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Rick Guard "Core Audience"

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[talking/scratching]

Quiet down, quiet down.. Now listen, now listen.

[Verse 1]

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Hip Hop! ?? to the bop perputratin' Left Eye and the .22's, .45's, uzis, techs and 9's but can you rhyme though? Cuz niggaz went overboard with straps and just subtract that most of 'em can barely rap worth jack shiiiit! We all lick shots wit' unregistered burners and at one time or another played Ike Turner Ain't shit to be braggin' for ass backwards actors pack gats for show and tell So they can sell and certify gold, chart billboard claimin' they killed more niggaz Underground hardcore. But far more mainstream than Hammer poppin' trunks, stuffin' pumps and smokin' blunts sells more records than "Pumps & a Bump" Violence is a new platinum gimmick Call it the double cross crossover A rose by any other name is "Seal" you claimin' that you "represent the real niggaz life" but only represent it for a price Cuz if next week the new fad was hiphop fags you'd find a lot of hardcore niggaz in DRAG Shit is bad and we acknowledge this but at a certain point you only perpetuate it So NEXT TIME you rhyme about physically buckin' somebody [POW!] instead of "nigga" say "whiteboy" and see how quick the devil PROTEST it wanna see yo' ass ARRESTED, your label wouldn't SUGGEST it They say it's BEST if you stick to killin' niggaz

o some 10-year old can claim he pimps ho's find his daddy's glock 9 and give his sister a 2 inch hole

between the eyes -- the influence is obvious Music ain't supposed to be raisin' your kids but in 1995 it is

I know it is -- ?? goes from ghetto to gettin' mo' dough but silly ass niggaz need to know [need to know] That before it makes dollars it must make sense I kick my shit for the core audience

[Chorus]

For the core audience I kick the artform shit (Repeated 6X)

(Cut of speaker talking) "We ARE the music industry and we have to take control You strip the BLOOD of the Black community and you feel we have now right now to say something about it?!"

[Verse 2]

Now niggaz always reminisce about the old school days in the park you have to realize hiphop was fucked from the start When Sugar Hill got major distribution threatned existence we didn't control our shit once rap became a music business Music: the art of expression, combinations of tones Business: the explotation for profit of an artform Conflict of interest, two seperate entities Niggaz pretend to be real but still sleeping with the enemy and not to diss Rick Rubin but who let the jews in? Our only solution create our own institution Manufacturing, marketing, production and distribution cuz Blacks are 99% consumers [For example] Now "rapper X" got skills his band "producer of the vear" got a distribution deal with "Real Records" "Real Records" is a subsidiary of "Ruben Tony Inc." "Ruben Tony" is owned by "Poly/Sony" "Poly/Sony" distributes to the record store the record store receives the product from the manufacturer [but wait there's more]

Now the manufacturer fucks the record store who was fuckin' "Poly/Sony" who was fuckin' "Ruben Tony" "Ruben's" robbin' "Real" who's fuckin' "producer of the year" and "rapper X" is still broke, so who got fucked the most? The artist creates the market but receives the least profits it started in the streets but got FUCKED by the office So that's why I remain anonymous symbolic of cuttin' out the middle man and keepin' mine autonomous I'd rather be major on a minor than minor on a major label I'm willin' and able to put your label on my choppin' table recycle Black dollars but not go pop and if I flop at least I stayed true to hip-hop

[Chorus]

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