## **Police State**

## dead prez

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, cause.

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 gotI 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 bandanas

F.B.I. spyin' on us through the radio antennas

And them hidden cameras in the streetlight watchin' 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 niggaz try to copy Master P

I want to be free to live, able to have what I need to live

Bring the power back to the street, where the people live

We sick of workin' for crumbs and fillin' up the prisons

Dyin' over money and relyin' 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 is ready, we just spreadin' 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't never get justice

And the women don't never get respected

And the problems don't never get solved

And the jobs don't never pay enough

So the rent always be late; can you relate?

We livin in a police stateNo 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 niggaz be runnin' with gats Rather get shot in they back than fire back We tired of that - corporations hirin' blacks Denyin' the facts, exploitin' us all over the map That's why I write the shit I write in my raps It's documented, I meant it Every day of the week, I live in it; breathin' it It's more than just fuckin believin' it I'm holdin' them ones, rollin' up my sleeves an' shit It's cee-lo for push-ups now, many headed for one conclusion Niggaz ain't ready for revolution

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