

Dead Prez, Know Your Enemy

[stic.man & m1] [talking]

[m1:] ugh, know what I mean?

[stic.man:] I can't believe these niggas

[m1:] gon' flip they scurve, these niggas, what?

[stic.man:] mo'fuckin star spangled banner shit

[m1:] yeah, I can't even- yo, fuck that, i'm not fuckin with this shit

i'm not fuckin with none of these niggas

[stic.man:] red, white and blue thugs, now

[m1:] ugh

[stic.man:] that's how it's goin down niggas

[m1:] straight r.b.g.'s (r.b.g.'s), for life, for life

[stic.man:] y'all talk bout the rocks on your watch

[m1:] know that

[stic.man:] y'all niggas don't even know what time it is

[m1:] yeah, ugh, you betta

[chorus:]

[stic.man & m1]

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[stic.man]

you got to watch what you say in these days and times

It's a touchy situation, lotta fear and emotion

september 11th

televised world-wide

suicide planes fallin like bombs from out the sky

they wasn't aimin at us

not at my house

they hit the world trade, the pentagon, and almost got the white house

now everybody walkin round patriotic

how we gon' fight to keep freedom when we ain't got it?

you wanna stop terrorists?

start with the u.s. imperialists

ain't no track record like america's, see

bin laden was trained by the c.i.a

but I guess if you a terrorist for the u.s

then it's okay

uh huh

[m1]

they try to make us think we crazy

but I know what they doin, they tryna put us back in slavery

check it, to get on welfare you gotta get your fingerprints

soon ya gotta do eyescans to get your benefits

now they got them cards to swipe, ain't no more foodstamps

shoulda seen it comin, now it's too late to get amped

and everything got a barcode

so they know what you got, when you got it, and what you still owe

you seen them projects, lately you better watch it

why they got us surrounded if money is the object?

why they use satellites to keep track of the criminals?

why they puttin jails in schools, is it subliminal?

cameras everywhere to protect us from one another
or is it the undercover, disguised as big brother
and even freedom of speech is limited
mad leaders done spoke up, and look at what these crackas did

[chorus]

[m1]

and you ain't got to believe me
go 'head and listen to bush
the dope pusher on the t.v
what you think the war is for?
cause the greedy wantin more and more
we be hustlin the corridor
I would never join the military
one soldier to another, nigga holla if ya hear me
goin out to the best sons and daughters
don't be a lamb gettin led to the slaughter
I'ma keep ridin when my momma released
cause ain't no stoppin us now, dawg
freedom before peace
ugh
they got a plan for us?
we got a plan for them
and this time we gon' win
who in? you out? you in?
no doubt, we men
ain't no ridin the fence
It's called self-defense
It makes sense
when they tell us we gotta shackles on our brains (say what?)
I'll be damned if I sit here and let them put us back in chains

[singing]

at the bonfires of the city
I've seen blood ([stic.man:] a'what?...)
blood ([stic.man:] a'what?...)
blood ([stic.man:] a'what?...)