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Public Enemy "Consequences"

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[Intro/Chorus: Paris]

Is it a, coincidence that we ain't taught truth A, coincidence that they target the youth A, coincidence everything is the same That a message in the music ain't a part of the game A, coincidence that we livin a lie A, coincidence that we only get by A, coincidence that so many are lost And do prison time 'fore we notice the cost

[Paris]

It really ain't difficult to break the mold And take a close look at the lies we're told Wipe away the facade, see we got to know See the plot to control and to rot the soul You can make anybody that don't read believe anything that they see on the TV screen That a lie is reality, the sky is green That there's weapons in Iraq, and the President's clean When it's on, thinkin you can trust police Every black is a beast and our women are cheap And that brothers gettin murdered is the way of the streets

That it's normal to die when we still in our teens And that's the way it is, what's the use to try That school is a motherfuckin waste of time Slang yay, die young, maybe get rich rhymin And prison if you black is just a part of life And that all of America support the Pres' Religion is the way, and we all full of sin That it's better after death if we suffer and pray Even though they fuck us off in this life today And that white Jesus hangin on the wall in church ain't a part of a lie to keep a brother subservient And that the whole world need the word "Amen" Got troops overseas gettin murdered for free If you buy that shit, I got a bridge to sell Like I said I'm a rebel, so I must re-bel And lies be the truth now, war is peace Like corporations don't dictate the streets Like brothers don't die for the diamond or bling Like brothers don't die over songs we sing

Like patri-ots act like the Patriot Act While we swing on this bitch 'til we break it in half

[Chorus]

[Paris]

You guilty if arrested and niggaz are thugs Only good for welfare, murder and drugs

The media is true, with no bias at all And Fox News ain't on the President's balls That Lacey and O.J. and Kobe and Mike ain't bullshit and really do matter in life That you shouldn't be insulted they give 'em the time but never talk about all this corporate crime That they generatin news stay loose with facts Relate fake views that'll keep us attracted like sheep so we don't think, never react Never question authority, never suspect Never trip off of why what matters to us always seem unimportant, and never get love Why it's never any money for the school support But it's fallin out the sky for these corporate wars

[Chorus]

[Paris]

They never give real shit space to shine Just donkey-ass niggaz on assembly line Cookie cutter pop-slutter make music designed to pedal Coca-Cola, Motorola and Sprite No love for the Enemy with video play But they give Flav a show to take the focus away from the realest group ever made, whaddya say when to them it's Eminem that's goin down as the greatest?

When the plan is a shame like we makin a choice Understand it's a scam who get handed a voice And it's only a few and they decide in advance Like votin for the President and both of them fam All that "God bless America, and nobody else" But I can smell racism, however it's dealt Know the real shit never miss, see how it's felt All around the world, hear the people cryin for help

[Chorus]

[Outro: Paris]

A, coincidence ex-cons can't vote

- A, coincidence they can't get no work
- A, coincidence that they can't hold heat

Now they know that they enemy don't look like me A, coincidence that we shit out of luck The consequence of coincidences all add up When you never know the reason and you're set up to suffer The offense is coincidence is never the cause

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