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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PaoLy7PHwk>

Public Enemy- Fight the Enemy (1989)

According to my understanding, the lyrics and the videos of this song relate to the class topic of racism. The quote from the song, such as 'my hero don't appear on the stamp,' is a real depiction of racism of a particular group. Throughout the song, the writer highlight how all human beings are not treated the same in some parts of the world. Consequently, there is great fear in the black planet as discrimination occurs even in the most critical places such as hospitals, public vehicles and offices dominated by the white nation.

This song elaborates the exact happenings to the immigrants in the foreign countries, particularly the blacks. The blacks struggle for acceptance by their white counterparts, who perceive them to be less human beings. The past brutality evidences this by the police. The quote of 'black band sweating' tells it all the kind of hell the blacks face in the foreign land. Hence, the artist uses phrases such as people are the same yet given unequal treatment is a true depiction of racism. It is their instincts that tell make them believe in their equality with whites.

Given the racism, the artist urges the oppressed to keep fighting for freedom despite the difficulty that might be faced. Besides, they need revolution more than ever to save them out of bondage. 'Fight the power has been repeatedly used in the song to influence the discriminated against into taking appropriate actions. Freedom is urgently needed, particularly during challenging times. The last bit of the song talks about creating awareness for the discriminated people to join the battle in eliminating racism. Ideally, if people join hands in fighting such battles, the chances of succeeding are high. Additionally, it is clear that when people combine efforts or rather come together everything is possible and that means racism can be a thing of the past.

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