

# On Kneeling...

The news has contained so much shameless, blatant and prejudicial acts of hypocrisy in the last few weeks that honestly I have become so repulsed that I just do not listen or watch anymore. I have always revered my country, its citizens and especially our flag and all the pomp and circumstance that comes along with it. I can honestly say that in all my years of living in this great country I have never been ashamed of some of the people as I am now.

When my children were in kindergarten and learning the Pledge of Allegiance I remember them all three saying, “a nation invisible” instead of indivisible. Have our allegiances, our loyalties become invisible here in our homeland? We are indivisible, inseparable and undividable, at least we used to be and should be.

First of all, let me say I do respect our rights to speech, to our rights to believe what we choose to believe and our rights to act on those beliefs. However, I do think it is wrong to act out toward something that has nothing to do with what we are supposedly upset about. This is my take on the people kneeling with the sullen faces and frowns. This to them, is not about our flag or our national anthem. It’s about a “cause” that has absolutely nothing to do with the

“Red, White, and Blue.” They are using this as a means of getting their agenda out there and it doesn’t matter to them who it involves or offends. Some of them say they are doing this because of racial prejudice. Some say because they want to boot Trump from his position. Others just make up some nonsense.

What a way to protest!!

I heard an older and much wiser man say the other day that they should live in one of the foreign countries where anarchy rules and then come back and tell us what they want to protest. I believe they

would as my mother used to say, “Sing a different tune.”

Again, I say it is not about the flag or our country’s National Anthem. It’s all about their own agenda because I could never be convinced that they are not happy living in a free country, enjoying a grand home and making millions of dollars a year. It is truly a sad state of affairs what our people and county has become.

And, what can we do about it? Absolutely nothing. It is their freedom of rights just as it is mine to protest and not agree with their shenanigans.

Don’t get me wrong, I do not agree with all our country’s leaders and what they are doing here in my land. Would I

## Happy Birthday

**October 19** - David Hudson, Josh Abel

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change some things if I could? Probably, but where and how would I know to begin? My husband’s number came up during the Vietnam War. Did he want to go Army? Did I want him to go? NO, but he served his country. And he went without protesting just as many of our families and friends did. He truly respects our flag and the freedoms it stands for. We have one flying over our house and he is truly offended at the actions of others.

Yes, you have your rights to protest. I will stand up for your rights as a citizen of this country and the freedoms that go with it but just be sure what you are protesting is the real thing.

This is one of my recipes:  
**Jazzed up Smoked Sausage**  
-One pound of Hillshire smoked sausage cut into small chunks.  
-Brown 2 cups cut up potatoes with 1 cup onion, and ½ cup diced bell pepper  
-one crushed garlic bulb.

Brown and cook for about 15 minutes and then add sausage. Add 1 cup butterbeans, 1 cup whole kernel corn, ½ cup cut up okra, salt and pepper. Mix well and pour 1 quart of tomatoes and juice overall and cook uncovered on medium heat until reducing and them cover and simmer for at least 30 – 45 minutes.

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**October 24** - Logan Engle, Travis Dunn, Alayna Hager, Brianna Dallas, Jerakaylah Moore, Marjorie Prince, Ty Love, Hadli-Kaye Dixon

**October 25** - Tameka Thomas, Josh Mitchell, Ja’Marcus Ross, Will Burrell, Ray Ware, Hayley Pritchard, Tammy McAdams, Sabrina Miller, Betty Ray, Mary Ann Diffey, James Lloyd, Larry Ables

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There will be no formal presentation at these vendor fairs; rather, they offer an opportunity to speak to project team members one-on-one and submit your company’s information for consideration. You may come and go at your convenience.

Suppliers who are unable to attend these vendor fairs may submit their company’s information at **www.SouthernCrossTransmission.com** or call **1-888-412-6339**.

Fairs will be held:

**Tuesday, October 24**  
**1 - 4 p.m.**  
**Courtyard by Marriott Columbus**  
**1995 6th Street North**  
**Columbus, MS 39701**

**Wednesday, October 25**  
**1 - 4 p.m.**  
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