

"Gangsta" Rap

WHEREAS the music industry in America is big and profitable business; and

WHEREAS the profit motive can make producers less than discriminating and very slow to impose self-censoring; and

WHEREAS a popular industry personality calls "Gangsta" Rap pornography and, like violence on television and in video games, many blame it for influencing young people to be violent;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 63rd Annual Conference in Bellevue, Washington, on June 25–29, 1994, decry the all-too-frequent societal demoralizations of the entertainment industry, whether it be the nudity and violence in television programs, the vulgarity of comedy clubs, the lust-inciting perversions of slick pornographic materials, the immodest dress produced by the clothes manufacturers, the trafficking in the obscene by daytime soap operas and television talk shows, let alone the profane and ungodly lyrics of so much of today's popular music;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Gods people be encouraged to protest the above and other similar evils in every legitimate way, that we warn the world that "because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience," and that we remind ourselves that as God's holy people we are not to be partakers with them but are rather to prove what is acceptable unto the Lord, having "no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Ephesians 5:6–11).

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