

## Mood Board

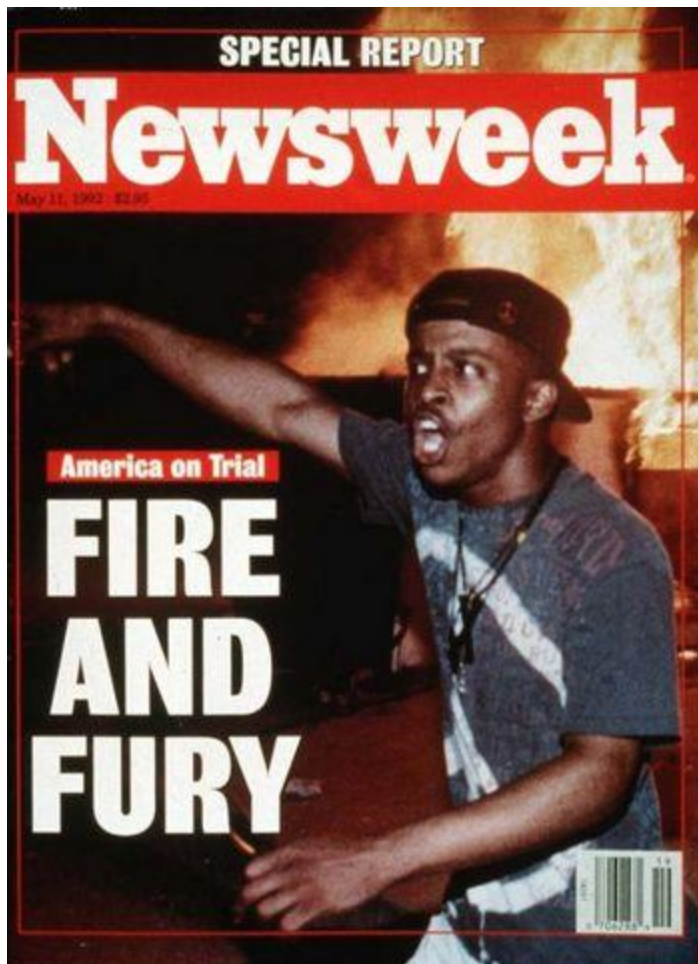
### Motives:

It is still fresh in our memory that we witnessed the case of George Floyd's murder by excessive police brutality. The video footage spread around the world overnight, and despite the incident occurring during the first ever COVID-19 quarantine period, it caught the attention of people worldwide and led to protests for humanity and Black lives. At that time, I was living in an apartment facing Flatbush Ave, and I saw the protests outside my window every week.

What was remarkable was that, while delivering their message, they played Public Enemy's "Fight the Power" in the background. The song was released in 1989 during the Rodney King incident, which went to court and sparked a movement for the rise of Black culture. And yes, it was more than 30 years ago. I was beyond words yet extremely frustrated that people still have to raise voice for the same issue and for the same cause after 30 years later.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CBbL0DHJZa1/>





## 15 Songs That Predicted the L.A. Riots

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- The Watts Prophets, "Dem Niggers Ain't Playing" (1971)
- Toddy Tee, "Batterram" (1985)
- Guns N' Roses, "One in a Million" (1988)
- N.W.A, "Fuck The Police" (1988)
- Public Enemy, "Fight the Power" (1989)
- Skid Row, "Youth Gone Wild" (1989)
- Geto Boys, "City Under Siege" (1990)
- Jane's Addiction, "Been Caught Stealing" (1990)
- X-Clan, "A Day of Outrage, Operation Snatchback" (1990)
- Cypress Hill, "Real Estate" (1991)
- Brand Nubian, "Wake Up (Reprise in the Sunshine)" (1991)
- Fishbone, "So Many Millions" (1991)
- Ice Cube, "Alive on Arrival" (1991)

- Ice Cube, "Black Korea"
- Body Count, "Cop Killer" (1992)

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Meeting with **Shamika (Shamika Goddard) Klassen** from **Black Digital Humanities Speaker Series, The Negro Motorist Green Book, Black Twitter, & Futures of Black Gathering**

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Focus on one song and see the trends? + the other songs with related subject that were sold more than Fight the Power?

Change or same in narratives?

1989

1992

2020

Intro with personal experience for context

### **Fight the Power**

Yet our best trained, best educated, best equipped

Best prepared troops refuse to fight

As a matter of fact, it's safe to say that they would rather switch

Than fight

1989 the number another summer (get down)

Sound of the funky drummer

Music hitting your heart 'cause I know you got soul

(Brothers and sisters, hey)

Listen if you're missing y'all

Swinging while I'm singing

Giving whatcha getting  
Knowing what I know  
While the Black bands sweating  
And the rhythm rhymes rolling  
Got to give us what we want  
Gotta give us what we need  
Our freedom of speech is freedom or death  
We got to fight the powers that be  
Lemme hear you say

Fight the power  
Fight the power  
Fight the power  
Fight the power  
Fight the power  
Fight the power  
Fight the power  
We've got to fight the powers that be

As the rhythm designed to bounce  
What counts is that the rhymes  
Designed to fill your mind  
Now that you've realized the pride's arrived  
We got to pump the stuff to make us tough

From the heart  
It's a start, a work of art  
To revolutionize make a change nothing's strange  
People, people we are the same  
No we're not the same  
'Cause we don't know the game  
What we need is awareness, we can't get careless  
You say what is this?  
My beloved lets get down to business  
Mental self defensive fitness  
Don't rush the show  
You gotta go for what you know  
Make everybody see, in order to fight the powers that be  
Lemme hear you say

Fight the power  
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Fight the power  
We've got to fight the powers that be

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**Elvis was a hero to most, but he—  
Elvis was a hero to most—  
Elvis was a hero to most, but he  
Never meant shit to me, you see, straight out  
Racist—that sucker was simple and plain  
Motherfuck him and John Wayne! 'Cause I'm Black and  
I'm proud, I'm ready, I'm hyped, plus I'm amped  
Most of my heroes don't appear on no stamps  
Sample a look back; you look and find nothing  
But rednecks for 400 years, if you check  
"Don't Worry Be Happy" was a number-one jam  
Damn, if I say it, you can slap me right here  
Get it—let's get this party  
Started right, right on, c'mon!  
What we got to say?  
Power to the people, no delay  
Make everybody see, in order to  
Fight the powers that be**

Fight the power  
Fight the power  
Fight the power  
Fight the power  
We've got to fight the powers that be

What we got to say?  
Fight the power  
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What we got to say?  
Fight the power

Yo, check this out man  
Ok talk to me 'bout the future of  
Public Enemy  
Future of Public Enemy gotta

Elvis was a Hero to Most, an Interview with Chuck D

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6sMv6ep45XY>

Flatbush video uploaded on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmHEe2Q3HAE>

Fight the Power 2020

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNUI8bAKdi4&list=RDnNUI8bAKdi4&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNUI8bAKdi4&list=RDnNUI8bAKdi4&start_radio=1)

original 1989

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmo3HFfa2vjg>