

The Times They Are A-Changing: The New Black

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On [The Drive](#) [2] every morning, DJ Bob Stroud has this thing called "10 at 10." He picks a year & plays -oh you guessed it- ten songs from that year at -oh you guessed it- ten in the morning. Tuesday morning, the year was 1970.

At 10:00, he begins with sound bytes from that year, a brief description of current events at the time. The 1970 sound byte focused quite a bit on the tragedy at Kent State University in Ohio. This, of course, got me thinking about the song "Ohio" by Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. The train of thought then stopped briefly at protest songs of the late '60's - early '70's. I then wondered, "Where are our protest songs? Are we that apathetic that even our artists don't give a crap anymore?"

Then it hit me. The hippies had songs. We have documentaries.

[Fahrenheit 9/11 by Michael Moore](#) [3] & the [rest](#) [4] of [his](#) [5] [movies](#). [6]

[Control Room](#) [7] by Jehane Noujaim, who also directed Startup.com.

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Shoot, even documentary filmmakers now have documentaries being made about them, as in the case of [Michael Moore Hates America](#) [12]!!!

(Remember, folks, in Sweet Home Alabama when Lynyrd Skynyrd sings this verse:

"Well I heard mister Young sing about her

Well, I heard ole Neil put her down

Well, I hope Neil Young will remember

A Southern man don't need him around anyhow"?

It's in response to Neil's songs [Southern Man](#) [13] & [Alabama](#) [14]. ([Here's the story](#). [15])

So like when in fashion, brown was the new black a few years back & gray was the new black half a season later, the question begs to be raised:

Are documentaries the new protest songs?!?!?!?

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