

# Youth Violence In Society Today

*"Shoes aren't the  
issue; this is about  
a violent and  
sick society"*

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## "GANGS"

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Youth gangs have existed in the cities of the United States almost as long as the nation itself. Gangs, are now more violent than ever, and expanding to new locations. Trends during the last eight to ten years have alarmed inner city, as well as suburban, school and community officials.

In Western Michigan, Asian, Black, Hispanic, White, and Interracial gangs exist, ranging in size from a few members to thousands. Ages range from pre-teen to adult, and the average age of a gang member today is 13.5 years old. Gang membership offers kids status, acceptance, and self esteem that the community at large, as well as parents and school administrators have failed to provide for them.

Financial gain is a powerful motive for gang involvement. The vast sums of money available through the drug trade have increased the size of gangs, both by recruitment and by longer retention of members. Gangs, aware that courts treat juveniles far more leniently than adults, shield themselves by using juvenile gang members in the high profile positions.

Do you know what a gang is?

A working definition of youth gangs today would be: **juvenile and young adults associating together for serious, especially violent, criminal behavior with a special concern for "Turf"**

Turf can signify anything from the control of a physical territory or object, to sustaining a criminal enterprise, to matters of "respect". Turf lines are normally drawn in the neighborhoods, but pressure by police and rival gangs, along with the lure of higher drug profits, have pushed gangs to find new territory, and the gangs are spreading to the suburbs and smaller cities. Gang rivalries have a devastating impact on schools. All too often, non-gang members begin bringing weapons to school for protection from robbery and gang violence.

The following is an excerpt from the dictionary:

1 : gang (n) 1 b: GROUP: as (2) : a group of persons working to unlawful or antisocial ends; 2 : a group of persons having informal and usually close social relations esp. : a band of antisocial adolescents

2 : gang (vt) 2 : to attack in a gang (-vi): to move or act as a gang

The above definitions were obtained from "Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary". These definitions are important to note, as they are uncertain, or at the very least, unclear as to what is a "gang".

The objective of this presentation will be to clarify the definition of the term "GANG".

The definition "gang (n) (2) : a group of persons working to unlawful or antisocial ends" would be the most appropriate

*(Another definition that applies to gangs is "a continuing criminal enterprise".)*

There has been observed in our area a dramatic increase in the above defined "gang type" activity.

The predominate gangs in the Kent County area would be related either to "The Folks", out of Detroit, Michigan, or "The Latin Kings", out of Chicago, Illinois.

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## GANG TYPES

Gangs may be primarily defined within three different motivational categories: scavenger, territorial, and corporate. An evolving or maturing gang will embody scavenger and territorial gangs as growth phases of an organized corporate gang.

### SCAVENGER GANGS

Members of these gangs often have no common bond beyond their impulsive behavior and their need to belong. Leadership may change daily or weekly. They are urban survivors who prey on the weak of the inner city. Their crimes are usually petty, senseless, and spontaneous. Acts of violence are often perpetrated just for fun. They have no particular goals, no purpose, no substantial camaraderies. Scavenger gang members generally have the characteristics of being low achievers and illiterates with short attention spans who are prone to violent, erratic behavior. The majority come from the lower-class and the under-class.

All of these gangs start out small, bonded together as low achievers, misfits, committing small petty crimes. However, if they become successful, they gain money, and with money comes power.....power to influence, power to purchase, and power that brings about status.

### TERRITORIAL GANGS

A territorial gang, crew, group, or individual designates some thing, place, or someone as belonging exclusively to the gang. The traditional definition of territory as it relates to gangs is better known as "turf". When scavenger gangs become serious about organizing for a specific purpose, they enter the territorial stage. During this stage, gangs define themselves, and someone assumes a leadership role. It is the process of shaping, forming, and organizing with particular objectives and goals.

Once the gang has defined its territory, the next step is to defend that territory from outsiders. In the process of defining and defending territory, gangs become "rulers". They act as controllers. In the streets, territorial law is more respected and feared than is legal, traditional law. It is well known and accepted by most that gang law is, in fact, the law of that particular territory.

