

# Ridding the World of Niggers (Niggas)!

Nigger, nigga, spade, coon, jigaboo, darky, darkie, darkey, pickaninny, piccaninny, picaninny-- ethnic slur; offensive name for Black person. It is otherwise a word expressive of racial hatred and bigotry. Many in the African American ethnic group continue to refer to themselves and other African Americans as niggers (niggas). This is a campaign to provoke an informed and deliberate decision about one's self (to include one's family and community) and one's commitment to building a world/social environment that is just, civil, and authentic.

Consider the following quotes:

**When you control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his actions. You do not have to tell him not to stand here or go yonder. He will find his "proper place" and will stay in it. You do not need to send him to the back door. He will go without being told. In fact, if there is no back door, he will cut one for his own benefit.**

Carter G. Woodson (1933). *Mis-education of the Negro*

**One of the greatest roles ever created by the western man has been the role of negro. One of the greatest actors to play the role has been the nigger.**

Henry Dumas

**You can only be destroyed by believing that you really are what the white world calls a nigger.**

James Baldwin

**Greatest weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the minds of the oppressed.**

Steve Biko

Using nigger (nigga) as a common reference is done by a person who has succumb to the racist attitudes that are prevalent in the United States. Those who continue to use nigger (nigga) as common vernacular are contributing, consciously or unconsciously, to the destruction of the African American community. Their use of nigger (nigga) is an outward manifestation of their "mis-education" and enslaved mind.

The next time you hear an African American use nigger (nigga) as a common reference:

1. Consider what is it in that person's education that makes it necessary to degrade one's self and other African Americans.
2. Then imagine if that person's education would allow him or her to see African Americans full of positive potential, allowing him or her to refer to African Americans as Beautiful, Queen, King, Black or simply "Man". Imagine that! If nigga became Man.
3. Challenge them to free their mind.