

## Hip-Hop Civil Rights and Chickens

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PETA's 2 year long 'Boycott KFC' campaign has drawn celebrities and stars from every genre of the society who have too much time on their hands and nothing better to do. As 'real' issues face every area of the society some are considering the 'KFC Battlefield' the most important, or it would seem.

Celebrities such as hip-hop rap mogul Russell Simmons are trying to 'broker' a peace.

PETA has had additional high-profile support from Nobel Peace Prize winner His Holiness the Dalai Lama, rock icon Sir Paul McCartney, actresses Pamela Anderson and Bea Arthur, former KFC spokesperson Jason Alexander, hip-hop rap artist The Beastie Boys, and civil-rights leaders Alice Walker, the Rev. Al Sharpton, Kweisi Mfume, Dick Gregory, and Dr. Cornel West.

On April 11<sup>th</sup> KFC made this statement: "The release sent out by the group PETA is completely inaccurate. KFC Corporation continues to work with hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons and Dr. Benjamin Chavis and Hip-Hop Summit Action Network to discuss their concerns about animal welfare. As a result, KFC is moving forward with measures to solidify its animal welfare standards and guidelines with the support of the Simmons" Team.

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Reverend Al Sharpton of the National Action Network has great respect for Mr. Simmons and the fact that he got PETA and KFC to the table for discussion and is supportive of the progress KFC is making on animal welfare”.

Well now we read an article that will make PETA happy ( for a second maybe ); and this man should make a good candidate for helping to add fuel to the KFC controversy.

"Man Saves Chicken With Mouth-to-Beak"

Colorado Man Gives Chicken Mouth-to-Beak Resuscitation, Tells Fowl, "You're Too Young to Die!"

“First there was Mike the Headless Chicken, a rooster that survived for 18 months after having its head lopped off with an ax. Now, western Colorado has a new chicken survival story, this one involving a man who claims he saved his fowl by giving it mouth-to-beak resuscitation.

Uegene Safken says one of the chickens in his young flock had gotten into a tub of water in the yard last week and appeared to have died.

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Safken said he first swung the chicken by the feet to revive it. When that failed, he continued swinging and blowing into its beak.

"Then one eye opened. I thought it was an involuntary response," Safken said. The chicken's beak opened a little wider, and Safken started yelling at it: "You're too young to die!

"Every time I'd yell at him, he'd chirp," Safken said.

Mike the Headless Chicken survived a beheading in 1945 in Fruita, Colo. Afterward, Mike could go through the motions of pecking for food, and when he tried to crow, a gurgle came out. His owner put feed and water directly into Mike's gullet with an eyedropper.

Scientists examined the chicken and theorized Mike had enough of a brain stem left to live headless. He was a popular attraction until he choked to death on a corn kernel."

AP Article - <http://abcnews.go.com/Entertainment/wireStory?id=676989>

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Now we have to remember all this is over a chicken and the treatment of chickens.

If so much was put into the treatment of humans then I could see getting behind such a movement.

It seems reprehensible that as a generation is being lost to senseless violence, the court system tilted to one side and drugs are ruining families all across this nation, that this is the area that all this effort is being put into.

There is nothing wrong if someone wants to show compassion for animals and their welfare but first show compassion for the welfare and seek true civil rights for the human population first.

There are paramedics who revive human beings every day and they are not the focus of news stories. There are those who are wrongfully locked down under the 'three strike law' that never get a mention. There is police brutality, wage discrimination, racial profiling, the treatment of women – not only in hip-hop but thru out society – all these issues and more could be areas where 'pressure' is needed to impact and demand change.

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There is no doubt PETA will 'use' Mr. Uegene Safken in the above article as their new poster child for animal love, and still the human dynamic of what is right and what is wrong will be ignored.