

Black Athletes: The American Legal System and Race Relations

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This work briefly looks at four African-American Athletes, their brush with the American legal system, and the racial implications of each case. The athletes, Jack Johnson, Paul Robeson, Jesse Owens and Orenthal James Simpson, were received and perceived differently by the black and white communities both before and after their legal encounters. It shows the effect of the African-American Athlete on race relations, that is not caused or shown by white athletes.