
Opposing boycott of Beijing's Olympic Games

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Re:Opposing boycott of Beijing's Olympic Games

Posted by Miramar - 2008/04/12 08:45

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live anymore. I sincerely hope the 22nd or the 23rd century humans does not have this kind of "selfish" mentality. No wonder the world is full of problems when many are "selfish" looking for their own good.

New mature and wise mentality are needed to solved many human's woes of today's time/era and "mentality" plays a crucial and important part.

In other words I do not accept nor will I acknowledge the notion of separation of "sports" and "politics" for both are humans' problem and related to humans and should be dealt, acknowledge and respect by the humans including athletes. Are the athletes not humans or without kind hearts or compassionate understanding?

Just because it doesn't happen to us doesn't mean we have to ignore or separate the issue. Just because we are athletes or lawyers or doctors or noble laureates or engineers we must not degrade the value of human's dignity no matter who, where the suffering is. We all are humans and everyone who has understanding, compassion, kind and unselfish should accept the fact that a little ripple can effect the entire pond.

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hi miramar,

thanks for making this issue so alive, may i remind everyone that this article posted is for all of us to discuss, in other words this is "for the sake of just discussing"---

Getting down to the point, the olympic greats spoke as professional "athletes"

talking of being a professional- according to the thoughts of the article may i ask you miramar,...

1.does red cross serve humanity according to ideology?

red cross is an international organization that cares for the sick or wounded or homeless in wartime (it has a badge of neutrality)

let's get down to athlete definition:

A person possessing the natural or acquired traits, such as strength, agility, and endurance, that are necessary for physical exercise or sports, especially those performed in competitive contexts.

so my number two question is:

2. Does an olympic athlete compete only to countries he desires?

China is hosting the 2008 olympic games, but because this country has been poorly measured about human rights by us..my third question is

3- Why allow such country to host olympic games in the first place?

Who then are responsible for Chinas status in the 21st century?

Now the article which i posted expressed the firm belief of professional olympic athletes, in terms of profession, did they violate a rule as far as olympic games are concerned?

My answer is NO, they are athletes and their business is to play skillfully and compete-

If i am a gold medalist in a swimming competition and i have the capacity to win again (and bring home the bacon to my homeland) - will i say no-no, it is China --?
am i acting as a professional olympic athlete?

4.Yao Ming is an example of a chinese who plays for the NBA and with the current situation between America and China

regarding disputes about human rights, does Yao Ming serve his profession as a professional athlete correctly?

5. Who then plays politics? Where is the drawing line?

After answering my queries, maybe our discussions will go further than just illustrating illness- on the other hand people play politics in all areas of life i agree with you-

but the article i posted is primarily concerned about the idea of how olympic greats think- how a professional athlete thinks.

regards,
linsi

Re: Opposing boycott of Beijing's Olympic Games

Posted by Miramar - 2008/04/13 01:08

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Yes, it depends on that individual. There are those who concentrate only on gaining medals for their countries and then there are those who include the dignity and value of other humans and take into account.

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Yao Ming did his part and his agenda and his way. My way is to magnify/amplify the importance of the dignity of humans no matter how small or minority they may be or how remotely they live. Basically we are all the same species and we must respect the same as we respect the wealthy and fortunate people.

To me there is no line drawn. There is no line between sports and politics or health and happiness for they all are inter-related. This goes back to Einstein's General Theory of Relativity where all things are intertwined together. By the way I want to present an unrelated topic.....What do people think of UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) ???

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In conclusion, the so called "professional athletes" are also human and this is the truth and the fact. Being "professional" is one thing and "disregard" to other humans is another.

Regards, respect and retrospective reasoning,
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http://article.wn.com/view/2008/04/12/The_flame_of_pomp_and_power/

Look carefully at the link's picture. What does it tells? Can you elaborate that linsi or any one out there?

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Agreed, Miramar, we are all inter-related, no doubt about it, but there is a thing which is "seperate"- "professionalism in terms of work" and "personal agenda" which should be outside work-

even nature suggests "seperation" like the heavens and the earth, like fire and water, oil and water which cannot go together, but harmoniously flow to define life itself, hope you get me- what i am trying to say is the message of the article i posted putting emphasis on how the olympic greats stood their positions as professional competitors in the name of the game not in the name of "human rights abuse" because they served their purpose as athletes. Don't they know issues about countries? of course they do- but they were ambassadors of the olympic games

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I think when we say that playing in the beijing olympics is an athlete's profession, does that mean they donot have the heart for tibet and darfur? i think we could never judge them, as we refuse to judge Yao Ming, i for one personally donot agree with "enslaving other people in the name of rights and freedom, but respect the olympic games does that mean i donot care? if other say yes, then i was judged wrongly-

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therefore if you say that world leaders, olympic committee , EU, UN and US are responsible for China's status and implying that they are indeces of China's hosting the Olympics then who now plays politics?

Let China host and boycott later ? In the first place, China has never changed its position in matters of ideology and political set-ups, they were the ones who opened-up due to the free-world's clamour, and these free societies gave their permission to Beijing, now they cry " wolf?"

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torch is for olympic games not China
athletes are professional game competitors doing their jobs , China must
be dealt accordingly with other political matters, and if the free world wanted
a total "slap" against China then do it in terms of sanctions, economy, and many more-

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I agree about inter-relationship, but i strongly believe lines drawn, there is such a thing as "seperation" like the seperation of the church from state, still
working together, intertwined forming a society..and i illustrated it already above, there is a line-drawn, that works
harmoniously in terms of defining things to place it in respective orders .

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a vey interesting exchange miramar ^_^

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Yes, I agree with you linsi. It is a very interesting exchange. I also respect you for you are an intelligent, understanding and mature lady. I do want to response to some of your statements.

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Yes, they are the ambassadors of their respective countries. That is the very reason I am arguing about. Being ambassadors mean they representing their nations and they are the symbols. Conducting games as usual in the name of Olympic knowingly the host is a murderer, knowingly the place is where innocent lives were being murdered is absurd and wrong to me. When a person did something wrong unknowingly it can be argue as not guilty or innocent but when a person did it wrong knowingly or aware of THEN he or she is as guilty as hell. Look all the people ask the world leaders is to acknowledge the suffering of this unpleasant killings and boycott the games. No body is asking to invade China. Just an acknowledgement and gesture by boycotting these murderers.

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I understand linsi. The athletes gives their lives or injured during the process of achieving success and pride for their nations or families and friends willingly, passionately and knowingly. As for the Tibetans they gives their lives by the unfair and injustices of the occupants forcefully and unwillingly. If a woman makes relationship with a man willingly this is called love but if a woman had to make relationship with a man unwillingly/forcefully it is called rape. There's a big difference.

By the way do you or any reader knows there are tens of thousands of UFO sightings around the world?

Regards and Respect
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