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“Handlebars” by *Flobots*



I can ride my bike with no handlebars, No handlebars, no handlebars I can ride my bike with no handlebars no handlebars, no handlebars Look at me, look at me Hands in the air like it's good to be Alive, and I'm a famous rapper Even when the paths are all crooked-y I can show you how to dosey-doe I can show you how to scratch a record I can take apart the remote control And I can almost put it back together I can tie a knot in a cherry stem I can tell you about Leif Ericson I know all the words to "De Colores" And I'm proud to be an American Me and my friends saw a platypus Me and my friend made a comic book And guess how long it took I can do anything that I want, cause look I can keep rhythm with no metronome No metronome, no metronome And I can see your face on the telephone On the telephone, on the telephone

Look at me, look at me Just called to say that it's good to be Alive, in such a small world I'm all curled up with a book to read I can make money, open up a thrift store I can make a living off a magazine I can design an engine 64 miles to a gallon of gasoline I can make new antibiotics I can make computers survive aquatic, conditions I know how to run the business And I can make YOU wanna buy a product Movers shakers and producers Me and my friends understand the future I see the strings that control the systems I can do anything with no assistance, cause I can lead a nation with a microphone With a microphone, with a microphone And I can split the atoms of a molecule Of a molecule, of a molecule

Look at me, look at me Driving and I won't stop! And it feels so good To be alive and on top! My reach, is global, my tower, secure My cause, is noble, my power, is pure I can hand out a million vaccinations Or let 'em all die in exasperation Have all healed from their lacerations Or have 'em all killed by assassinations I can make anybody go to prison Just because I don't like 'em~! And I can do anything with no permission I have it all under my command because I can guide a missile by satellite By satellite, by satellite And I can hit a target through a telescope Through a

telescope, through a telescope And I can end the planet in a holocaust In a holocaust, in a holocaust In a holocaust, in
a holocaust.

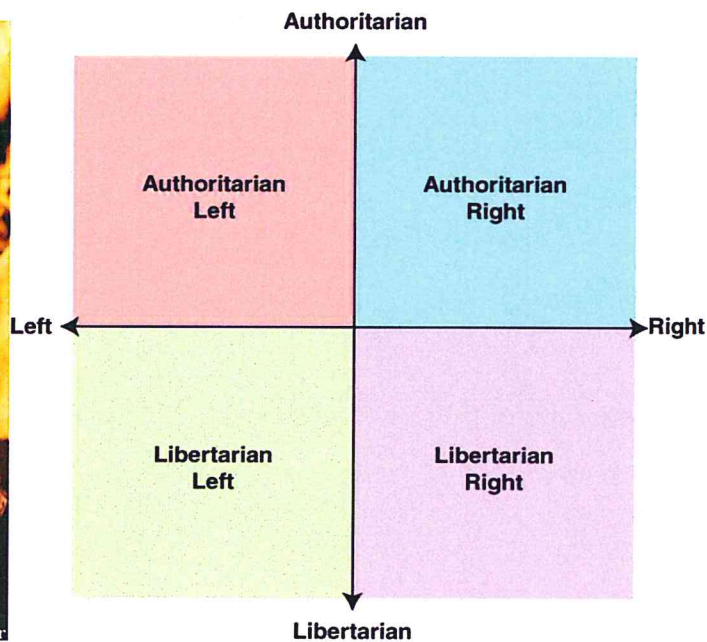
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- "I'm interested in spreading those ideas through art, because music has the power to cross borders, to break military sieges and to establish real dialogue." - Zack de la Rocha

“Sleep Now in the Fire” –

Rage Against the Machine

...song featured in Rock Band!



Communism is a government of a totally classless society based on common ownership (no private property – no free market) and control of the means of production and property in general. "Pure communism" according to Karl Marx means classless and oppression-free society where decisions on what to produce and what policies to pursue are made *democratically*.

Lyrics

The world is my expense - The cost of my desire - Jesus blessed me with its future - And I protect it with fire - So raise your fists and march around - Don't dare take what you need - I'll jail and bury those committed - And smother the rest in greed - Crawl with me into tomorrow - Or I'll drag you to your grave - I'm deep inside your children - They'll betray you in my name.

The lie is my expense - The scope with my desire - The party blessed me with its future - And I protect it with fire - I am the Niña, the Pinta, the Santa Maria - The noose and the rapist, the fields overseer - The agents of orange - The priests of Hiroshima - The cost of my desire - Sleep now in the fire.