Gangs defend their territories in order to protect their narcotics business. The word is out on the street to everyone: "This is gang territory.....stay away". Each street corner, dopehouse, salesperson, distributor, or customer is part of the territory. Anyone who attempts to enter the territory becomes the invader, the intruder, the enemy. Unlike the legitimate business world, gangs use physical violence as their only enforcement tool to stop competition and opposition. All gang types respect the conditions of territorial law and the necessity that it generates for punishment.

### ORGANIZED CORPORATE GANGS

These well organized groups have a very strong leader or manager. The main focus of their organization is participation in illegal money-making ventures. Membership is based on worth of the individual to the organization. Promotion inside the gang is based on merit. Discipline is comparable to that of the military, and goals resemble those of Fortune 500 corporations. Different divisions handle sales, marketing, distribution, enforcement, etc.. Each member understands his or her role and works as a team member. Criminal actions are motivated by profit. Unlike scavenger gangs, crimes are committed for a purpose, not for fun. Although organized corporate gangs have members from lower classes and the underclass, middle-class and upper-class youths are also attracted to these types of gangs.

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## ***THE LATIN KINGS***

The Latin Kings are a gang that utilizes the element of "close social relations" in there recruiting technique. This is most notable in that "all" gang members are of Latin decent. The Latin Kings should be viewed as a "**BLOODS**" gang.  
(**BLOODS** vs. **CRYPTS**, both out of Los Angeles, California).

### **GANG AFFILIATIONS**

The local gang affiliations to The Latin Kings would be:

**La Familia**

**Latin King Nation**

**Vice Lords**

**Insane Vice Lords**

**Civilized Vice Lords**

**Black Stone Vice Lords**

**Almighty Vice Lords**

**The People**

### **GANG "COLORS"**

The gang "colors" attributed to The Latin Kings are:

**"RED and BLACK"**

**"GOLD and BLACK".**

These "colors" when worn together are a signal or sign to other Latin Kings members.

The current trend with gang members is to wear a bandanna.

The Latin Kings wear a red or black bandanna.

**"Bloods"** wear a red or black bandanna.

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gang."*

## *THE HAND SIGN FOR THE LATIN KINGS*

The "hand sign" associated to The Latin Kings is one with the pinkie finger, the index finger, and the thumb, all outstretched from a closed fist, fingertips pointing downwards, held palm facing chest, across the heart area. This hand sign is used in greetings, as well as a signal of membership or victory. "People Nation" gang members ( Bloods and The Latin Kings ) will always make this hand sign using their left hand, as all People Nation gangs present from the left side

*"All  
'PEOPLE  
NATION'  
gangs  
present  
from the  
left side."*



**PEOPLE NATION  
GANG "HAND SIGN"**

## GRAFFITI - TATTOOS - SYMBOLS

*"Graffiti is used by youth gangs to claim territory, to promote activities of the gang and to challenge other youth gangs."*



LKN = LATIN KING NATION



People



= Vice Lords

IVL = Insane Vice Lords

CVL = Civilized Vice Lords

BLAKSTONE  
VICE LORDS



2  
A MIGHTY  
VICE LORDS = " "



= La Familia

## LATIN KINGS AND AFFILIATES



## ***THE FOLKS***

The Folks are a gang that prefers the element of "informal social relations" in there recruiting technique. One must review the local gang affiliations attributed to The Folks, in order to understand there "informal" structure.

### **GANG AFFILIATIONS**

The local gang affiliations would be:

**Gangster Disciples**

**Black Gangster Disciples**

**Black Disciples**

**Spanish Cobras**

**The Twilight Zone**

**Crypts with an Attitude**

**Erotic Curation Crypts**

**The "Little" Rascal Gang**

These local gang affiliations would indicate that The Folks be viewed as a "CRYPTS" gang.

### **GANG "COLORS"**

The gang "colors" for The Folks are

**"BLACK and BLUE"**

**"WHITE and BLUE".**

These "colors" when worn together are a signal or sign to other Folks members.

The current trend with gang members is to wear a bandanna.

The Folks wear a blue and white bandanna.

