

## Public Enemy "Politics Of The Sneaker Pimps"

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Jesus is the best thing that happened to the game  
Since the tennis shoe was invented

On the outs I lace up, the world I face up  
To score on anybody, it's war on everybody  
The new guys come in blood shot between the eyes  
As long as their sellin' that merchandise

And one what goes in, don't come back  
The color may be green but it's also black  
And red I know many heads that spent bloodshed  
Cursed in converses, dead in Pro Keds

Now every Tom, Dick, Harry or Joe Smith  
Skip the spauldings, pony's, and K-Swiss  
High school and college coaches gettin'  
Kickbacks from scholarships and them slave ships

Converses for the pros, kids with Filas  
Reebok, Nikes, New Balance my Adidas  
Ain't part of that clique, spendin' all the chits on kicks  
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Hey Dr. J where you got those moves  
Was it gettin' high in the schools, can it be the shoes?  
Truth is truth, I tear the fuckin' roof off the house  
Expose them foes with my mouth

I see corporate hands up in foreign lands  
With the man behind the man gettin' paid behind the  
man  
I hold the rocket, stop the hand in my pocket  
200 a pair but I'm addicted to the gear

They'll make me do things on the court to amaze ya  
I heard they make 'em for a buck 8 in Asia  
They came a long way baby since

Clyde Frazier had Pumas, pullin' mad consumers

Them Filas I'm feelin' but I cant touch the ceiling  
Them New Balance hits 120 million  
The last thing I need is Adidas terminatin' my contract  
For wearing those old pair of wack

Reebok low tops covered up by floppy socks  
Gave me a jump shot before I got jumped and shot  
Duckin' a word from my sponsor  
Trying to end my year like Kwaanza

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Been paid since the 8th grade  
11th grader, pop the champagne  
12th grade start the campaign  
Gettin' fame, sign my name in the dotted frame

Nike got me pullin' re's and g's  
Shit, I can get shot for these  
Please God give me 20 more years in these knees  
To maintain without this game I gotta do keys

And I don't wanna go there because it's fuckin'  
everywhere  
Factories wanna see me, kids wanna be me  
Behind the wheels and endorsement deals  
It's the politics and the tricks behind the kicks

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