

Simmons apologizes for Harriet Tubman sex video

Russell Simmons has pulled a sex tape parody involving abolitionist Harriet Tubman from his new YouTube channel, All Def Digital.

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The video on his All Def Digital YouTube channel contained a negative portrayal of Harriet Tubman.



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Russell Simmons is apologizing after coming under fire for a video that appeared on his new All Def Digital YouTube channel.

The "Harriet Tubman Sex Tape" depicts an actress portraying the famous abolitionist having sex with her "Massa" in order to allow her to run the Underground Railroad. The video has since been taken down. Simmons issued an [apology \(http://globalgrind.com/2013/08/15/i-get-it-and-i-respect-it-the-harriet-tubman-video-has-been-removed/\)](http://globalgrind.com/2013/08/15/i-get-it-and-i-respect-it-the-harriet-tubman-video-has-been-removed/) on Globalgrind.com in which he says he was contacted by his "buddies" at the NAACP asking for removal of the video.

"I'm a very liberal person with thick skin," wrote Simmons. "My first impression of the Harriet Tubman piece was that it was about what one of actors said in the video, that 162 years later, there's still tremendous injustice.

And with Harriet Tubman outwitting the slave master? I thought it was politically correct. Silly me. I can now understand why so many people are upset. I have taken down the video. Lastly, I would never condone violence against women in any form, and for all of those I offended, I am sincerely sorry."