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James Brown "Say It Loud"

After viewing the brief music video from James Brown, "Say It I'm Black and Proud." This learner has learned that being a black person in the earlier 1960s through the 1970s is hard. It started a movement for the blacks to stand up and take a stand. We, as black people, we had to fight for everything we had. James Brown stated in the song, "some people say we have a lot of malice." I believe more now than ever, and white people view blacks as being loud and angry. James Brown stated what he was feeling, and the issues today confirms it.

During this time, I could only imagine when the song came out; it made the Afro-Americans want to embrace the culture, and some probably did not understand and or even want to. Afro Americans were encouraged to embrace the movement even more. During those trying times, leaders such as Sen. John Lewis, Reverend Martin Luther King, took a stand and encouraged the African-American community to vote and participate in nonviolent protest. I could imagine the rage the "White Man" was feeling, and seeing his kind dancing to the song and out protesting for the cause.

In 2020, the fight is more important now as it was back then, even with the current commander In Chief. The Black Lives Matter movement should wake the silent because we as Afro-Americans were never really free until the last fifty years, in my opinion. James Brown said it was okay to be black embrace the various shades of brown. The females could wear the afros and leave the chemicals out. Embrace the blackness and be proud.