be talked and tweeted about, but you should be trying to bring the country together- not apart. Maybe, you're just too greedy to realize the divisiveness of your decision.

We know Kaepernick doesn't stand for the national anthem but does he, or you, understand why we do? It's simple: we are Americans. WE STAND for all the people who have given their lives for us. WE STAND for those who are out in the world fighting for us, so that we may be home doing the things we love. WE STAND for our freedom. Unlike you, Nike- we Americans- at least stand for something.

For a company known for saying "Just do it," you should have said just don't.

Sincerely,

A former customer-

sophomore Hannah Tjepkes

NOT SO saved by the bell

by sophomore Halle Haack

Four minutes. That's all we have to accomplish the four hundred things we have to do before class. Just. Four.

Why is this such a problem? It's simple. The Water Cycle. We get thirsty, we drink some water, and... well, we all know what happens next.

While that might not seem like an issue, this is: Do you even bother filling up your water bottle knowing that just triggers nature?

Besides, it's mathematically impossible to accomplish everything expected of us in just four minutes.

Somebody tell me how 11 of us girls can access the 13 bathroom stalls within 240 seconds? I'll do that math for you - We can't!



Still, we need supplies for our next period since carrying around backpacks aren't an option.

So, add running to my locker to unload six pounds of books and folders only to replace them with another six pounds. By the time I've merely gathered my materials, it's too late to do anything else, let alone be in class on time.

To add on to our stress, teachers don't like when students ask to go do these things before class starts. We're often met with phrases like, "that's why you have this passing time". Nonetheless, if

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we don't ask, there's the risk of coming back late and getting a detention. Now we're back to square one.

Want a simple solution? Give us some time that truly allows us to do what we need to. Four minutes aren't enough.

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