Hip Hop and Democracy: The Power of Youth Movements in Africa

THIAT, a Senegalese hip hop artist and social/political activist from the group Keur Gui Crew

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About Thiat

Who is Thiat and Keur Gui?

Thiat, which means 'youngest sibling' in Wolof, the most widely spoken language in Senegal, is a hip hop artist and social/political activist from the Kaolack region of Senegal, West Africa. He is in the United States between October 2013 and February 2014 as part of the Reagan Fascell fellowship sponsored by the National Endowment for Democracy. Click here for more info about Thiat.

Keur Gui, dubbed as one of the most socially engaged hip hop groups in Africa, is the main influence behind the youth movement Y'en Marre. Through social and political activism, they thwarted then-president Abdoulaye Wade's efforts in changing the constitution to allow himself a third term in the 2012 national elections. Click here for more info about Keur Gui.

Press related to Keur Gui's activism

Click here for a New York Times article about their political involvement in the Senegalese national elections.

Click here and here for BBC articles about Thiat's involvement in political activism.

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