



21 Savage recently made a comment expressing that he would rather use a weapon than box in a ring. For us at 180 Change Street this is not only laughable for its cowardly undertones, but also for its quick guide on how to catch an L and throw your life away formula. Now let's keep it all the way real, would it make more sense to get in shape, make money and live to see another day after a celebrity fight? Or does it make more sense to lay low, play cat and mouse and subsequently catch a L to never walk home to your family again? If you ask us, enough families have gone bankrupt paying for funeral expenses and it's about time that we started banging smarter, not harder. What is he afraid of? Perhaps it's the embarrassment of getting hit in the face in front of an audience and having to hear about it. No it couldn't be, because the G-Code gives respect to an individual just for showing up to the fight period, win or lose. If he is a real one, he should know that. Those who have experienced real time understand the courage and honour it takes to put on those shoes and go to the back.

The same goes for two strapped individuals who opt to replace gun play for fists. The harsh reality is that the majority of the bodies rolling into the morgue have wholes entering through the back and exiting through the front. In other words the term "Savage" now a days essentially translates into sneaky, shady and strapped. We can look at Chicago or we can look in our own backyards and we will find an upward trend of young black males being murdered. That is someones child, parent or friend and has a negative generational traumatic impact on the community. Soon we won't even be able to go to the mail box if this childish way of thinking continues. Yes, be young, have fun but know there is another way! Unlike the Freeway Rick Ross days of the past, society is heavily surrounded by visual imagery now, capturing our daily moves. This has lead to more intelligence and investigative tactics rather than the "caught red handed way" we used to see it go down on that TV show "Cops". With the addition of social media to this new generation, the game has turned into a spectacle, with a lot more spectators watching and yes, talking. Just take a moment and tell yourself "Just because I can doesn't meant I have to" and think about both family and future the next time a "wasteman" tries to take you off your course. Let's build stronger and healthier communities that are informed with street conscious intelligence.

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