



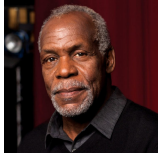
**PRESENTS**



# **How Does It Feel To Be a Problem?**

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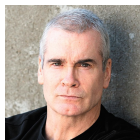
## Danny Glover

Born July 22, 1946 in San Francisco. After acting in college, Glover went on to star in *The Color Purple*, the *Lethal Weapon* series, *Angels in the Outfield*, and many other films. In 2004, Glover was honored with the BET Humanitarian Award, an NAACP Image Award, and served as the Ambassador for the United Nations Development Program from 1998 – 2004.



## Edward Asner

A TV legend and recipient of 7 Emmys for his work on the *Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *Lou Grant*, *Roots*, and *Rich Man – Poor Man*. Asner was born in Kansas City to Jewish immigrant parents, attended the University of Chicago, and moved to New York City after serving in the Army Signal Corps. Asner’s activism is legendary, and he recently published the book, *The Grouchy Historian*.



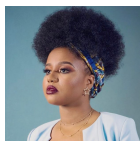
## Henry Rollins

The famed lead singer of the legendary Los Angeles hard-core band *Black Flag* and *Rollins Band*. Born on February 13, 1961 in Washington D.C., Rollins is today known as a spoken word poet, actor, and activist on issues of racism, sexism, and anti-bullying.



## Hawk Newsome

The president of *Black Lives Matter*, Greater New York and activist. Newsome was a cast member of *Cop Watch America* and appeared in Spike Lee’s film *Da 5 Bloods*.



## Nupol Kiazolu

An American activist and founder of *Vote 2000*. She was named the 2020 *Voice of Change* by *Seventeen Magazine* and is the reigning *Miss Liberia USA*. Kiazolu’s activism includes her participation in *Black Lives Matter* and her work against domestic and sexual violence.



## Jasiri X

A music artist and activist from Pittsburgh who gained attention for his song, “Free the Jena 6.” He is the recipient of the *Rauschenberg Activist Award* and co-founder of the anti-violence group, *1Hood*.



## Jamia Wilson

An American writer and feminist activist based in New York City. In 2021, Wilson was named *Vice President and Executive Editor* of *Random House*.



## Kevin Powell

An American writer, civil rights activist, public speaker, and the author of 14 books including *When We Free the World* (2020).



## Stevante Clark

The younger brother of *Stephon Clark* who was killed by Sacramento police officers in his grandmother’s backyard, while speaking on his cell phone.



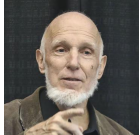
## **Chase Iron Eyes**

A Native American activist and member of the Ogala Sioux Tribe. He is a member of the Lakota People's Law Project and co-founder of the Native American news website Last Real Indians.



## **Naelyn Pike**

A Native American activist and member of the Chiricahua Apache Tribe. She has become an internationally renowned Indigenous Rights and environmentalist leader.



## **James Loewen**

An American historian and sociologist who received his Ph.D. from Harvard University. Loewen is a professor emeritus at the University of Vermont, renowned for his book Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong.



## **Aldon Morris**

A professor of sociology and African American Studies at Northwestern University in Chicago. He is widely considered to be one of the leading scholars on W.E.B. DuBois in the world.



## **Raul Hinojosa-Ojeda**

A professor of Chicana and Chicano Studies at UCLA. He is the author of numerous books and articles on the political economy of regional integrations in various parts of the world.



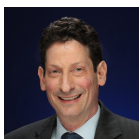
## **Franita Tolson**

The Vice Dean of Faculty and professor of law at USC. She has testified before Congress and is an expert in constitutional law, voting rights, redistricting, election law, and executive powers.



## **Jackson Katz**

Internationally renowned for his pioneering scholarship and activism in issues of gender, race, and violence. He founded the anti-violence education program Mentors in Violence Prevention, which focuses on men working to end gender violence and to promote gender equality around the world.



## **Brian Levin**

A criminologist, civil rights attorney, professor of criminal justice, and Director of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism. A former New York City police officer working in Harlem, Levin now focuses his work on exposing racist extremism and has appeared on every major network and news agency in America.



## **Christopher Swanson**

The Sheriff of Genesee County, Michigan and the first officer to throw down his riot gear and join the people protesting for racial equality in the wake of the killing of George Floyd.



## Jeff Schoep

The founder of Beyond Barriers, a nonprofit organization committed to countering and preventing extremism. Before this, Schoep was the leader of the National Socialist Movement, the largest neo-Nazi organization in America. In 2019, Schoep stepped down and renounced the NSM and today works to educate communities about extremism and how to effectively combat white supremacists.



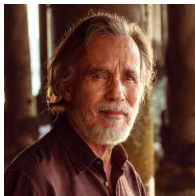
## Clarence Edwards

Clarence is credited with being the first Black Chief of Police of Montgomery County, Maryland.



## Sean Hill

An award winning multidisciplinary artist and humanitarian. A SAG actor, host, speaker, and touring spoken word artist.



*Music*

## Until Justice Is Real

Jackson Browne

## Director

Thomas Keith

## Crew

James Bustamante	Cameras
Ray Wolf	Cameras
Angel Acosta	Cameras (NYC)
Aaron Schwartz	Cameras (NYC)
Leslie Bennett	Cameras (LA)
Jordan Keith	Cameras (LA)
Thomas Keith	Editor
Rikk Desgres	Sound

## Interviews and Commentary

Angélica Gutiérrez

## Writers

Thomas Keith  
JW Wiley

# Logline

From the filmmaker of *The Bro Code*, *The Empathy Gap*, and *Bullied* comes a timely film about racism in America. How equal is the land of equality?

# Synopsis

**How Does It Feel To Be a Problem?** is the existential question posed by famed sociologist W.E.B. DuBois in his book *The Souls of Black Folk*. Ask almost any person of color in America what their journey in America is like and you're bound to get a story of being treated as different, as an "other," as someone who is perceived to be suspicious, a threat, a problem.



With the assistance of scholars, authors, and activists, *How Does It Feel To Be a Problem?* takes the audience on a journey to better understand what it feels like to live in a society where you are not wanted, where steady reminders inform you that there are many Americas and that a *United America* is and always was a myth.

## Director/Writer Bios:



### Thomas Keith

An award-winning filmmaker who was born in Los Angeles and has produced and directed five social justice documentary films including *The Bro Code* (2011), *The Empathy Gap* (2015), and *Bullied* (2019). Keith has also authored two books for Routledge Press including *The Bro Code: The Fallout of Raising Boys to Objectify and Subordinate Women* (2021). Keith is a professor of philosophy and gender studies at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and Claremont Graduate University.



### J.W. Wiley

Born in Tulsa and raised in Los Angeles, Wiley is an author, speaker, and educational consultant with two decades of experience as a director of diversity and inclusion. His first book *The Nigger in You* (Stylus Publishing) was published in 2013 and serves as inspiration for the film.



### Angélica Gutiérrez

An alumna of UCLA and the University of Michigan. She is a professor of Management and Business at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

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