

STOP RAPPER NAS

THE N WORD SHOWS ITS UGLY HEAD AGAIN!

The rapper Nas has seemingly chosen to title his new cd to be released in the month of February, which is black history month. We are asking stores to refuse to stock the cd, radio stations to refuse to play it and consumers to refuse to purchase it.

Nas may have the legal right to put out such a cd, but he has obviously failed in his moral responsibility. With nooses showing up around the country and racism raising its ugly head every day, artists like Nas give a license for society to practice such racist behavior, because of their disrespect. You cannot repackage hate and evil, and call it acceptable.

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TELL THEM TO "STOP NAS".**

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The N-Word

Throughout American history no other word has embodied as much hatred as the word nigger. The "n-word", as it is often referred, was historically used by whites to ridicule, degrade, and discriminate against African Americans. The origin of the word nigger can be traced to the Latin word niger, which means black; this word became the noun Negro in English. It is probable that nigger is the phonetic spelling of the white Southern mispronunciation of the word Negro. By the early 1800's the word nigger was firmly established as a degenerative nickname for African Americans. Many strides have been made to abolish the word nigger from the English language in an effort to symbolize the end of an era in American history where African American people were considered inferior beings simply because of their skin color.

The post slavery period in American history was rife with racial tension. Although African Americans had legally been freed from the institution of slavery, the racism that was the culprit of that system allowed whites to impose their superiority on Blacks not only in the south but throughout the country. In order to sustain the mental inferiority complex that was the result of decades of oppression racist whites would call African Americans nigger in place of their name. And any opposition to such use of this word could be met with physical harm and in some cases death. To be called a nigger was a constant reminder to African Americans of a second class citizenship, which had been imposed on them for many generations. The effects of such oppression have allowed the use of the word nigger to undergo a surprising transformation.

The word nigger has been sustained by a generation who was not exposed to the use of the word in its most degrading form. White racists succeeded in leaving a practice of hatred that they no longer have to impose upon Blacks, rather, blacks impose this type of hatred upon themselves. The African American youth now think it is cool to use the word nigger much to the dismay of the elders in the community. The very people who fought to be called by their names and be treated as equal citizens under the law cannot understand how the word nigger has been allowed to survive among the very people it was intended to be used against.

Black entertainers, especially rappers, defend their use of the n-word, by saying that it is now used as a term of endearment and that we should forget about its past use. Words such as brother and sister are terms of endearment, which were often used by Blacks to symbolize the type of unity that once existed within the community. The defense of the n-word is offensive to the elders of the African American community and many others who have fought to rid the culture of such degradation. The use of the word nigger should be challenged by all who defend its use.. The N-word, regardless of the context it is used will always be identified with its oppressive and offensive nature.

A word birthed from the womb of hatred, racism, and oppression should not be re-birthed or revolutionized. The word nigger should be used only to educate people of its history in an effort to abolish its current use. We must demand a moratorium on the N-word, which should be led by blacks and followed by all people. No race allows the mass promotion, international distribution and use of hateful words created for the oppression of their race, other than blacks. We must demand that black entertainers and network owners, who are primarily white, to put an end to the mass distribution of such a hateful word, which is still used to support internalized oppression on a new generation of black people. The n-word is one of the ultimate expressions of white racism and white superiority and proves that hatred and racism still exist in our society today.

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