
Session 9

EXAMPLE SOCIAL JUSTICE SONGS

A

The 4th Branch by Immortal Technique
9 to 5 by Dolly Parton
The Abolitionist's Hymn
Abraham, Malcolm and John by Dion
A Change is Gonna Come by Sam Cooke
Alright by Kendrick Lamar
American Idiot by Green Day
American Terrorist by Lupe Fiasco
Anarchy in the U.K. by the Sex Pistols
Apartheid Is Nazism by Alpha Blondy

B

Bad Time to Be Poor by the Rheostatics
Ball of Confusion by the Temptations
Ballad of a Soldier's Wife by PJ Harvey
Beds Are Burning by Midnight Oil
Big Boss Man by Jimmy Reed
Biko by Peter Gabriel
Black Dialogue by the Perceptionists
Black Man by Stevie Wonder
Black Zombie by Nas
Bleed for Me by Dead Kennedys
Blowin' in the Wind by Bob Dylan
Bomb the World by Spearhead
Boom! by System of a Down
Born This Way By Lady Gaga
Boys in Blue by Ani DiFranco
Bullets of Truth by Dumbfounded
Bullshit Politicians by Propagandhi
Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee by Buffy Sainte Marie

C

Call It Democracy by Bruce Cockburn
Cash in Your Face by Stevie Wonder
Cesspools in Eden by Dead Kennedys
A Change Is Gonna Come by Same Cooke
Change Myself by Todd Rundgren
Conversation Peace by Stevie Wonder
Crazy Baldhead by Bob Marley
Crime to Be Broke by Spearhead
Cross Road Blues by Robert Johnson
Cry Freedom by Dave Matthews Band
Crying Shame by Jack Johnson

D

Dear Mr. President by P!nk
Decades by Joe Walsh
Democracy in Kind by State Radio
Deportee by Woody Guthrie
Do They Know It's Christmas (Feed the World)
Dominant Species by Immortal Technique
(Don't Worry) If There's a Hell Below Us We're
All Going to Go by Curtis Mayfield

E F

Equal Rights by Peter Tosh
Everyday People by Sly and the Family Stone
Fight Back by Holly Near
Fight Song by Rachel Platten
Fight the Power by the Isley Brothers
Fight the Power by Public Enemy (1990)
Fortunate Son by Creedence Clearwater Revival
Freedom by Beyonce ft. Kendrick Lamar
Freedom by Jurassic 5
Freedom by Rage Against the Machine

G

Get Up, Stand Up by Bob Marley
Gimme Some Truth by John Lennon
Give Peace a Chance by John Lennon
Give the People the Right to Vote by Sweet
Honey in the Rock
Give the People What They Want by the O'Jays
Gives You Hell by All American Rejects
Glory by Common and John Legend

H

Happy Birthday by Stevie Wonder
Happy Xmas (War Is Over) by John Lennon
Harvest for the World by Isley Brothers
Have You Been to Jail for Justice? by Anne Feeney
Headstrong by Trapt
Heartbeat Props by Digital Underground
Higher Ground by Stevie Wonder
Hole in the Bucket by Spearhead
Houston by Mary Chapin Carpenter

I

I Ain't Marching Anymore by Phil Ochs
I Am an Abolitionist by William Lloyd Garrison (1848)
I am Woman by Helen Reddy
I Fought the Law by Dead Kennedys
I Had No Right by Dar Williams
I Hope by Dixie Chicks
Imagine by John Lennon
Indian Reservation by Paul Revere and the Raiders
Inner City Blues by Marvin Gaye

J

John Brown's Body (Union Marching Song, original version; 1861)
John Brown's Body (Union Marching Song, 2nd version; 1861)
Just My Soul Responding by Smokey Robinson

K

Keep Ya Head Up by 2Pac
Killing in the Name by Rage Against the Machine
The Killing of Georgie by Rod Stewart
The Klan by Gil Scott-Heron
The Last Resort by the Eagles

L

Lincoln and Liberty by Jessie Hutchinson (1860)
Living for the City by Stevie Wonder
London Calling by The Clash
Lost Woman Song by Ani DiFranco

M

Mathematics by Mos Def
Me Against the World by Tupac Shakur
Mercy Mercy Me by Marvin Gaye
The Message by Grandmaster Flash
Minority by Green Day
Mosh by Eminem
Mississippi Goddam by Nina Simone

N

Nelson Mandela by The Specials
No More by Eddie Vedder
No Rest for the Weary by Blue Scholars

O

Ohio by Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young
On Every Corner by Ani DiFranco
One by U2
One Tin Soldier by The Original Caste

P

Paper and Ink by Tracy Chapman
Peace, Love, and Understanding by Elvis Costello
Peace Train by Cat Stevens
People Are People by Depeche Mode
People Have the Power by Patti Smith
Police State by Dead Prez
Poor Boy by Steve Earle
Poor Side of Town by Johnny Rivers
The Poverty of Philosophy by Immortal Technique
Powerless (Say What You Want) by Nelly Furtado
Promiscuity by Ani DiFranco
Propaganda by Dead Prez
Pump Your Fist by Kool Moe Dee

QRS

Rape of the World by Tracy Chapman
Redemption Song by Bob Marley
Revolution by The Beatles
Revolution by Nina Simone
The Revolution Will Not Be Televised by Gil Scott-Heron
Rockin' in the Free World by Neil Young
Say It Loud (I'm Black and I'm Proud) by James Brown
School by Supertramp
Self-Destruction by the Stop the Violence Movement
Shaking the Tree by Peter Gabriel
A Song for Assata by Common
A Spade by Ani DiFranco
Stand Up by Flobots
Strange Fruit by Billie Holiday
Stupid Girls by P!nk
Sunday Bloody Sunday by U2

TUV

Taking It to the Streets by the Doobie Brothers
Talkin' Bout a Revolution by Tracy Chapman
Them Belly Full by Bob Marley
They School by Dead Prez
This Land Is Your Land by Woody Guthrie
Time to Build by the Beastie Boys
Twenty by Robert Cray
Uncle Sam Goddamn by Brother Ali
Universal Soldier by Donovan

W

War by Bob Marley
War by Edwin Starr
We Shall Overcome by Pete Seeger
We the People by A Tribe Called Quest
We the People Who Are Darker than Blue by Curtis Mayfield
We're All in the Same Gang by the West Coast Rap All Stars
What's Going On by Marvin Gaye
When Will We Be Paid? by Prince
Where Is the Love by the Black Eyed Peas
Which Side Are You On? Florence Reece
Whitey on the Moon by Gil Scott-Heron
Why? by Tracy Chapman
Words of Wisdom by Tupac Shakur
Workers' Song by Dick Gaughan
World Turned Upside Down by Dick Gaughan
World Turned Upside Down by Billy Bragg
World Wide Suicide by Pearl Jam

XYZ

You Can't Blame the Youth by Bob Marley
You Must Learn by KRS-One
Zimbabwe by Bob Marley