

## Don't Associate Michael Richards Melt Down with Hip Hop

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There are some who are saying that the 'melt down' that Michael "Kramer" Richards had recently is really no different than what hip hop culture and rap artist say in their rap.

Tupac (2Pac) once said 'Nigga's are the one's with gold rope's around their necks, and niggers are the ones with ropes around their neck hanging from trees'. The word is so dynamic it should not be used at all, but there is a difference in a hip hop or a rap artist using the word nigga and a 'man' who was on an all white tv show using it in anger and directly pointing to people of color.

Kramer, or Michael Richards, is not hip hop and the use of the words he spoke is unforgettable. Eventually what is in your heart surfaces and comes thru your mouth.

It has been my experience that when anyone says 'they are not a racist' – they are. You do not have to defend yourself if your heart and actions are headed in the right direction.

As much as the mainstream society 'uses' the hip hop culture to hustle everything from hamburgers to cell phones, they really do not understand or even like the culture. Everything is not hip hop's fault and everything can not be blamed on hip hop.

Over the week end Michael Richards was on Jessie Jackson's radio show and he again apologized – so what? So what if Jessie Jackson accepted his apology and drug him around like a dog and pony show? Michael Richards said what was in his heart; period.

Yes I agree the dude needs help to learn the meaning of words, how deep they can 'cut' and how some things said can never be taken back.

The best thing in this situation is for Michael Richards or Kramer or what ever he wants to be called to now go on to do appearances at Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and stay and share his 'show' with his own people.

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In hip hop we all know real recognizes real and this dude is a real racist. What is in your heart eventually comes out of your mouth. Racial hatred and bigotry can not be forgiven but it can be ignored and so can the man who is spreading such feelings. Michael Richards can never be my 'nigga' no matter what Jessie says.