**Crypts** wear a dark blue bandanna.

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## *THE HAND SIGN FOR THE FOLKS*

The gang "hand sign" associated to The Folks is one with the thumb, index finger, and middle finger, all outstretched from a closed fist with the thumb and index fingers forming a cup like shape, fingertips held upward, palm facing chest, held across the heart area. This hand sign also is used in greetings, as well as a signal of membership or victory. "Folks Nation" gang members (Crypts and The Folks) will always make this hand sign using their right hand, as all Folks Nation gangs present from the right side.

*"All 'Folk Nation' gangs present from the right side."*




**THE "FOLK NATION"  
GANG "HAND SIGN"**



# GRAFFITI - TATTOOS - SYMBOLS

## FOLKS AND AFFILIATES

FOLKS 4 or  or 

G-D = Gangster Disciple + 

 BGD = Black Gangster Disciple

B D = Black Disciples

Spanish  
Cabras or SC's

TWILIGHT ZONE  
FOLKS

INXSIDE  
Z:LO = TWO SIX



OR TRG =

THE "LITTLE RASCAL"  
GANG

TWILIGHT ZONE

Z:LO = TWO SIX

## FOLKS AND AFFILIATES

*"The three  
'R's' of  
graffiti.....  
Read your  
graffiti.....  
Record  
your  
graffiti.....  
Remove  
your  
graffiti....."*

***"Suburban turf is important to the gang as this is the best source of income to sustain the leaders of the 'corporation' back in the 'hood'."***

## ***TRAFFICKING IN GUNS, DRUGS, PROSTITUTION***

Most Metro Grand Rapids citizens are well aware that both gangs have developed to more dangerous and violent levels of operation, and are currently trafficking in guns and drugs, as well as having some involvement with prostitution.

A sixty day review of The Grand Rapids Press dated August 15, 1994 thru October 16, 1994 indicates that The People Nation, as well as The Folk Nation, have networked to the level of organized corporate gangs in Western Michigan and are violently engaged in protecting their inner city turf so as to be able to do business with their suburban customers. There have been reports that both gangs are currently involved in expanding their drug dealing activities into the suburban areas.

Suburban customers are important as they have money....and to gangs, money is power. Suburban customers are basically drug users that frequently become addicted to the drug cocaine. These people are most easily abused by the gangs. Every corporate gangster knows that "you don't get high off your own supply" and maintain respect from the gang.

Locally the gangs are still recruiting in the suburbs, and are currently moving recruiters into the suburban areas in order to establish turf from which the gang can continue to conduct their business activities. Suburban turf is important to the gang as this is the best source of income to sustain the leaders of the "corporation" back in the "hood".

Currently, the regional support for The Latin Kings, as well as other People Nation gangs, has been primarily derived from Chicago, IL.

Furthermore, it is believed that regional support for The Folks, as well as Folk Nation gangs, has been derived primarily from Detroit, MI.

Both The People Nation and The Folk Nation are seeking dominance in the streets..... at any cost..... in the core city, in order to broaden their continuing criminal enterprises.

Note:

CRYPTS gang members tend to wear the tennis shoe British Knights. These shoes have a large "BK" on the heel, sole, and or side. The BK on the shoe, to CRYPTS members, is a shortened version for the acronym "Blood Killers".

BLOODS gang members tend to wear the tennis shoe CONVERSE as there logo is a five pointed star placed on the ankle of the high top style shoe.

## ***GANG RIVALRIES LATIN KINGS VS. THE FOLKS***

The gang rivalries between The Latin Kings and The Folks are consistent, at their level, with the ongoing feud between the "Bloods" and the "Crypts". The ongoing feud between the Bloods and the Crypts would then be consistent, at their level, with the ongoing feud between "THE PEOPLE NATION" and "THE FOLK NATION" (Nation-wide).

Keeping up with, and making sense of all this is difficult at best, as parameters are subject to change, locally, regionally, or nationally, with every apprehension effected by the police, along with every death attributed to youth violence (gangs).

