## HHH-Lebron James fight for Social Justice

**Entrance Question**: Could you successfully steal a base in Major League Baseball if you had 100 attempts? Keep in mind that the catcher throws the ball cleanly, the ball is caught cleanly and the tag is made cleanly.

## SI's 2020 Sportsperson of the Year: The Activist Athlete

In December of 2020, Lebron James was named The <u>Time Magazine</u> Athlete of the Year and the <u>Sports Illustrated</u> Sportsman of the Year.

Lakers star LeBron James became the first athlete to be named *Sports Illustrated*'s Sportsperson of the Year three times, when he was one of five athlete activists to receive this year's honor.

James previously won the award in 2012 and 2016. This year, the Lakers star is one of five recipients, joined by Breanna Stewart, Patrick Mahomes, Naomi Osaka and Laurent Duvernay-Tardif.

The 35-year-old James capped off his NBA season by helping the Lakers win their 17th championship in franchise history. But beyond winning his fourth NBA title, James was also among a group of NBA players who used their platforms to speak out on police brutality, racial inequality and voting initiatives.

James frequently addressed the shootings of multiple Black men and women and used his standing to speak out on issues related to the election and voter registration. More Than a Vote, an organization headlined by James, helped sign up over 10,000 volunteer poll workers in its efforts to combat voter suppression.

With the honor, James surpassed legendary golfer Tiger Woods in total Sportsperson of the Year awards, with Woods having taken home the prestigious honor in 1996 and 2000.

Here is a segment from <u>ESPN's The Jump</u> that speaks directly to Lebron James's impact on Sports and impact that sports stars have on the push for social justice. Also, listen closely for guidance to the answer of your exit question

Exit Question: What kind of impact, do sport stars like Lebron James, have on the push for social justice? Please explain your answer in 4-5 sentences.