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Will Anything Work?”

The powers that be is a term that refers to any group that is an established political power.



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We got to fight the powers that be
Lemme hear you say
Fight the power!
-- Public Enemy