

# Boogie Down Productions, The Racist

Verse

I've been taught to respect my elders and behave  
Even if when they were young they sold slaves  
Truth and understandin' is what I crave  
In the land of the thief, home of the slave  
Turn your page to a brief demonstration  
Cos now in '90 it's strictly information I'm givin'  
Teachin' on a regular basis  
Today's lecture is about The Racist  
We're not out to exaggerate or diss him  
But show the symptoms and facts of racism  
Understand The Racist ain't equal  
There's about five different types of racist people  
First of the five different types of cases  
Is the individual brought up racist  
Here you have young men and women  
Brought up in the Great White Way opinion  
This opinion introduced by the parent  
To the civilised becomes transparent  
The civilised man could look through the faces  
Make the analysis and see The Racist  
Number two case which y'all must hear  
Is the individual racist out of fear  
Here you have people that fear the African  
And conjure up new ways of trappin' him  
Number three is the unconscious racist  
Not knowin' they're racist they invade your spaces  
They say, &quot;I'm not a racist, I'm not a bigot&quot;;  
Yet they allow it to go on and won't admit it  
Number four is the money racist  
The one that used the topics of sheer economics  
They say, &quot;Owning a business isn't for the black man  
He don't want that&quot;;, yet they went and took his land  
Damn, that's like a rock in a hard place  
You don't have your land yet this ain't your space  
America was built by every other race  
Except the European that runs this place  
What a waste, America's doomed  
To be overthrown by the righteous real soon  
But last but not least racial prejudice  
Is the black man speakin' out of ignorance  
Whitey this and Ching-Chow that  
Is not how the intelligent man acts  
You can't blame the whole white race  
For slavery, cos this ain't the case  
A large sum of white people died with black  
Tryin' hard to fight racial attacks  
The media wants you to think that no whites  
Really fought and died for Civil Rights  
But once we have a true sense of history  
You'll see this too as a mystery  
If black and white didn't argue the most  
They could clearly see the government's screwin' 'em both.