It is important to keep records of gang activities and to share this information with as many communities as possible, networking against gangs, as gang members today can and will afford to move from community to community to evade capture by the police.

Basically, what its all about is "respect"....."respect" for turf....."respect" for status....."respect" for the right to have a future. Children today have a need, unlike any other generation before, and what they are telling us they need is love, respect, and the opportunity to obtain a higher standard of living. Adults today are allowing children to raise children because they are to busy pursuing their own life, but what about the lives of these children. Adults have to learn to take the time to listen to youth today, as well as each other, and work to keep these children away from the gangs.

If we as adults do not work with and raise these children correctly, than who's to blame for what the gangs have to offer these children.

## ***"TURF"***

All gangs have a defined area of operation (turf).

The areas in and around Grand Rapids that are most predominate with gang type activities are located within the boundaries:

### **Area #1. Grand Rapids, Wyoming, Grandville**

south of I - 196,  
west of U S - 131,  
and north of M - 11 (28th Street)  
(predominantly Latino's)

### **Area #2. Grand Rapids**

south of I - 196  
east of U S - 131  
north of M - 11 (28th Street)  
and west of Kalamazoo Ave. / Fuller Ave.  
(predominantly Folks - Crypts)

### **Area #3. Alpine Township**

in and around the area of:  
CLUB 911  
5707 Alpine Avenue, N.W.  
Alpine Township, MI

It is important to note that the locations listed above are where the "gangs" operate.

Some gang members live in these areas.....most gang members do not.

Gang members are recruited from all neighborhoods, area-wide, as well as the neighborhoods located in the areas listed above.

***"Police agencies have often expressed that there is no way to control outbreaks of violence and that violence can happen anywhere .....anytime."***

***"All gangs have a defined area of operation (turf)."***

## NEIGHBORHOOD GANGS

The types of problems that are experienced on the neighborhood level would be relative to the portion of the definition that reads "esp. : a band of antisocial adolescents". This would be another area of concern, as the general public, when confronted by "a band of antisocial adolescents", tends to view this group as a gang. However, Police would view this group as a band of troublemakers. (ie. local youth, un-directed, un-organized, acting out, as troubled youth sometimes do.) These youth are the wannabe gang members. Depending on their position in the neighborhood they will most likely be incorporated into a Scavenger gang and work their way up from there if they aren't killed or jailed first.

Adults in the community should talk with their neighbors and know their neighbors children on sight. When a child needs correction or direction the adults should be responsible and willing to provide the necessary communication with the child as well as the child's parent(s). This is how neighborhoods are built. A secure neighborhood is a gang free neighborhood.

***"The incident most feared is the senselessness, violence, danger, and fear encountered in a drive-by shooting."***

## THE COST

However you define gang, the incident most feared is the senselessness, violence, danger, and fear encountered in a drive-by shooting, or worse still, the walk-thru shooting.

Incidents of this type often leave everyone in the position of an innocent bystander.

All too often, youthful misunderstandings result in a troubled youth "seeking vindication" by venting his or her frustration upon their classmates or instructors, friends or neighbors, parents and family, by shooting the individual(s) causing their frustration. Youth today need to learn, practice, and use, conflict resolution in a real time setting. Adults today need to utilize conflict resolution when dealing with youth in a real time setting.

Major urban areas across America have done little or nothing until the devastation associated with gangs has gone beyond intolerable levels.

There is documented evidence that the community's population must band together and educate themselves on the activities taking place within their community, as well as publicly acknowledge that there is a gang problem when one exists within their community. Publicity regarding gang activities should be designed to increase knowledge and awareness within the community, and allow for *open discussion* and *positive action* on these activities by educators, community government, law enforcement officials, business leaders, parents, and youth alike.

If we continue to do nothing, we will lose several generations of young people, our cities and suburbs will become less secure, businesses and residents will continue to abandon the areas most affected, and another community will be ruled by intimidation and fear.

***"When youth today demonstrate a 'Gangster or Warrior' mentality within a community, you know that you now have a real problem".***

## ***TAKING CONTROL***

What can be done to protect ones self, ones students, ones schools in the community?

