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According to ROLLINS

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>I've never considered running for office. I think going into politics is the least effective way to bring about change in this country.

>I'm mad, but I'm mad about a lot of things you guys are mad about. Everything like mediocrity, complacency, people driving SUVs and draining the world of gasoline.

>I'm cool to anyone who's cool to me.

>As far as people I look up to, that came later in life when I was articulate enough to know why I looked up to them. I would have to say Martin Luther King, Muhammed Ali, Medgar Evers, people like that.

>My contempt lies in the fact that a lot of bands are helped out in the studio by the computer to such a degree that they can't even play their own album live. They don't know their music. It's no longer theirs.

>But I'm old. What do I know? Young people seem to have lower expectations as to what a good band should deliver.

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>I wish I had been more hostile at an earlier age. A few years ago, I did a show in Des Moines and stayed at a hotel downtown. I had a few hours to kill, so I went out walking to see what was going on. I said to myself, "Wow, I finally get what Corey (Taylor) and Slipknot are saying." There was nothing going on. I'd have a lot of rage too if I lived in Des Moines.

>You can wait around and ask questions, or you can pursue answers.

>What's in my CD player right now? Miles Davis

>I'm 42, and it's interesting to be at my age when most people around you are getting weak and they're slowing down. They're getting into cable and light beer and designer wine. And they take their little tadpoles to soccer practice. And I get older, grayer, and meaner as I go.

>When you get out of college, you're not likely to get a job at all. What will you do then?

>When someone ever tells you, "Music sucks," maybe the music they're listening to sucks. But on either side of that music that sucks, there's 8 kagillion hours of music that's quite the opposite.

>Iggy Pop means a lot to me. Just because he's like 180 and still wiping the floor with people.

>I get very angry when someone says if you have a problem with anything the president is doing, you suck. I'm an American, motherfucker. I'm born to dissent.

>I think if you don't find a problem with the country every single day and do something about it, you're part of the problem, not part of the solution.

>Register to vote. Who you vote for is none of my damn business. I would never advise. I just advise you to realize your vote counts. One of the great downfalls of this country is there are millions of people who think they are incapable of affecting

any kind of change.

> I'm not a comedian, I'm just a wiseass.

>As is always the case in this country, follow the money and you'll get to the truth.

>We have now what we've always had, what we'll always have, what we'll always be stuck with: each other. If we don't learn to accept that inescapable truth, then we're all fucked.