

Dead Prez "Police State"

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[Sample of Chairman Omali Yeshitela:]

You have the emergence in human society of this thing
that's called

The State. What is the State? The State is this
organized bureaucracy.

It is the police department. It is the Army the Navy. It is
the prison

System the courts and what have you. This is the State
it is a repressive

Organization. But the state and gee well you know
you've got to have the

Police because if there were no police, look at what
you'd be doing to

Yourselves -- you'd be killing each other if there were
no police! But the

Reality is the police become necessary in human
society only at that junction

In human society where it is split between those who
have and those who ain't got.

I throw a Molotov cocktail at the precinct

You know how we think:

Organize the hood under I Ching banners,

Red, Black and Green instead of gang bandannas

FBI spying on us through the radio antennas

And them hidden cameras in the streetlight watching
society

With no respect for the people's right to privacy

I'll take a slug for the cause like Huey P.

While all you fake niggas try to copy Master P

I want to be free to live

Hey, (but?) they have what I need to live

Bring the power back to the street where the people live

I'm sick of working for crumbs and filling up the prisons

Dying over money and relying on religion

For help. We do for self like ants in a colony

Organize the wealth into a socialist economy

A way of life based off the common need

And all my comrades are ready

We just spreading the seed

(Chorus:)

The average Black male
Live a third of his life in a jail cell
Cause the world is controlled by the white male
And the people don' never get justice
And the womben don' never get respected
And the problems don' never get solved
And the jobs don' never pay enough
So the rent always be late.
Can you relate?
We living in a police state

No more bondage, no more political monsters
No more secret space launchers
Government departments started it in the projects
Material objects, thousands up in the closets
Could've been invested in a future for my comrades
Battle contacts, primitive weapons out in combat
Many never come back
Pretty niggas be running with gats
Rather get shot in they back than fire back
We tired of that
Corporations hiring Blacks, denying the facts
Exploiting us all over the map
That's why I write the shit I write in my raps
It's documented, I'm in it
Every day of the week I live in it, breathing it
It's more than just fucking believing it
I'm holding in ones, rolling up my sleeves an' shit
It's (Cee-lo?) for push-ups now
Many headed for one conclusion
Niggas ain't ready for revolution

(Chorus:)

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[Sample of Chairman Omali Yeshitela:]
(That's right, that developed?) me: brought me here
and worked me like an
Animal. Built the political economy off my stolen labor.
Made them rich.

Made me poor.

(Chorus:)

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[Sample of Chairman Omali Yeshitela:]

Why is it that Black people and everybody like us live in
the kind of
Poverty and misery that we live in? Everywhere I look
around me are nothing
But poverty and misery, on the one hand. And yet, what
I'm seeing is that
Everywhere there's wealth and riches in the world it's in
the white
Community somewhere, whether it's in europe or
whether it's right cross the
Street from where I was born.

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