Learn from the examples of others that have reclaimed their neighborhoods, school buildings and athletic fields.

Be aware of gang "colors", "tattoos", "graffiti" and "hand signs". Allow these indicators to motivate you into action.

Call the Police when you feel there may be a gang related problem. Many police agencies are of the opinion that **high police visibility** is the most **viable tool** to have when attempting to control gangs or their activities.

Have businesses in your neighborhood hire security patrols, or if needed, security guards to monitor activities on there property after business hours. Electronic intrusion control in a gang controlled area is really...to little...to late.

Form neighborhood watches. Neighbors and businesses, joined together with schools, have, been the most effective means of making neighborhoods a safe environment to live in, while at the same time sending the message to gang members **"NOT HERE"**.

Remember, the best offense is a strong defense, and to have a strong defense takes a plan. No two areas, no two problems, no two plans are going to be the same. Take the time to look around you, at home, and at work. If you see a problem, *be responsible* and develop a plan of action, for your safety, for your students safety, for your school and your personnel's safety.

All to often people make mistakes in life because *they do not know any better way*. When you see someone making a mistake, take the time to educate them to a "more positive way of living". Help them to better themselves. If you are unable to help them personally, call Silent Observer with the information necessary to assist this individual in obtaining a better way of life.

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related  
problem."***

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***Don't wait until you are the victim !!!***

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## ***POSITIVE INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH TODAY.***

Youth respond best when *"they are on a mission"* as this allows youth to focus on goal achievement. In order for youth to be successful *"on their mission"* they must have a *vision* of the mission as well as a *passion* to succeed on their mission. When a youth has developed mission, vision, and passion, they are then able to develop *commitment*. Once a youth is committed to attaining a goal, they are then able to *love themselves* and the work they are involved in. All of the components listed above, when achieved by the youth in their personal life, will give the youth a *positive attitude* and foster *hope* for the future.

### ***VIRTUES OF MANHOOD:***

***WISDOM  
COURAGE  
TEMPERANCE  
JUSTICE***

### ***VIRTUES OF WOMAN- HOOD:***

***PIETY  
CHASTITY  
FAITH  
PRUDENCE***

Adults and youth instructors should be capable of instructing youth in such a way so as to enable youth to **"see the future and aspire toward it"**, and to instill in youth the sense that there are rewards worth reaping from responsibility, energy, and determination. Adults and instructors of youth must offer, as best they can, through their position with youth as *"role models"*, a positive alternative to gang involvement.

Today role models need to have a tough, practical, and firm belief in a youths potential, along with the understanding and knowledge that youths fundamental needs today cross cultural, ethnic, class, and racial barriers. A role models most critical test ( in gaining a youths respect ) is in winning a youths confidence.

Adults must teach the rewards of sacrifice, discipline, and self-control in goal achievement strategies. Youth must be held accountable, and *properly* corrected or rewarded for their actions at home and at school by the adults that are responsible for them. Youth must be educated and involved in decision - making as well as problem - solving opportunities. It is a necessity that today's youth are provided the opportunity to learn how to be *"Independent"* and *"Autonomous"* and how to function correctly as such in todays *"diverse world society"*. Adults, parents, teachers, school administrators, community leaders, pastors, counselors, society in general, must *take the time* to listen to todays youth. Youth today have a need to experience and rely on positive influences. Society as a whole, as well as parents, needs to refocus and create more positive influences in the community for youth.

Teachers today *are a substitute parent*, therefore the class should be like family, with intense and intimate relationships. The classroom itself should provide this model family with the atmosphere of *"Its safe and supportive"*. A quality teacher will stretch their role well beyond the bounds of the classroom to encompass the *"Whole Individual"*.

Young women need to understand, as well as be confident that, they can be independent and self-reliant, that they can be leaders, and they can still be self-confident as a women. Young women.....all youth..... today need to understand the value of giving.....not giving in.

Success in the job market today requires that youth are knowledgeable and capable of providing an employer with the ability to maintain quality workmanship, have good conduct at all times, and know well the full job of the work environment.

