



An address Bill Cosby gave to a gathering of students

'They're standing on the corner and they can't speak English

I can't even talk the way these people talk:

Why you ain't?

Where you is?

What he drive?

Where he stay?

Where he work?

Who you be...?

And I blamed the kid until I heard the mother talk and then I heard the father talk

Everybody knows it's important to speak English except these knuckleheads

You can't be a doctor with that kind of crap coming out of your mouth

In fact you will never get any kind of job making a decent living

People marched and were hit in the face with rocks to get an education, and now we've got these knuckleheads walking around

The lower economic people are not holding up their end in this deal

These people are not parenting

They are buying things for kids

\$500 sneakers for what?

And they won't spend \$200 for Hooked on Phonics

I am talking about these people who cry when their son is standing there in an orange suit

Where were you when he was 2?

Where were you when he was 12?

Where were you when he was 18 and how come you didn't know that he had a pistol?

And where is the father? Or who is his father?

People putting their clothes on backward?

Isn't that a sign of something gone wrong?

People with their hats on backward, pants down around the crack, isn't that a sign of something???

Isn't it a sign of something when she has her dress all the way up and got all type of needles [piercing] going through her body?

What part of Africa did this come from?

We are not Africans

Those people are not Africans; they don't know a thing about Africa

I say this all of the time

It would be like white people saying they are European-American

That is totally stupid

I was born here, and so were my parents and grand parents and, very likely my great grandparents

I don't have any connection to Africa, no more than white Americans have to Germany, Scotland, England, Ireland, or the Netherlands?

The same applies to 99 percent of all the black Americans as regards to Africa

So stop, already!

With names like Shaniqua, Taliqua and Mohammed and all of that crap... and all of them are in jail.

Brown or black versus the Board of Education is no longer the white person's problem

We have got to take the neighborhood back

People used to be ashamed

Today a woman has eight children with eight different 'husbands' or men or whatever you call them now

We have millionaire football players who cannot read

We have million-dollar basketball players who can't write two paragraphs

We, as black folks have to do a better job

Someone working at Wal-Mart with seven kids, you are hurting us

We have to start holding each other to a higher standard

We cannot blame the white people any longer"

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