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Morello: I'm not particular. The target for this entire tour has been homelessness and hunger in the United States – the people that have been left behind by globalization. The 62 wealthiest people on the planet have as much wealth as the poorest 3.6 billion people. Half of the planet has as much money as 62 men and women. It's an outrage.

(Morello was citing statistics from a 2015 report by Oxfam, an international charity that fights poverty.)

DJ Lord: That doesn't even sound right. That's crazy.

R.D.: How quickly did you pull the band together? What was the final push for Tom to call Chuck?

Morello: Part of it certainly was when I kept hearing the Donald Trump campaign being referred to as "raging against the machine," and I was like "no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no." We will show you what it is to rage against the machine.

R.D.: You all have crammed so many shows into this tour. You're playing almost every night and ending a couple weeks before the election. Do you know what's next?

Morello: We don't have any election plans yet, but we'll uh –

Chuck D: ... Liniment. (laughter)

Morello: A hot bath!

DJ Lord: Glucosamine!

R.D.: What advice would you give homeless people to stay inspired?

Morello: I would just say that there is always a path. And sometimes homelessness has to do with things that may not be in people's control, where that may be a mental illness or maybe some sort of drug or alcohol addiction that they need help for. So, on the one hand, do not be shy about taking advantage of what services might be available.

But my advice would be to people who are not homeless: to stop treating homeless people like another species, like some sort



Prophets of Rage perform.

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of subspecies of humanity. "Well there's people, and then there's homeless people." It's ridiculous. We are all a human family and I think that we have a responsibility to look out for each other.

R.D.: Tom's guitar says "Arm the Homeless." What does that really mean to you?

Morello: If you knew half the thoughts that are in my head, they would put me in Guantanamo Bay. (shrugs) I didn't stutter.

DJ Lord: Next question please, ha ha.

Chuck D: You've got to arm the homeless because it's already a harm the homeless (society). The unfair thing about it: You have militia, police force, the

military, who will arm up and murder people for the fact that they're going to group up and ask can they have food, shelter and clothing. That's troubling, depressing.

R.D.: Who are you playing for? Who needs to hear Prophets of Rage?

Chuck D: There are a lot of people that feel they have no voice. Y'know, the homeless in the United States of America damn sure have less of a voice than banks. If a person's homeless, what should their move be? To go to a state capital, city hall, state bank – to group up and be there. It's a news story.

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