## ***" IF YOU WILL TRY, YOU WILL SUCCEED !!"***



***“Pro-active programs must offer youth the opportunity to acquire short term needs, while preparing the child to envision long term goals.”***

## ***“Prevention”***

Pro-active prevention programs today must include “Intervention” along side “Prevention” programs in order for the programs to achieve the maximum positive benefits. Youth today will not participate in programs without first having a goal that the program meets. Youth are active in programs that meet their short term needs. Society must offer more than slogans in prevention programs. Pro-active prevention requires rewards that are tangible to youth “right now” as well as programming youth to be “competitive in the future”.

*Youth violence “Intervention” as well as “Prevention” programs must offer youth at the minimum:*

***Discipline  
Mental and/or physical challenge  
Innovation / Affiliation***

Youth today equate building self-esteem with building self-worth. No longer is it *who you are*. Today things are based on *what you have* and *how you keep it*. How you got it doesn't matter. Pro-active programs must offer youth the opportunity to acquire short term needs, while preparing the child to envision long term goals. We need to instruct youth on the value of how to prepare and achieve a five or ten year plan.

*Anti-Gang programs should contain the following seven points in their structure:*

***maintain a high prestige profile through a strong identity  
marked clothing that signals to gangs that the wearer is not a threat  
( this clothing should represent a tangible access ticket to the outside world)  
assurances of safety  
specific positive claims to fame  
strict rule of belonging  
intense group loyalty  
offer cultural enrichment or recreational activities***

Pro-active anti-gang programs must be the “other side of the coin” to gang life in what the program has to offer and what the program will assist the child to obtain. A successful program must meet the participants short term needs, while stressing the need and providing the opportunity to plan for the future.

***“One way to get out of a bad situation is to surround yourself with positive friends, positive influences.”***

*Citizenship*

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*"The mission is to provide a comprehensive youth service community through recreational programs which focus on building leadership and character development... to enable youth to achieve their highest potential."*

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**" It is our desire to surround youth with as such good influences that they will never want to depart from the correct paths. Good citizenship is the purpose we shall keep in view. Character of Honor, will be the goal of our endeavors."**

## ***"RAP MUSIC"***

Rap music started as hip hop music modified to fit into today's urban environment.

Hip hop music started on the east coast in New York City in the middle '80s' as a form of entertainment that allowed urban youth to speak out about the things that they experience in their daily lives.

Rap music started on the West Coast about the same time, as a form of entertainment that allowed gang youth to speak out, in a subliminal nature, about the lives that they lead and the activities they are involved in.

Hip Hop spoke about the tough times youth encountered living in an urban setting and that in order for urban youth to survive they must strive to come out of all this 'on top'.

Rap music started with the same message.....the difference is that the urban youth addressed were in gangs. As Rap music gained acceptance in major metropolitan areas throughout the U. S., the rap...*lyrics*...evolved to a point that they began to glorify the *gangster mentality* as well as the *gangster life*.

With Hip Hop music the urban youth were individuals and singular....easy prey in today's urban environment.

With Rap music the urban youth were in groups.....more violent.....and not such easy prey.

Somewhere in this time frame the top two organized corporate L. A. gangs...the Bloods and the Crypts...were experiencing some serious problems with the D. E. A. as well as the A. T. F. as these two gangs were the major suppliers of guns and drugs, as well as 'the forces to reckon with' in the area of racketeering.

Since nobody goes to jail willingly, and the government was literally assaulting both gangs at the same time and couldn't be bought off, a plan was developed wherein both gangs would use their wealth to wage a counterstrike against the D.E.A. and the A.T.F.

The Bloods and the Crypts disbanded local operations...went underground...and sent gang members to as many major metropolitan areas as possible....with the possibilities limited only by the location of relatives...as it was determined that if a gang member has local relation in an area, that gang member could shield themselves behind their family, conduct business, and contribute to their relatives existence...all the while supporting their 'corporate' leaders back in the 'hood', as this would be the source of supply to the new location.

With all these gang members scattered throughout the U. S., a method of communication became necessary....as well as the need to launder the profits...and these gangsters, in an effort to align themselves with the youth in their communities, began to promote Rap recording studios, as well as Rap recordings as the primary method to promote the gangster way of life and thus facilitate gang membership throughout all penetrated communities.

