

Names

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They gon' try to call you names, label you with things 'til you're ashamed
You're a sexist or a racist, white supremacist or gay
They'll attack your reputation, claim that you're the one to blame
And try to make you hate yourself for ways that you behave
They're just names, embrace them and they'll never cause you pain
They're just words that another person thought up in they brain
They're just names, they do not define you, that's insane
And they'll just call you somethin' different if you change
Call me racist, I don't make no BLM donations
I can stand with black folks without a branded corporation
All this systemic prejudice, if you live in this nation
You privileged, black or Caucasian
Call me transphobic, but I support you and your policies
I just can't ignore the very basics of biology
All I see is men and women tryna live in harmony
Not a hundred genders that you wanna be
Call me snowflake 'cause I'm offended, I ain't stone-faced
Social justice warriors destroyin' us with woke ways
Mad because they voted for the POTUS with the most hate (Hmm)
Man, I miss the old days
Call me loser, call me bigot, call me stupid, call me bitter
Call me ugly, call me cracker, call me douche or call me triggered
You can call me what you want 'cause at the end of the day
Man, they're just names

Go ahead and call us names, dawg, do your thing
(We ain't trippin' 'cause we heard it all before)
Give a damn about the names, dawg, we feel no pain
(Your words ain't gonna hurt us anymore)
Go ahead and call us names, dawg, do your thing
(Y'all are trippin', but I hope you find the Lord)
Give a damn about the names, dawg, we feel no shame
(Call us anything you want, I'm gettin' bored)

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Repeat it 'til you really start believin' what they say
They gon' stamp it on your forehead and scream it 'til you break
They love to say they woke, they not awake (They not awake)
They're just names, afraid of anyone who ain't the same
So they classify your thoughts as controversial, not okay
Then they cancel you 'til everything you have all gets erased
They tryna tell the world you bad, they're just names
Call me conservative or liberal, Republican or Democrat
I'm somewhere in the middle, but y'all don't know what to do with that
The system got you so obsessed with classifying right or left
You never call a person human, call 'em names instead
Call me sexist, men run the world 'cause they're aggressive
But behind every man, there's a woman just as successful
We will never be equal in every way, that ain't helpful
Our differences are why we're great together
Call me white devil, I know you think the system favors me
My privilege is residual, benefits from the slavery
Subconscious prejudice embedded in the system made for me
Don't mean I never struggled to survive, I guess we ain't agree
Ignorant and jaded, call me dumb, uneducated
Call me idiot or redneck or delusional or crazy
Call me anything society has taught you to say

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Your sticks and your stones might break my bones
But your words don't hurt (So give me your worst)
Stupid, loser, ugly, poser
Moron, liar, crazy, loner

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