

Throwback: Chuck D-No



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Chuck D released his first record “Check Out The Radio” in the early '80's under the group name of Spectrum City. The Roosevelt, Long Island native was a student at Adelphi University and “Check Out The Radio” was a song from his *Public Enemy #1* mixtape. He was the co-host of a hip-hop radio show at the school's WBAU station and a graphic design major. The station's former program director Bill Stephney was instrumental in getting Chuck D to Def Jam after Rick Rubin heard the “Public Enemy Number One” single from Andre “Doctor Dre” Brown. Chuck D recruited Spectrum City members Hank Shocklee, Keith Shocklee, Professor Griff and Eric Sadler in addition to friends Flavor Flav and Terminator X to make the official lineup of Public Enemy. The band released the pivotal albums *Yo! Bum Rush The Show*, *It Takes A Nation Of Millions To Hold Us Back* and *Fear of A Black Planet* during the Golden Age of hip-hop making them the most political hip-hop act to go mainstream and presented a kind of agitational noise not heard before. In 1996 Chuck D released his solo album *The Autobiography of Mistachuck* and “No” is from that effort. In 1999 he launched the rap site Rapstation.com a multi-platform content website to showcase global hip-hop. Public Enemy's leader is a regular speaker at colleges, an author, a regular collaborator with a host of cross-genre artists and continues to record and tour with Public Enemy. *Most Of My Heroes Still Don't Appear On No Stamp* is the group's 11th studio album and it was released July 13, 2012.