

After analyzing two punk rock songs from separate decades, I learned a lot about how punk rockers viewed society and how those views changed throughout the years. I picked two songs that focused a lot on the government. Both "World War III" and "Endgame" portrayed ideas of the government failing to keep America safe.

"World War III" took a more realistic approach. The song gave the idea that people in charge failed to protect America and it is being driven into the ground by its leaders. It shows that the president caused problems for America and decided another world war was the only way to solve it.

In "Endgame", Rise Against takes a more imaginary approach. The band sings about a scenario where the world is coming to an end. They talk about the idea of an apocalypse and all of America's resources needed to live are running dry. It talks about America being in widespread panic. But towards the end of the song, it takes a more positive approach. The lyrics talk about hope being brought to people.