Practice quiz on *Time* magazine piece on Colin Kaerpernick and protest (see answers at bottom).

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2. Decreased donations to charity by the wealthy
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He says he wants social change, but then he doesn’t exercise his most basic right (voting) to start to seek the

change he wants to see. So, then some may wonder if he is acting out of a true concern for social justice or out

of an attempt to build his reputation/personal brand