

# Petitioning For Mediocrity In Music

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Should anyone be concerned if radio or TV stations decline to play bad music? There are those who appear to think so. Veteran performer Madonna and relative newcomer Nicki Minaj released music videos last year called *Bitch I'm Madonna* and *Anaconda* respectively; the first is actually a collaboration between the two. Neither of them has been nominated for an MTV award in the *Video Of The Year* category. This has angered some of their fans who have started [a petition on Change.Org](#). Apparently, *ignoring* an African-American woman is *racist* and *ignoring* an older white one is *ageist*.



Miss Minaj was actually born on the island of Trinidad and Tobago, which makes her African-American how? Leaving that aside, has anyone who signed this petition heard *Anaconda*?

“My Anaconda don’t want none  
Unless you got buns hun”

Seriously?

Minaj is physically attractive, for sure, she is also heavily into rap, which is three-quarters of what word?

Madonna’s track record speaks for itself, her music is overwhelming commercial, that doesn’t mean it is bad, but can this puerile rubbish really be compared with her 1987 hit *La Isla Bonita* – which was not in any case written by her? Indeed, some people have suggested she writes little if any of her own music **or anything else**, which might make MTV or anyone else in the know fight shy of endorsing her work in such fashion.



Leaving that aside, even genuine singer-songwriters don't have a right to be liked, including those who happen to be over 50 or black. **Linda Lewis** is both, and has been around longer than Madonna. She writes or co-writes much of her own material, yet she has not enjoyed anything like the same commercial success. And who has even heard of **Dani Clay**, an enormous talent going to waste on the London pub circuit while Nicki Minaj fans whine at their heroine being passed up for a nomination for a prestigious award she has not earned?



Check out the videos produced by these two ladies, and see if you don't agree. Okay, no one is expecting another *Thriller* or *Bohemian Rhapsody*, but awards need to be earned.

