

# Boots Riley

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A lot of people heard about gin and juice for the first time from Snoop Dogg, but it was nothing new in rap music, and it was nothing new in the black community.

~Boots Riley

In reality, I know I'm not hurt directly by sexism; however, my life is made less because of it, so I started thinking about the fallout from relationships in which people feed off each other.

~Boots Riley

A lot of what we say and do are regurgitated things that have to do with what we think we're supposed to be saying and doing.

~Boots Riley

I wanted to write a song about sexism, but I didn't want to do it in a mechanical way and be like, "Don't be sexist!" because that's not how I talk in regular life.

~Boots Riley

Death to the pigs is my basic statement.

~Boots Riley

I wanted to be part of changing the world. I don't want to just stand by and watch it be however it is.

~Boots Riley

I was an avowed professional revolutionary by the time I was 15.

~Boots Riley

A lot of us don't get a sense of our personal power. I know the vast difference that one person can make in changing things.

~Boots Riley

I am a person who always feels like I am not doing the right thing

because there's always so many things that need to get done.

~Boots Riley

I thought there were too many songs about people's personal lives.

~Boots Riley

When I was five years old, me and my cousin got into a fistfight because when "That's the Way (I Like It)" came on the radio, he said, "That's my song," and I said, "No, that's my song."

~Boots Riley

In high school, everybody rapped. You just pounded on the table.

~Boots Riley

People give out compliments because it's polite.

~Boots Riley

Sometimes it takes time to get into what ideas actually mean to you. Even when you're not writing a song, it's like that.

~Boots Riley

All of a sudden it became that hip hop didn't used to be about partying; hip hop used to be about putting out a message.

~Boots Riley

I just make music based on what I believe.

~Boots Riley

When my daughter was born, that was the first time I cried from happiness.

~Boots Riley

I lived in Detroit until I was six. My older sister was living with us, and she listened to the Ohio Players and Stevie Wonder, so I grew up

listening to stuff like that.

~Boots Riley

It's usually important to me to get my idea out first because a lot of times my ideas will seem weird to musicians.

~Boots Riley

I think there's something your hormones do that makes a chemical change in the way you think.

~Boots Riley

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