

# Can't Hold Us Back

## Public Enemy

[Intro/Chorus: Paris]Is it a, coincidence that we ain't taught truth

A, coincidence that they target the youth

A, coincidence everything is the same

That a message in the music ain't a part of the game

A, coincidence that we livin a lie

A, coincidence that we only get by

A, coincidence that so many are lost

And do prison time 'fore we notice the cost

[Paris]It really ain't difficult to break the mold

And take a close look at the lies we're told

Wipe away the facade, see we got to know

See the plot to control and to rot the soul

You can make anybody that don't read believe

anything that they see on the TV screen

That a lie is reality, the sky is green

That there's weapons in Iraq, and the President's clean

When it's on, thinkin you can trust police

Every black is a beast and our women are cheap

And that brothers gettin murdered is the way of the streets

That it's normal to die when we still in our teens

And that's the way it is, what's the use to try

That school is a motherfuckin waste of time

Slang yay, die young, maybe get rich rhymin

And prison if you black is just a part of life

And that all of America support the Pres'

Religion is the way, and we all full of sin

That it's better after death if we suffer and pray

Even though they fuck us off in this life today

And that white Jesus hangin on the wall in church

ain't a part of a lie to keep a brother subservient

And that the whole world need the word "Amen"

Got troops overseas gettin murdered for free

If you buy that shit, I got a bridge to sell

Like I said I'm a rebel, so I must re-bel

And lies be the truth now, war is peace

Like corporations don't dictate the streets

Like brothers don't die for the diamond or bling

Like brothers don't die over songs we sing

Like patri-ots act like the Patriot Act

While we swing on this bitch 'til we break it in half  
[Chorus][Paris]  
You guilty if arrested and niggaz are thugs  
Only good for welfare, murder and drugs  
The media is true, with no bias at all  
And Fox News ain't on the President's balls  
That Lacey and O.J. and Kobe and Mike  
ain't bullshit and really do matter in life  
That you shouldn't be insulted they give 'em the time  
but never talk about all this corporate crime  
That they generatin news stay loose with facts  
Relate fake views that'll keep us attracted  
like sheep so we don't think, never react  
Never question authority, never suspect  
Never trip off of why what matters to us  
always seem unimportant, and never get love  
Why it's never any money for the school support  
But it's fallin out the sky for these corporate wars  
[Chorus][Paris]They never give real shit space to shine  
Just donkey-ass niggaz on assembly line  
Cookie cutter pop-slutter make music designed  
to pedal Coca-Cola, Motorola and Sprite  
No love for the Enemy with video play  
But they give Flav a show to take the focus away  
from the realest group ever made, whaddya say  
when to them it's Eminem that's goin down as the greatest?  
When the plan is a shame like we makin a choice  
Understand it's a scam who get handed a voice  
And it's only a few and they decide in advance  
Like votin for the President and both of them fam  
All that "God bless America, and nobody else"  
But I can smell racism, however it's dealt  
Know the real shit never miss, see how it's felt  
All around the world, hear the people cryin for help  
[Chorus][Outro: Paris]A, coincidence ex-cons can't vote  
A, coincidence they can't get no work  
A, coincidence that they can't hold heat  
Now they know that they enemy don't look like me  
A, coincidence that we shit out of luck  
The consequence of coincidences all add up  
When you never know the reason and you're set up to suffer  
The offense is coincidence is never the cause