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## All Too Common

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About a week ago Fox News started a “Common Controversy” about whether the Chicago-based poet and rapper should have been invited to a White House poetry reading by the First Lady.

Claims surfaced that Common’s lyrics promote cop killing, misogyny, and prejudice against interracial relationships. Karl Rove told the Associated Press that the White House’s decision to feature Common and his work in the program “speaks volumes about President Obama and the White House staff.” Apparently Mr. and Mrs. Obama were either supporting racism, misogyny and prejudice by inviting Common to perform or were letting racial affiliation cloud their better judgment and ability to lead because everyone involved is black.

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