

## A Message to the Hip Hop Grassroots

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A message to the Hip Hop Grassroots from former Political Prisoner & Black Panther Dhoruba Bin Wahad.

This is an incredible speech from long term Freedom Fighter Dhoruba Bin Wahad. It took place during the recently held National Hip Hop Political Convention in Las Vegas. Dhoruba sat on a panel that focused on the legacy of Cointel-Pro which took down the Panthers, the anti-war movement and other organizations during the 1960s.. The purpose of this panel was to see if this insidious policy of domestic spying manifests itself within Hip Hop.

Dhoruba was scheduled to be part of a panel, and offer brief remarks, but people were so moved by him and his unwavering commitment to the freedom struggle, he was asked at the last moment to address the entire convention. He really dropped some bombs.

He talks about this country's ascension into being an Empire and starts off with the landmark year of 1968... It's interesting to note that Dhoruba's breakdown of social and political events that took place in 1968 parallel the social and political events chronicled in author Jeff Chang's landmark book on Hip Hop "Can't Stop Won't Stop".

The message that Dhoruba delivers is an important one and hopefully it will motivate all of us to pay closer attention and get more involved in the day to day political discourse that impacts our communities.

Enjoy, Get Enlightened and Evolved.

PS the song you hear in the beginning is brand new music from the Black Panther of Hip Hop- paris is new album Acid Reflex is due out in early September. It was almost as if he wrote this song for Dhoruba.

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