Rap music in itself is generic in that this music appeals to all 'gangsters' and promotes a common theme that is accepted by all gang members...Bloods and Crypts alike...regardless of gang affiliation. This theme is similar to a basic theme held by youth from generation to generation. That theme being...with a twist — crime pays...big money...and to "live fast, play hard, die young, and leave behind a beautiful corpse". For today's youth, this theme is all too easy to buy into.

***"A plan was developed wherein both gangs would use their wealth to wage a counterstrike against the D.E.A. and the A.T.F."***

***“Consider  
the  
Reebok ad  
that  
promotes..  
‘when the  
party’s  
over  
....than  
find  
another  
party’.”***

## ***“RAP MUSIC”***

If one remembers T. S. Elloit from the late 60s and 70s...published in The Rolling Stone Magazine and Playboy Magazine as an author of books on the cutting edge of youth in that time frame...than perhaps that same person will have some insight as to what rap music is all about. T. S. Elloit promoted to youth in his time frame that it was O. K. to experience drugs, free love, and flower power. Promoters of Rap music on the other hand, are promoting that it is O. K. to sell drugs to fiends, as well as it's O. K. to...“pop a cap”...shoot someone that get in your way. This is how the corporation speaks to it's members. Also the corporation is saying is that it's O. K. to smoke weed and drink...this is affordable...but don't do hard drugs as the corporation cannot afford it...and neither can you.

Youth today are scripted by advertisements...consider the Reebok ad that promotes...“when the party's over...than find another party”. Rap music key's off from these types of ad's in that the gangster life is one big party...do what you want...don't let anyone stand in your way. All of this is reaffirmed by Rap groups like... 2 Live Crew, or... Luke... from... 2 Live Crew. These Rap groups utilize sex on stage to further emphasize...don't let anyone stand in your way.

“Dope” (ie. Great) Rap producers sell Rap music to gang members, and make additional profits off the gangster mentality for their organization. Rap music “flips” (ie. is purchased by members of both the People Nation as well as the Folk Nation gangs) in that this music is purchased by all gangs...regardless of gang affiliation...as well as wannabe gangsters...and the producers ‘corporation’ profits...as well as launder their profits...through the recording studios and record companies.

The major recording companies associated with rap music would be:

**PRIORITY RECORDS**

**AND**

**RUTHLESS RECORDS**

both out of Southern California.

Both of these recording companies have done well enough with Rap music that major recording companies (Capital and Columbia...as well as others) are promoting and distributing their artists recordings... nationwide.

Most crimes (that have a victim) are committed while the perpetrator is “hyped” or “high”. Gangsta Rap is the ‘hype’...Cocaine or Heroin is the ‘high’. Victimless crimes (ie. drug sales, gun sales) are the crimes of choice committed by ‘corporate gangsters’...that smoke weed and drink 40 oz's, whereas property crimes are committed by the fiends that the ‘corporate’ gangsters have deemed expendable and make money off from by fencing the fiends stolen goods in trade for “crack” cocaine or Heroin.

Rap music is music for “a sexually frustrated society”. Todays youth is that sexually frustrated society. What with all the talk and programs to prevent A.I.D.S. and similar diseases youth today are hard pressed to experience “love by the dashboard lights”...as Todd Rundgren put it...and survive.

Rap music...music for sexually frustrated people...the only thing better than sex...is death. Think about it...when you shoot someone with a gun...the gun is warm...so is sex. Whenever you shoot someone...you are in control and have power...so it is with sex. The person doing the shooting...is on top.

Remember...that in order for urban youth to survive they must come out...“on top”.

Gang members are predominately pre-teen to teen. Males experience many hormonal changes between the ages of 10 to 18 years of age. Females also experience hormonal changes as they grow to become women between the ages of 10 to 18 years of age. Television advertising, promotes “do everybody...when you have the chance”. Society, on the other hand is saying “chase one other for life”...all the while... divorce rates continue to soar.