

# Paul Mooney

## Quotes

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A new broom can sweep the floor, but an old broom knows where the dirt is.

~Paul Mooney

People don't want to hear the truth, they never do. They wanna live in some kind of fantasy. And then when they get caught up in it, they start being in denial because they don't want to be wrong.

~Paul Mooney

I have nothing to do with racism in America; it was here when I got here.

~Paul Mooney

We have a lot of black Anglo-Saxons. Their skin is black, but their brain is white. When I get real mad at them, I call them graham crackers.

~Paul Mooney

If your hair is relaxed, white people are relaxed. If your hair is nappy, they're not happy.

~Paul Mooney

People in America worship money, and a white man's face on a green piece of paper does not make me wealthy. My health makes me wealthy. I used to work at a hospital, so I know the real deal.

~Paul Mooney

White people are very good at acting like they're not racist. They deserve an Academy Award for that.

~Paul Mooney

Listen, we've got one little ol' black president, and white folks are upset, but they've had 43.

~Paul Mooney

Handshaking means, 'I don't have a weapon.'

~Paul Mooney

If you have money and you have fame, but you don't have any confidence in your blackness, then it's all for nothing.

~Paul Mooney

You can't pick when you're touched. You can't pick the time. It just is. It's the reality. What it is, is. I can't change the past. I can only deal with the present and the future.

~Paul Mooney

You got to remember that slavery's very complex. It has a lot of levels to it.

~Paul Mooney

People think you're crazy if you turn money down... people worship money.

~Paul Mooney

America is racial. America was founded on race. Race is America. The code name for America is 'race.'

~Paul Mooney

I can't change the past, but one person can change the future - anything can happen.

~Paul Mooney

When I was 16 or 17, I saw Lenny Bruce being taken to jail. They took him off stage because he talked about race.

~Paul Mooney

People do many things for many reasons. Sometimes, what you do you have no control over, because it's predestined. It's gonna happen in

spite of you. There's nothing you can do about it.

~Paul Mooney

I'm passionate about what I do. I'd be naive to be passive.

~Paul Mooney

I love Obama because he is proof all black people don't look alike. Nobody every told me, 'Good morning, Mr. President.' We don't all look alike.

~Paul Mooney

Whatever that thing is that white people like in blacks, I don't have it. Maybe it's my arrogance or my self-assurance or the way I carry myself, but whatever it is, I don't have it.

~Paul Mooney

I think about never losing my voice, never giving in, never selling out, always keeping black, always sticking to the street. Staying neighborhood and not Hollywood.

~Paul Mooney

Racism is a form of insanity. Human beings became racist when they started talking. Speech has a lot to do with it.

~Paul Mooney

An audience can be like a pack of wolves.

~Paul Mooney

What does America love more than one white male?

~Paul Mooney

I like when people are trapped in the joke, when there's no escape. I like to lead people down the wrong path and then trap them.

~Paul Mooney

America does not like losers. Look how we treated those soldiers who came back from Vietnam. Because they lost. America likes winners.

~Paul Mooney

I've never seen anyone more messed up over success than Richard Pryor. For him, it's a constant battle between success in the white world and keeping it real for his black self.

~Paul Mooney

A goat's a goat. Whether you sautÃ© or barbeque it, it's still a goat.

~Paul Mooney

I'm as American as apple pie.

~Paul Mooney

America has a rap sheet. You can't police the world and tell the world how to act when you're just as bad yourself.

~Paul Mooney

I don't do drugs. Because my grandmother raised me. I think like an old, black, Southern woman. If I'd have done coke, I'd probably be cooking pancakes.

~Paul Mooney

Arizona has always been anti-black.

~Paul Mooney

I don't want affirmative action - too much affirmative, not enough action.

~Paul Mooney

You white folks see UFOs in your dreams. You don't hear about Martians in Harlem.

~Paul Mooney

There's no such thing as reverse racism.

~Paul Mooney

Majority doesn't rule. One person can change the history of the world.

~Paul Mooney

When you know who you are, you know who you are. That's the real dangerous thing in Hollywood, because they all want to create you and mold you.

~Paul Mooney

My comedy is a nuclear bomb inside my mind. It's a weapon that's never been tested. It just blows up and flattens everybody.

~Paul Mooney

There's always a message in my comedy.

~Paul Mooney

Hollywood doesn't even have respect for itself. Hollywood lies to itself.

~Paul Mooney

People ask me, when was my best time? I always say, 'Today.'

~Paul Mooney

Robin Williams learned technique. He has the technique of being funny.

~Paul Mooney

If you're happy with what you're doing, then you don't get bored.

~Paul Mooney

What does it mean to be too black for Hollywood? It's self-explanatory. Hollywood has certain kinds of blacks that they like.

~Paul Mooney

The king of comedy is dead. Richard Pryor was the king of comedy.  
The rest of them are the king of copycats.

~Paul Mooney

A woman can tell me about her having a baby, but I'll never know what  
it is to have a baby.

~Paul Mooney

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