

## 2 Live Crew "Banned In The U.S.A."

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News reporter:  
Earlier today in Broward County, appalling court  
judges upheld the previous  
ruling to ban the sale of Miami rap group the 2 Live  
Crew's  
double-platinum album, "Nasty As They Wanna Be," in  
Broward County.

"We think it's the banning of free speech. First  
Amendment protects  
material, presumptively."

Luke (being interviewed):  
"We don't talk about, uh, harrassing and sexually  
brutalizing women in  
my music, man!"  
"We don't do that in my music, man! I'm tired of you  
saying that!"

Verse 1: Fresh Kid Ice  
We've got white-collar people trying to grab our style  
Saying we're too nasty and we're 2 Live  
Corrupted politicians playing games  
Bringing us down to boost their fame  
They must be joking thinking we will fall  
But they're like flies movin' the wall  
We stand tall from beginning to end  
With the help from fans and all our friends  
Freedom of speech will never die  
For us to help, our ancestors died  
Don't keep thinking that we will quit  
We'll always stand and never sit  
We're 2 live, 2 black, 2 strong  
Doing the right thing, and not the wrong  
So listen up, y'all, to what we say  
We won't be banned in the U.S.A.!

Reporter:

"Luke's concerts are for adults"

Luke (being interviewed):

"If it's an adult show you have to be 18"

"Our record is a year old, but with all the publicity,  
there's a lot of  
people ... curiosity is around!"

"We're selling records to a totally different audience."

"I take a precaution that nobody else has not stickered  
my album, I made

TWO versions"

Verse 2: Brother Marquis

The First Amendment gave us freedom of speech

So what you sayin'? It didn't include me?

I like to party and have a good time

There's nothin' but pleasure written in our rhyme

I know you don't think we'll ever quit

We've got some people on our side who won't take your  
lip

We're gonna do all the things we wanna do

You can't stand to see a brother get as rich as you

This is the 90s and we're conin' on strong

Sayin' things and doin' things that you're sayin's wrong

Wisen up, 'cause on Election Day,

We'll see who's banned in the U.S.A.!

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Luke (being interviewed):

"The show in Hollywood, that was for 21-and-over  
people, they had police

out there, cars of the people coming in the club, and  
they still

arrested us for performing in front of adults!"

Luke's speech:

What is this?? Is this not America? This is not China!

This is not

Russia! This is not the place where they brought down  
the wall, this is

America! We have the right to say what we want to say,  
we have the right

to do what we want to do, and what I do in my house,

you might not do in your house!  
So what I do in my house is my business! And the  
simple fact  
of it all is that we are BONDED by the First Amendment!  
We have the  
freedom of EXPRESSION! We have the freedom of  
CHOICE! And you,  
Chinese, black, green, purple, Jew,  
YOU have the right to listen to whoever  
you want to, and even the 2 Live Crew! So all you right-  
wingers, left-  
wingers, bigots, Communists, there IS a place for you  
in this world!  
Because this is the land of the FREE, the home of the  
BRAVE! And 2 Live  
  
is what we are!

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