American Way (feat. Kelis)

Nas

Political, "Recently there has been an emergence of
Socially conscious and political rappers
It seems to be a new trend in the Hip-Hop world"Nas is a rebel to America
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Beard lil' longer, feel strong enough stop ya
Drill sergeant, still thorough, wheelbarrows of distilled vodka
Get me real bonkers like Will FerrellOn cat tranquilizer rap guys get bank
And think they messiahs, but they liars
Vote fo who now? You're red, white and blue
I'm American too, but I ain't with the President's crewWhat you peddlin' and who you peddlin' to?
You ain't got the ghetto with you
Try'na lead my sheep to the slaughterhouse
Talkin' 'bout Rap the Vote, you ain't thought aboutThe black vote mean Nathan
Who you gonna elect, Satan or Satan?
In the hood, nothin' is changin', uh
We ain't got no choicesWho to choose, ten years ago they were tryin' to stop our voices
And end Hip-Hop, they some hypocrites
Condoleeza Rice, I don't really get this chickTell her if she ever really cared about poor schools
About poor children
Then she gotta prove
That she ain't just another coon Uncle Tom foolLike these MC's, gotta give 'em the rules
Lie to the youth, Uncle Tom, you confused
Might as well give the Hip-Hop community a nooseNeed a truce with the gangs and some food for the hungry
On Kerry nuts, he look at you like a monkey
You MC's on that old slavery path
The Bushs'll look at yo' ass and laughSee, it's all about community, let's help ourselves
Cops brutalize us, get dealt with with shells
It's our turn, it's 'bout time we win
Need somebody from the hood as my councilman, uhYeah, I think about this everyday, that's the American Way, shit
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Yeah, I think about this everyday, that's the American Way, shit
Yeah, I think about this everyday, that's the American WayUp in the steam room chillin', ex foliating the skin
It's rarely men conversatin' on ends, probably businessmen
I sense good taste, and they watch us, the spot's an expensive place
Manhattan, New York, I'm try'na keep steamin', it's good for the lungsHad plans for the evenin', this man leans in, his boy's laughin'

Now I'm the spokesperson for Black men
This always happens since all Black women care about is
Who got dough and all we do is call them either bitch or a Black hoeI say first brotha, you ain't gotta be that cold
Since you ignorant, I'ma show you how the facts go
The biggest example in scandal of history
Were Monica Lewinsky or Donald Trump's pimpin' spreeMost woman who love Jeevanji of Gucci
Are pretentious non-Black groupies or floozies
But who are we to blame, not the dames
It's a man-made game, in all essence, our woman the sameBeautiful creatures, black girls birthed the earth
So they deserve to earn man's purse
Matter fact, I'm about to go shoppin' with my dime
Catch you cowards the next time, next rhyme, uhYeah, I think about this everyday, that's the American Way, shit
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('Cause that's the American way)Yeah, I think about this everyday, that's the American Way, shit
(What up, K? That's the American way)
Yeah, I think about this everyday, that's the American Way
(Ha, yeah)I don't care about the runaways, I don't care about who's gay
I don't care about the dyin' of AIDS, but I care if I got paid
Who even cares about the President, I think we're makin' a mistake
I don't care about the hurricane as long as my baby's safe
I don't care about the candidates, they burnt this country into bitsYeah, I think about this everyday, that's the American Way
Can we make a change, you know it's not overnight
Let's start the fight
(And ya don't stop, uh)
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