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CJN 255: Extra-Credit Assignment Seven: Protest Music

Due: March 22nd. This is extra credit work and therefore late work **will not** be accepted. Any points you receive will be added to your Unit Two exam score (not to exceed 100%).

Instructions:

Read the article “Is Protest Music Dead?” by Jeff Chang. Find a song you think is protesting something or is political in anyway. Answer the following questions. Please **type** your response and **include the lyrics** for the song. Music lyrics are widely available on the web.

Explain why your choice is a protest song. What is the artist protesting about? What specific lyrics make the artist’s position obvious? Has the song been banned or do you think it would be banned today? For example, would Clear Channel put it on it’s “questionable” lyrics list? Do you like the song because it is a protest song, or does the content of the lyrics not influence your opinion of the song? Do you agree or disagree with Jeff Chang’s argument that protest music is dead? Why or why not? Why do you think the music industry is less supportive of political music today than it was in the 1960s?